



Monk Fryston Parish Council Newsletter February 2022

Sue Woodhall, The Chair of the Parish Council

Someone once remarked to me '*parish councils have no teeth*', I beg to differ! With only seven councillors, the Council now has several groups working hard behind the scenes for the benefit of the Parish. More can be read about these groups in this issue. **The Planning Group** makes recommendations to full Council on all planning applications received, with recent strong objections conveyed to Selby District Council regarding the proposed development of Lithium Battery Storage Units off Rawcliffe Lane. We have now been informed that the application has been refused. Representation has been made to the Court of Appeal supporting Selby District Council's actions in imposing an Enforcement Order on occupants carrying out unlawful development on land off the A63. A decision is awaited. Whether submitted by an individual, a group of individuals or a large company planning applications are objectively assessed by this council to ensure compliance to current principles and guidelines.

Protection of the green belt and safety remain a priority. Council is involved in trying to change the law by supporting the 20's Plenty Movement. Working with other Parish Councils, if successful a 20mph speed limit could be imposed on the part of the A63 which runs through our village. The Footpaths and Highways Group continues to work with NYCC to protect our historical rights of way, while through the Projects group, Council listens to and supports the needs of the community while remaining within the law.

You see Parish Councils don't need teeth because they have powers supported by law and Councillors motivated by a responsibility to protect and enhance the quality of life for all in the Parish.

PRECEPT FROZEN 2022/23

Monk Fryston Parish Council has voted **unanimously** to freeze the existing precept level for the year **2022/23**. The precept is the Parish Council's share of council tax, and this freeze means that Monk Fryston residents will benefit from **no** increase in this charge.

As a Parish Council we are confident that we can continue to deliver for our community without asking residents to pay an increased level of tax.

We hope that this news is welcome, especially as our community continues to recover from the various negative impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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MONK FRYSTON FOOTBALL CLUB

The New Year gives us the chance to sit back and recognise the incredible things that our club has achieved over the last few years.

Rewind just 4 years and the club was hand to mouth, barely able to pay its bills. Fast forward to today and the club is thriving; having invested heavily in our own equipment to both remove costs and generate additional revenue; from tractors and lawnmowers to toilets and even a matchday café serving up bacon and sausage butties, hot drinks and sweets.

This year we were fortunate enough to be able to remove our biggest single cost, through the acquisition of floodlights and we must take this opportunity to publicly thank **Monk Fyston**



Parish Council for their generous funding. This has enabled us to train at Stocking Lane through the dark winter months, eliminating the need to spend huge amounts on renting alternative pitches to ensure that we could still train. It is not overstating the fact to describe the acquisition of the floodlights as "game-changing" for the club. We are, very

grateful. Additionally, we have already collaborated with the Cricket Club, Community Association and the 100 Club to supply the firework party and the Christmas Lights switch on with the lighting they needed to ensure safe events.

As a result of our cost savings (and with further support from **Monk Fyston Parish Council**) we have been able to invest in the groundworks at Stocking Lane. We have drastically improved the drainage and the playing surface and for the first time in years, we haven't had to postpone games because of flooded pitches (touch wood this continues for the rest of winter).

On the pitch, we now have just under 200 registered players at the club, with teams at every age from u6 to u14. The Ladies team is ever-popular and is a most-welcome addition to the Club.

So many positives to build on which will enable the club - your village club - to continue to flourish and continue to provide essential development opportunities and exercise to local people. However, we cannot stand still. We have planned further investments and most importantly, we want to continue to play our part in the community. We are actively looking to add u5 training sessions to our offering as well as walking football for those who (like the writer) doubt that their knees could cope with a full-on game. As with all community clubs, without the help of volunteers, there is no team and would urge any would be Bielsa's, Guardiola's or even Bobby Robson's keen to lead one of these groups (or any other new team) to get in touch.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to our next fundraising event. Our famous comedy night is making a comeback after a short hiatus - 26th March at the Community Centre, with a wonderful line-up.

Contact Liam for ticket information on: mfufcchairman@gmail.com or 07837 730032.



PARISH COUNCIL WRITES TO NYCC IN SUPPORT OF 20'S PLENTY CAMPAIGN



At our November meeting, the Parish Council voted to lend our support to the **20's Plenty Campaign**. We pledged to write to the leaders of North Yorkshire County Council (who have overall responsibility for highways policy making in the region).

