

WHORLTON NEWS

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Whorlton Parish Council

Firstly, we are delighted to have again managed to appoint a professionally trained **Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer** and welcome Angela Livingstone to the team. Angela, from Nunthorpe, can be contacted through our usual clerk email address (see below). But we say goodbye and thanks to Cllr Muir for his dedication to the Council for the last couple of years, Steve has resigned due to work commitments. The previous casual vacancy on the Council was filled through election by Howard Tribick. We have now also co-opted Rob Lemmon, the other candidate who secured 45% of the vote, to replace Cllr Muir and bring the council back to strength.

Note on the **Election** in March: the Council does not receive any extra funding for this and paid the cost of £1200 from your precept. Perhaps you think this is a fair cost for democracy, we feel limited resources could be better used on village projects. If you want to join the Council, just ask. We will be delighted and have *always* co-opted anyone who does so at the next available opportunity, as the outcome above demonstrates. Much needed **refurbishment of the toilets** will now have to wait so special thanks to Jem for keeping them clean and flowing through adversity. Incidentally, you may have noticed a money box attached to the wall outside, with notices inside requesting donations. This will contribute to the annual running costs of close to £1500. In the first 2 weeks the box already collected nearly £28!

Our attention now is on **Data Protection**. On the website, we have posted policies regarding what data we hold on you, how it will be used and how we protect your privacy. You will have received many similar from companies you deal with. We are distributing new consent forms requesting how you want us to communicate with you, **please complete**

and return even if you have previously advised us. We are particularly keen to increase the number of residents providing us with their email address so that we can save by communicating electronically.

You may have noticed a new camera attached to the village hall. This is a **Number Plate Recognition Camera** which will help police in tracking suspicious vehicles, complementing surveillance through Sheepwash covered by Osmotherly cameras. Thanks to County Cllr Brynn Griffiths for a grant towards this, and to the village hall committee for their assistance with installation. We would like to broaden coverage to other roads through the village if we can find suitable locations and when resources allow.

Speaking of surveillance, whilst we appreciate **drone flying** is an increasingly popular hobby, some residents have expressed concern at the potential intrusion from drones hovering over their property – one declaring they would shoot down the next one overhead! Police advice is that fliers should always follow the **drone code**:

- always keep the drone in sight;
- fly below 120m (400ft);
- keep 50m (150ft) distance from people and properties.

Parish Plan – for those of you who have expressed concern at a group of residents intending to prepare a parish plan independently from the Parish Council, and for those taking part, we would like to reassure you that before the Council supports, or commits any of your precept to fund any proposed actions arising from the plan, the steering group will first have to demonstrate that they represent a broad spectrum of residents and that the proposals are in the interests of the whole community and not just a minority agenda. The Council will of course be open minded to any useful ideas that the plan might generate.

Snilesworth paths – as reported at the Assembly in April, the Council received over 70 statements seeking our support to put three routes on the County Definitive Map. Uncertainty arising from the sale of the estate, limited progress by the Council in negotiating with agents and landowners, advice from the Ramblers Association and the fact that legislation to allow amendments to the Definitive Map will end in 7 years, has convinced us of the benefit of securing permanent protection now. Consequently we agreed to support users in their claim and passed all the evidence to the County Council as the responsible authority. They advise that it may take a year to assess the application. If it is approved, landowners will have the option to appeal to an independent planning inspector.

A couple of other matters of interest:

Mr Horton, owner of **Whorlton Castle**, addressed the Council last month regarding problems of antisocial behaviour and seeking our support in encouraging English Heritage to get more involved. The Council agreed to write to EH. He also intends to fence off the parking area at the castle entrance, and will in future be locking the main gate at night, at 8pm in summer and 5pm in winter. Residents are still welcome to walk around the site in the daytime.

And finally, the County Council are installing LED lights to improve energy efficiency in all its **street lights, in Swainby** the work will be done over 3 days in September or October.

SWAINBY OIL CLUB

Combined buying power for savings typically of 3 and 5 pence per litre. Deliveries scheduled in January, March, May, September and December. Minimum order 500 litres, contact Mike Foster, phone 700119 or mikefoster51@gmail.com



The annual **Whorlton Run** on Wednesday 20 June attracted over 100 runners. Organised by the Esk Valley Fell Club through Ian Macpherson from Potto, it is a fell race over 9.5 km under FRA rules. We have hosted this for many years and provide car parking and volunteer marshalls. The proceeds are donated to SPFA, this year just over £300. Many thanks to the organisers, volunteers and to the Snilesworth Estate.

We may soon have another piece of **play equipment**, originally purchased for the school and kindly offered to us by the retiring Friends (subject to an examination into the feasibility of relocating it safely)

A few maintenance issues remain outstanding, particularly the surfacing of the entrance, and our attempts at establishing wild flower meadows has been hindered by the excellent weather.

Finally, we are always looking for volunteers so please let the PC know if you can help in any way.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS

This newsletter is distributed as part of the Whorlton News, thanks to the Parish Council for printing and distribution. For those with internet access the information can be found on the VH website swainbyvillagehall.com where all aspects of what the village has to offer can be found.

Facilities We continue to develop a range of facilities to attract users to the Hall. With more people hiring rooms, we are increasingly asked if we are able to provide extra equipment to meet their requirements, to this

end we continually add to our resources. If you would like to hold a meeting, plan a get together for family or friends please think of us first. You could be surprised by what we have to offer. We hold a Premises

Licence and a Performing Rights Licence, so you can play music, dance, sing and have a drink if you wish, whenever you hire the hall.

Future Events Summer is a relatively quiet time with many away on holiday. But there are activities to keep things ticking over. On July 21st, there is a Great British Breakfast with everything you would wish from a breakfast plus some extras. Live performances and a social night are planned in future as well as our usual regular activities - Dancing, Pilates, The WI.

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| ▪ July 21 st | (Sat) | - Great British Breakfast |
| ▪ August 26 th | (Sun) | - Classic Cars |
| ▪ September 7 th | (Fri) | - Race Night (T) |
| ▪ September 16 th | (Sun) | - Antiques & Crafts Fair |
| ▪ September 21 st | (Fri) | - James Taylor tribute show (T) |
| ▪ October 12 th | (Fri) | - Film Club new season begins |
| ▪ October 20 th | (Sat) | - Curry Night & Social (T) |
| ▪ November | (tbc) | - Brass Band Concert (T) |
| ▪ December 7 th | (Fri) | - Sounds United sing Christmas (T) |

Shows requiring tickets are marked with a (T) on the above list. Call 01642 700 302 or 07802 469 835, or contact us through the web site if you'd like tickets

If you'd like to help at any of our events we'd love to hear from you using any of the above methods above. If you'd like to join our Committee come along to our next meeting on July 18th at 7:30 where you will be made very welcome.

Whorlton Parish Council:

Your Councillors are **Dolly Hannon, Alistair Wright, Steve Brisley, Rob Lemmon** and **Howard Tribick** – all their contact details are on the website and on the noticeboard, as is the **Clerk, Angela Livingstone** and where you can also leave a message:

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