

# MONK FRYSTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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## EDITORIAL

Since the last edition of this newsletter, we have welcomed two new parish councillors. We warmly welcome Polly Hollingsworth and Ken Dent to the council and look forward to benefitting from their knowledge, experience and passion for our village.

It has been a busy few months, with some important projects progressing and key decisions made. In particular, we continue to pursue road safety initiatives in Monk Fryston, with some promising progress made. We also have a plan to install new Christmas decorations this year, which we hope will be welcomed by residents.

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## YOUR PARISH COUNCIL

**Chairman**, Nigel Spofforth

**Vice Chairman**, Matt Burton

Ken Dent, Ryan Geldard, Polly

Hollingsworth, Bill Holmes, Mandy Shaw

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## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS PLAN

### PROGRESSING



At our September meeting, the Parish Council approved an initial plan for the location of Christmas decorations this year.

The plans include string lights on selected trees, motif lights on selected lampposts, and a 'Merry Christmas' sign.

Approval of this initial plan allows us to take the next steps. We hope that residents, and particularly children, will enjoy the decorations when they are installed over the festive period.

More details on these plans can be found on our website.

## **PARISH COUNCIL CONTINUING TO PUSH FOR ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS**

After much hard work, the Parish Council have taken positive steps towards improving Road Safety within the village over recent weeks.

Our long and hard-fought campaign to bring forward a pedestrian crossing to the village on the busy A63 took big steps forward with the

North Yorkshire Executive Member for Highways and Transportation, Road Safety and Cycling, Active Travel Champion (and North Yorkshire Mayoral Candidate) Keane Duncan visiting the village to meet with Councillors about parishioner concerns and our outline plans for solutions.



Keane's advice is helping to inform our strategy, so we place our strongest bid yet for a much-needed pedestrian crossing so that we can safely link both sides of the village and ensure our community can safely cross the road.

We've also been undertaking speed assessments outside of Monk Fryston Primary School and working with North Yorkshire Council and other partners to assess the need for a reduction to 20 mile per hour zone directly outside the school on Water Lane, which we feel would improve road safety, particularly for the local school community.

We keep a close eye on our road network on your behalf, and we'd like to reassure that we bring all matters to Highways attention as they are the responsible party. Highways are responding to several requests from us to complete repairs and works promised to our community. We shall maintain this pressure.

All in all, we enter the season of darker nights with renewed optimism that Monk Fryston can be a safe village for all road users, and the community can be assured that councillors will be working hard to secure solutions to our road safety challenges.

## POLLY HOLLINGSWORTH JOINS PARISH COUNCIL



Local resident Polly Hollingsworth has joined the Parish Council.

Polly says, "Hello! I am Polly, and am delighted to be joining the Parish Council. I have lived in the village for the last 7 years and am passionate about the wonderful community we have. I look forward to joining the team and supporting its wonderful initiative. As a mum to a young family, I am focused on maintaining the lovely village ethos we have and working collectively to provide a happy, supportive and sustainable home for the next generation."

## KEN DENT JOINS PARISH COUNCIL



Ken says, "I have the privilege to live in Monk Fryston for the last 30 years. In my commercial life I was a Senior Executive in a FTSE 250 listed company specialising in HR and Logistics. I then worked as a HR Consultant and finally in the latter years worked for the Mid North Yorkshire Citizens Advice and Law Centre from Selby. I have supported many residents from the local community with their many and varied issues in my charity work. My interest of becoming a Parish Councillor is to utilise my past experience and abilities and combine my interest in the village for the common good."

## **COULD YOU 'ADOPT' A PLANTER?**

We are currently looking at our planting schedule for Spring 2024. We would also like to find out if any person in our community would like to help us out? We are looking for volunteers to 'adopt' a planter?



So what does this involve?

The parish council will provide all the plants and watering will be carried out by a third party. We are asking if you would be willing to adopt a planter and look after it by weeding and planting in the spring and autumn.

If you can help and need more information, please:

email [planting@monkfrystonparishcouncil.net](mailto:planting@monkfrystonparishcouncil.net)

or give Bill a call on 07597388292

## **RAILINGS ON THE MOUNT TO BE REPAINTED**

An order has been placed for the repainting of the railings on The Mount (pictured below). The work will be undertaken imminently (and may have already taken place by the time you are reading this newsletter!).



## **ATTEND A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING OR REPORT AN ISSUE**

Monk Fryston Parish Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 19:30 in the Community Centre on Old Vicarage Lane. If you would like to attend as a member of the public please do so. To contact the Parish Council or report an issue, please contact [clerk@monkfrystonparishcouncil.net](mailto:clerk@monkfrystonparishcouncil.net)