

WHORLTON NEWS

Produced by your Parish Council to keep you up to date with what is happening in Swainby June 2022

Whorlton Parish Council

Welcome to another edition of our newsletter. Firstly, congratulations to all involved in the planning of the festivities for the Jubilee – a wonderful community celebration that had something for everyone and was much appreciated.

After two elections in a short space of time we have an enthusiastic new team ready to work on your behalf. The last election was uncontested but Alistair Wright decided not to stand, grateful thanks to him for his 10 yrs of service to the community. We had two expressions of interest for the resulting vacancy, at the annual Council meeting in May councillors unanimously voted to co-opt Brendan Milburn. At the same meeting Dolly Hannon agreed to be re-elected as Chair for another year, Jonathan Skidmore was elected as Vice Chair. Jem Beadle and Steve Brisley continue in support.

Since our last newsletter, all the riverside **tree works** have been completed successfully so we can enjoy a healthy and sustainable tree cover for the next few years. The **new notice board** has been installed, the design has received very favourable comments from residents. The right-hand door has a thumb lock that anyone can open for public notices, these must only be attached by using the magnetic pins inside please

Those enjoying the jubilee activities on the playing field on Sunday afternoon will have noticed a photographer temporarily directing operations. He was taking promotional pictures for Brierley Homes, the developer of the **School Site**, in exchange for their contribution of £1000 towards our festivities as mentioned in the last newsletter. He was accompanied by County Councillor Derek Batisman who writes:
'Thank you so much for inviting me to be part of your special day.

I was extremely impressed with the input from all concerned to deliver what can only be described as a first-class community celebration. We took advantage of visiting the Church and the flowers arrangements were exemplary, I must also praise the youngsters for their very imaginary and excellent displays.

Like you Village life is important to me and as Councillors we must do all we can to preserve communities like yours. Please circulate this email to the organisers' Work is expected to start on the school site 'very soon'. We took the opportunity to let the Cllr know what an important asset the promised public car park and electric car charging facility will be to the village.

Community Fibre Partnership costs are too excessive to be viable for the numbers wishing to sign up so the PC is not pursuing this further.

Listed Building Consent has now been granted to replace the crazy paving and flowerbed with gravel and a shrub at **the Pinfold**. It should be much easier to maintain and will be done by volunteers this summer.

Speed Testing on Shepherd Hill was carried out by County Highways at the request of the PC last month to assess the value of purchasing a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) which flashes up when vehicles exceed 30mph. Rubber tubes were placed across the road to record all traffic in both directions for a week and gave us hourly reports. Approx 350 vehicles were recorded in all directions weekdays, rising to 650 at the weekend. The "peak volume" of speeding traffic was at 8am and 5pm weekdays, 11am and 3pm at the weekend. Approx 34 vehicles any day recorded speeds of between 35-45mph, 2 vehicles throughout the whole week were recorded at 50mph. In summary, 70% of vehicles drive within the speed limit and would not activate the sign so councillors do not consider that purchasing a VAS at a cost of £3500 is economic. Please let us know if you disagree and think we should to install one of these signs permanently. In the meantime, we have sent the results to Stokesly police and requested a visit with their new speed camera when it is next available.

No-Mow May is a handy moniker but actually means as long as the flowers and grasses are seeding which can be longer in patches where flowers need time to establish/spread. We have now begun cutting around these. The project has received a mixed reception from residents, please let councillors know what you think for next time. In response to views expressed, we will maintain more cut

areas for public access such as the bank/seating below the church wall.

Swainby Playing Fields Association

In 2013 responsibility for the playing field passed to the PC from a charitable trust of local residents. A sub-committee was charged with raising funds to maintain and progress the development of the facilities through holding events, applying for grant aid and sponsorship. This has been very successful with a range of facilities developed.

Only one of the facilities in the original 2012 design brief remains to be installed - the outdoor fitness trail. A bid to the Big Lottery for this was unsuccessful due to the community consultation being dated. **We would welcome your views on this proposal, another bid will require wide community support.**

Grants cover capital developments such as a fitness trail, not maintenance work. Given the age of our facilities, we need to establish a revenue fund for repairs eg. the recently replaced swing seat with chains cost £280, surfacing the worn goal area with astroturf costs over £1k. **We are therefore appealing to residents to commit to making a regular small donation through a standing order.** It doesn't have to be substantial, is confidential, just £1/month from 100 families would amount to £1200/year. So please raise a standing order: payable to Swainby Playing Fields Association Sort Code 40-19-03 Acct No. 31475088

Swainby Oil Club prices continue to rise and will do so as long as the war in Ukraine continues. The next group buying will be in September. If you would like more information regarding this service please contact Mike Foster at mikefoster51@gmail.com or on 01642 700119.

Swainby Jubilee Weekend June 2022.

Swainby villagers pulled the stops out to create a fun weekend with something for everyone. Thanks to all who helped to dress the village with bunting, ribbons, knitted crowns and even American Classic cars; the beautiful flower festival in the Church, cake competition, delicious afternoon tea, treasure hunt, Royal scarecrow competition, live bands at the Blacksmiths Arms and Black Horse Pub, the village shop hamper raffle, Sports Day, children's activities and craft stalls on the playing field and as a finale – a jubilee concert and picnic. To thank everyone for their hard work, we are planning a social evening for all villagers to share photos, video clips and memories so please send these in. We

hope that this will encourage everyone to get involved in future village activities. If you haven't bought your Swainby Jubilee mug there are still a few left in the Village Shop or with Anne.

Thanks to Brierley Homes, Swainby Village Hall, Swainby Parish Council for their financial support and the **many, many** villagers who helped or joined in to make this a weekend to remember.

Lisa Milburn, Anne Atkinson & Liz Walmsley (on behalf of the organising group)

With a new line-up on the Parish Council, it seems appropriate to re-introduce **The Profile**, featuring your new councillors:

Jonathan Skidmore



I moved to Swainby 10 years ago & rapidly gained an appreciation of what a special place it is to live and raise a family. I'm from Teesside originally and have worked in the agricultural sector for over 30 years. I'm a keen badminton player, bell ringer, environmentalist and love the outdoors. I'm a member of the Swainby Playing Fields Association (hint we're looking for new members!) where my son and friends spend many happy hours. I feel honoured to join the Parish Council so please feel free to stop me for a chat when you see me mooching around the village."

Jem Beadle



"Most people know me already from working on the beckside all these years" he says. He also looks after the public toilets and many other odd jobs around the village so Jem is already an asset to the Council and happy to help anyone out.

Brendan Milburn



"Having been brought up in Osmotherley and now living in Swainby with my wife and three children as well as having my father living in Swainby, I have passion for the village, village life and protecting it."

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Dolly Hannon (Chair) Jonathan Skidmore (Vice Chair), Steve Brisley, Jem Beadle, Brendan Milburn.

The Clerk is Angela Livingstone – all contact details on the website and on the notice board.