

**MONK FRYSTON
PARISH COUNCIL
NEWSLETTER
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Road Safety Update



The Parish Council have been working hard to maintain pressure on North Yorkshire Council Highways to provide us with a much-needed crossing on the A63. We were heartened to receive recent support from influential people. Firstly, our local Member of Parliament Keir Mather sent correspondence to the North Yorkshire Highways team referring the work of our Parish Council and reflecting resident concerns. Our Local Ward Councillor Tim Grogan attended our recent February Parish Council meeting to update us on work he is doing to support us.

Councillor Keane Duncan is our North Yorkshire Council Executive for Highways and Transportation, and we welcomed Keane to the village late last year where he met with Monk Fryston Primary School Head Teacher Rick Weights, and our Parish Council Chairman Nigel Spofforth to hear first hand of the challenges.

The Parish Council are keen to work with everyone who can help bring a solution to the village, and whilst we acknowledge challenges in the technical delivery of a crossing, we're pleased our efforts are driving a new focus from our elected officials and hope their solution focussed approaches will unlock the momentum we need!

In less positive news, we were made aware of a collision outside of Monk Fryston Hall that has damaged the bus shelter which has been lost entirely. We're in dialogue with the responsible organisations to drive a timely renewal of the shelter for residents.



Questions raised in the House

The issues of road safety are being taken seriously at all levels. Not only has this been raised at North Yorkshire Council Executive but it has been raised in the Houses of Parliament by our MP Keir Mather. On the 27th February he had a debate on the matter what he said about Monk Fryston can be found on the back page

Councillor Vacancies

Following the resignation of Matt Burton and Polly Hollingsworth we have casual vacancies. If you are interested please contact the clerk via his email address clerk@monkfrystonparishcouncil.net

The Parish Council would like to thank Matt and Polly for their tenure on the council . We would particularly like to thank them for all the time they have given to improve our community. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

Annual Parish Council Meeting

We will be holding our Annual Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 21st May. This will be prior to our ordinary monthly meeting. At our AGM we elect our chair and vice chair we will be establishing our committees for the year along with other statutory requirements. We will also be reviewing our finances from the previous year.

Bus shelter at the Hall

Following a vehicle crash the bus shelter at the Hall is to be replaced, once the settlement from the insurers has been agreed.



Council Storage



We have recently installed a new storage facility at the triangle. Its purpose is mainly for storage of our Christmas lights and decorations. This will help us with our storage long term and provide a facility for further lights and decorations.

Antisocial Behaviour

The council were sorry to hear that there has been some antisocial behaviour in the village particularly in the chestnut green area. The Council has done a lot of work in this area in the



past. The whole village is classified as a Designated Public Space. In the event of any antisocial behaviour, in public areas, the best advice is to call 101 immediately. Antisocial behaviour needs to be dealt with as soon as possible. The police have the powers to move people on and confiscate any alcohol if antisocial behaviour is present.

New Notice Board

There is to be new notice board installed on Water lane. It will be located between Old Vicarage Lane and Chestnut Green.



This notice board will give additional space for the council to communicate notices to our residents. The aim is to get more visibility especially with it being located close to the school. The new notice board (3bay) will be slightly bigger than the existing one (2bay). This will allow information to be displayed clearer. It will also give space for other community notices to be published.

Doing Our Bit

The recent windy weather has resulted in waste and recycling bins being blown around and waste strewn across the village. We've requested some support for litter picking from our local authority but ask residents to help by safely disposing of blown litter before it gets lost into undergrowth.

Chestnut green bench

Many residents may have noticed that the bench at the Hillam end of Chestnut green was removed some time ago. The council has decided to relocate this to the School end of Chestnut green adjacent to the existing bench. This will ensure that the amenity is maintained.



Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting is a forum where residents can have their say openly and collectively. Our annual parish meeting is scheduled for 11th April 8:00pm at Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Centre and creates a forum for our community to meet with the local parish councillors to discuss village matters. Last year we were pleased to see representation from residents. This resulted in new and renewed initiatives being delivered around anti-social behaviour and further development in our efforts to improve road safety.

Christmas Lights

The Parish Council were delighted to help spread Christmas cheer. Councillors allocated Parish funding to improve infrastructure to support the lights, purchased new lighting systems and dedicated time to the installation of the lights which were well received by many of our residents. Our initial investment should bring many years of use and with our new storage installed on the "Triangle" at the junction of the A63 and Lumby Lane we have a secure store for the time between use. We're always keen to hear further parish feedback on opportunities for Christmas 2024, it'll be here before we know it!



Village Planting

We have been reviewing our village planting. There are a number of older wooden planters that are to be replaced. The planters are to be cleared out and replenished in late spring early summer for the new season. We will be replacing the fountain planter at the corner of Lumby Lane along with the planters next to the bus shelter at the Hall. We hope you enjoy the displays and if you have any ideas please let us know.



Parliamentary Debate A63

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“In Monk Fryston, over 800 local residents petitioned for a pedestrian crossing on the A64, and they continue to have my full support. North Yorkshire Council has acknowledged, in my correspondence with it, that speeds are excessive on the road, but it has refused to implement the crossing because it says that there is not a suitable location. I know that the installation of traffic-calming measures is a complicated business, but this road is the key link between Selby and Leeds, providing people with access to the A1. Again, the A64 bisects the village, leaving residents on the other side with no access to local amenities. I ask the Minister to join me in putting the case to North Yorkshire Council that Monk Fryston cannot be held back and disregarded any longer in its campaign for common-sense traffic-calming measures. “



Extracted from Commons Chamber transcript

Full extract [Debate: Road Safety: North Yorkshire - 27th Feb 2024 \(parliament.co.uk\)](https://parliament.parliament.uk/debates/2024-02-27/road-safety-north-yorkshire)

Equipment for Pre-School

Monk Fryston pre-school do amazing work in support of our preschool children. We were pleased to be able to provide iPads to support them in delivery of their activities for the children. This asset will be of great benefit to the Pre-school staff and parents. We hope they get great use out of this equipment.



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