

WHORLTON NEWS

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Whorlton Parish Council

Now that the elections are out of the way for another term, we can thankfully get back to the many projects we are juggling with - improving footpaths and U-roads, refurbishing the toilets, maintaining pristine river banks, trying to keep you safe from floods, speed merchants and parked cars! We welcome Jenny Tribick to the Council, and congratulations also to Cllr. David Hugill, re-elected as your representative on Hambleton Council. Your County Cllr., Bryn Griffiths, now also joins Hambleton representing Stokesley. The Chair and Vice-Chair were re-elected for the coming year at the Annual Parish Council meeting in May.

Our next priority is refurbishment of the **public toilets**. These are in a poor state of repair and difficult to maintain but clearly much appreciated by your delivery drivers, tradesmen, bus drivers and many visitors. The Parish Council has been awarded grant funding of £2,500 from Hambleton Council's 'Making as Difference Fund' towards the total estimated cost of £4,300. Our grateful thanks to Mick Hannon for preparing and submitting the successful grant application. Thanks also to Howard Tribick who has offered to fit the appliances we purchase. The Council's financial reserves are sufficient to cope with the anticipated additional spending and we are in the process of seeking tenders for supply of appliances, materials and electrical works to begin work in September. It is hoped we will be able to keep the disabled toilet accessible to all during the works.

Parking problems and traffic speeds in the village continue to trouble residents and we continue to negotiate various solutions with the appropriate authorities and landowners. This is going to take some time so we appeal for residents' patience and goodwill to maintain cordial and welcoming relations with visitors who drive here to enjoy the facilities which we are privileged to enjoy on our doorstep. The Council intends to

seek formal monitoring of traffic speeds on Shepherd Hill and Black Horse Lane which can then be used by the authorities to justify what, if any, speed reduction measures could be employed. This will be done by the Fire Service over a 2-week period at an unspecified time in the future.

The Parish Council regularly communicates with the County Council regarding the **former School Site** and have asked for early consultation on any development plans. As we previously advised, we have successfully secured a Tree Preservation Order on the large willow tree on the edge of the field so it should be incorporated into any proposals. We spoke to them last week when workmen were active removing the storage shed - it was apparently being used as a drinking den – and to press them to at least cut the grass along the Claver Close frontage as it is unsightly and restricts the view for drivers turning out. We were informed then that there would be no development plans until later in 2020. It was disappointing to learn, therefore, that suited men with clipboards were seen on site later that same week. The site is allocated for social or affordable housing in the draft Local Plan but the detailed policy is still subject to change as this plan goes through Independent Examination in the coming months. Considering the poor level of engagement from the County Council, the Parish Council intends to invite relevant officers and/or Councillors to attend a public meeting in the village to give everyone the opportunity to have their say on how the site is taken forward. This will be after the summer recess, keep an eye on the Noticeboard.

Electric Vehicle Charging Point. The Council has been approached to investigate the installation of a public charge point which would be essential for those residents without a private parking space who wished to purchase an electric car. It would be 'pay-to-use' and we can access installation grants of up to 75% if there is enough interest. We are currently canvassing residents on the High Street and Church Lane but if any other residents wish to discuss please get in touch with one of your councillors. This initiative **would not take up any existing parking spaces**.

Emergency Flood Response Plan we are considering this following questions from residents regarding access to the recently acquired floodsax. We anticipate perhaps a cascade of phone contacts between residents who live close to the river and are vulnerable to imminent flooding, councillors and volunteers willing to turn out and help. **If you are able to join in and could support this initiative please let one of your councillors know.**

Great news...at long last the access to the field has been resurfaced thanks to Bod Sutcliffe. There was a splendid turnout for the Village Sports with more children than ever competing, including the popular dads v lads and lasses football match. Around £300 was raised on the day with donations from the village and Black Horse Pub, special thanks to Angela and Paul for organising and to all those who helped out on the day.

SWAINBY OIL CLUB

The Swainby Oil Buying Group keeps the cost of buying home heating oil down and is free to join. There is no commitment to purchase, we attract lower prices from the oil suppliers through bulk purchase with regular deliveries in January, March, May, September and November.

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VILLAGE HALL

The activities schedule is quiet during the summer months, but we do have some future events to look forward to. **The Classic Car show** will again be taking place on August Bank Holiday Sunday, 25th, with the village hall supporting this event with the usual offer of refreshments.

The first weekend of October is the centenary of the Hall. We will commemorate with a series of events beginning with a **Centenary Breakfast** on the 28th September. A **Scarecrow competition** will be held during September with the judging on the centenary weekend.

Village Hall Centenary Big Weekend: starts with an evening of **Village Hall History** on Friday the 4th October. Saturday morning has a **Treasure Hunt** through the villages of Swainby and Whorlton, for the younger residents. Saturday continues with a **Brass Band concert** followed by afternoon teas, hosted by Swainby & Potto Women's Institute - by ticket only, so please book early to avoid disappointment! Saturday evening will be a **Birthday Party** with games, dancing and conversation. Once again numbers have to be limited, tickets available nearer the time. Contact Terry on 01642 700302 or Mike on 01642 700119 for more details.

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Councillors are **Dolly Hannon** (Chair) **Alistair Wright** (Vice Chair), **Steve Brisley**, **Howard** and **Jenny Tribick**. The Clerk is **Angela Livingstone** – all contact details on the website and on the notice board.

Please forward your contact details to the Chair if you have not already done so as we try not to send out paper: dolly.hannon@btinternet.com

This edition, the PROFILE is:

The Whorlton Run, Wed 19th June



One of the oldest North Yorks Moors races, started as a summer fete event in 1950's. The fell format emerged in '80s, organised by Esk Valley Fell Club through Ian Macpherson from Potto. It is now in the Fell Runners' Association annual programme and publicised nationally in the Fellrunner magazine as a mixed terrain race over 11 km.

This year's Run attracted 108 runners from N.Yorks, Teesside and Durham. The standard was exceptionally high with course records set for both men and women. The first male was 19 yr old Ben Bergstrand of Middlesbrough AC in 42.56mins, Ben will be representing England at the European uphill championships in Zermatt this year. Nik Tarrega from York Knavesmire, a County level runner, was the first female in 50.14 m. At the other end of the scale, the oldest competitor was Ronnie Sherwood from New Marske Harriers, 80 years young, finishing inside the top 100.

Proceeds are donated to SPFA who assist on the night, this year we received £360. Many thanks to the volunteers, to Snilesworth Estate and gamekeepers; also to residents who came out to cheer the runners home. This is a special event that the village can be proud of and we are committed to seeing it continue. It would be nice to see more spectators come along to show how much the village appreciates their efforts and Volunteers are always needed to act as future stewards- please contact Mick Hannon (01642 700838) if you can help.