Residents are encouraged (if you feel so inclined) to write to NYCC leaders yourself and express your concerns related to road safety in our village.

Calls to introduce a default 20mph speed limit in built-up areas across North Yorkshire have been dismissed after the highways authority said it would focus spending on areas it could make a bigger impact.

UPDATE: A meeting of North Yorkshire County Council's executive saw a series of changes to the authority's 20mph policy and agreement among all the leading councillors that a targeted approach to low speed zones be continued as a blanket approach could cost up to £12m to introduce.... The meeting heard Department for Transport figures highlighted that each fatality costed the public purse some £2m and serious injuries about £250,000.....

Susan Woodhall, Monk Fryston Parish Council chair, added with the current 30mph limit it was extremely difficult for residents to cross the A63 safely to reach key facilities in the village.....

However, the council's executive member for access, Councillor Don Mackenzie said the county's roads were becoming safer, and 20mph zones should only be created on a case-by-case basis.

The Press, January 2022

THE PARISH COUNCIL COMMITS TO APPLY PRESSURE TO BRING ABOUT CHANGE TO SUPPORT SAFER ROADS FOR ALL RESIDENTS IN MONK FRYSTON.

Councillor Update

WITH OUR THANKS

Councillor Sue Scott has resigned from her position on Monk Fryston Parish Council.

Sue leaves with the very best wishes of the Parish Council. Chair Sue Woodhall comments, *"Sue Scott has been a loyal and diligent member of the Parish Council for several years, with her experience in the legal profession and her tenacious attention to detail she brought a dimension to the council which will be missed."*

We wish Susan every happiness

WELCOME

The Parish Council has recently co-opted a new councillor, Ashley Kaye who joined us for his first meeting this month.

ELECTRONIC UPDATES

Please consider signing up to receive updates electronically to help reduce costs.

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monkfrystonparishcouncil.com

Sign-up to receive e-newsletters!

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<http://eepurl.com/hljeoH>

or scan the QR code on your smartphone to be taken to our sign-up form.

The Parish Council is GDPR compliant and works within its Data Protection Policy.

We can provide a copy of this policy on request. It is also accessible via the sign-up form

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE 2022

The Parish Council Newsletter is scheduled for publication quarterly. We invite contributions from community organisations who work hard to deliver services for the community of Monk Fryston village. We reserve the right to edit articles, seek clarification of details or to withhold publication. **Please send all articles to:**

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Or post a printed copy into the Parish Council Post Box by the Village Post Office

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NEWS FROM MONK FRYSTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Despite the challenges that we continue to face due to the pandemic, our school continues to thrive. We are extremely proud that we have been able to remain fully open to pupils since September and our children are once again enjoying a range of different experiences.



Over the last year, much of our work has focused upon the development of science. This has an important part in our curriculum, and we have endeavoured to ensure that it has a high profile throughout the school. Children enjoy finding out about new concepts across all science disciplines and we have done many practical activities that inspire and motivate them. Mrs Walsh, the science subject leader, has led staff training and development to ensure that all classes are well-equipped to deliver the subject well. We are extremely proud that this has been recognised in the achievement of the **Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM)**.

Only 283 PSQMs were awarded to infant, junior, primary, middle and special schools in 2021 to celebrate their commitment to excellence in science teaching and learning. So far, since its national launch in 2010, 4000 schools across the UK have achieved the prestigious award. The PSQM programme ensures effective leadership of science, enables schools to work together to share good practice and is supported by professional development led by local experts. It encourages teacher autonomy and innovation while at the same time offering a clear framework for development in science subject leadership, teaching and learning. Schools that achieve PSQM demonstrate commitment and expertise in science leadership, teaching and learning, and we are delighted that our school has received this recognition.

You can find out more about PSQM in this short film: <https://youtu.be/Gvl-WvfdzuA>.

PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS

CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Parish Council has a sub-group leading on capital projects and reports to full Council to consider improvements to the facilities in the village using funds raised via the Parish precept and the sale of land.

The Capital Projects Group will continue assessing the potential for investment in a range of projects to benefit the Monk Fryston community, potentially including the installation of new facilities/amenities, and providing grants for local associations/clubs.

We welcome and consider all suggestions for potential improvements to facilities within its annual budget each financial year.

Please contact in the first instance: clerk@monkfrystonParishCouncil.net

QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

2nd to 5th June 2022



When details were sent to the Parish Council last year of the national programme of celebrations for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, representatives of established bodies within the village were invited to become part of a steering group to organise local celebrations.

Intentionally kept small, the group's members are made up of those representing organisations which could offer funding and organisational skills. Some of the eight members of the steering group can offer involvement from more than one organisation and this has resulted in representation from the three Parish Councils, (Monk Fryston, Hillam and Burton Salmon), the Community Association, the Cricket Club, the Proms Committee and the Parochial Church Council.

Provisional programme of events

Thursday 2 June

9 to 9.30pm **Lighting of a Village Beacon** accompanied by Scottish Piper playing a specially written Jubilee Melody

Friday 3 June

11am **Possible Open Air Church** service of thanksgiving to coordinate with the service taking place in London

1.30pm **Village Pageant (Parade)** of celebration of the 70 years reign of HM Queen Elizabeth II, starting in Hillam and ending at the School playing fields, followed by a free packed lunch for all primary school children from the three villages.

Stalls, entertainment, Street food and fun is the motto for the day.

Saturday 4 June

Proms at the Pavilion held at Hillam & Monk Fryston Cricket Club

Concert picnic with music acts concluding with a firework display and traditional Proms finale music

Sunday 5 June

The Big Lunch held at Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Centre.

Possible Hog Roast and suitable refreshments and entertainment.

This is an ambitious programme and care has been taken not to put too much of a strain on family budgets, but it is an opportunity for everyone, whatever their age, to participate in this unique event. Volunteers to help with the organisation are already coming forward, the success of the events depends on us all.

Anyone wishing to offer their help with any of the above are more than welcome to attend our planning meetings, and for further information on these and all other activities, please contact Susan Woodhall (01977 682091) or Sally Whittingham (01977 680677).



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION UPDATE – WE'RE GETTING INTO THE SWING AGAIN!

Belated 'Happy New Year' to everyone. Let's hope it is much better than the last two years and as you will read, we are doing our best to get things going again. Hopefully, the impact of the pandemic will continue to recede. **A quick catch up.**

October, we staged our first indoor event since the 2020 **Wise Owl Quiz** in conjunction with the Other Lives Production Company who performed '**The Catch**'. The consensus was that it was fantastic to have live theatre back on our doorstep, a challenging plot, brilliant acting and an excellent set. All in all, a very enjoyable Friday evening.

November, another challenging experience as we staged the Village Firework event with the Football and Cricket clubs; a new venue and stormy weather. With more spectators than ever arriving in a very short period of time (during breaks in the rain), we found it hard to serve everyone as we would have wished. The spectacular show went on and we hope to see you again at an improved event later this year.

Several new groups are using the Community Centre; Village Mums and Tots welcoming back Cheeky Monkeys, Baby Band for pre-school age youngsters to try musical equipment, while Dancing Tots needs no explanation. For the more mature, Fit Seps with Charley is a great way to burn off the Saturday night or previous weeks excess on Sunday mornings, and for the less active, Yoga Flow offers a relaxing experience after the stress of daily life. These are all in addition to the many existing groups – please have a look at our website.

Going forward, by the time you read this we will have held a very important Development Meeting when members will discuss and agree the CA's expenditure priorities, and the Wise Owl Quiz.

In addition, all being well, members will be able to enjoy their 'Games night' in May. Plans are being made to help stage the Queens Platinum Jubilee weekend and, of course, the return of the Beer Fest on the 16th and 17th September.

MONK FRYSTON NETBALL CLUB

At our November meeting, the Parish Council considered a grant application from

Monk Fryston Netball Club.

The council voted in favour of providing funding to the Netball Club, in order to purchase new equipment including balls and marking spots.

Since its inception in 2017, **Monk Fryston Netball Club** has gone from strength to strength. The Club allows players to learn the game, develop their skills, join a team, and keep fit.



RECENT GRANTS AWARDED BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

Monk Fryston Football Club:	£ 11,932.00
Monk Fryston Netball Club:	£ 611.64

NEWS!

The Annual Parish Meeting is for YOU as residents and will take place in April

Although organised by the Parish Council it is an OPEN FORUM opportunity to enable residents who come along to raise, suggest and discuss with other residents any matter on any aspect to do with the village

Please do come along and meet with us and have a cuppa . We will circulate the date via Facebook, our Website, and Parish Council Noticeboard.

We look forward to meeting and chatting with you.

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