

Monk Fryston Parish Council Newsletter

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March 2023

Dear resident, this month your Parish Council newsletter focuses on the traffic situation on the A63 which runs through Monk Fryston. A situation which affects all residents both in Hildam and Monk Fryston and all commuters and bus users.

For years the Parish Council has worked with local district and county councillors in approaching the highways requesting a pedestrian crossing be installed. Several years ago the late District Councillor Carol Mack-Man secured £45K funding for a crossing. The application was refused because a suitable location could not be found. Several surveys in 2017 by NYCC Highways and Sandersons, an independent consultant funded by Council, found that the village fell short in reaching the required criteria for a crossing. A detailed report by the Safer Roads Partnership 2019 highlighted the situation on the A63 and last October hopes were raised when the possibility of a temporary trial crossing was looked at. The council approached Highways again late 2022 requesting consideration for a pedestrian crossing. Once again we have been kicked back.

MFPC is concerned that no progress has been made to improve resident road user safety over that period of time and the situation continues to deteriorate. Factual evidence is needed to support a recommendation for Highways to reconsider our request. Over the month of March we will be undertaking our own surveys based on pedestrian opinion, safety records, vehicle speeds and numbers. The pedestrian survey is available in this publication. It can be completed online or by post. Your help would be appreciated.



VILLAGE SPEED LIMITS

The Parish Council acknowledges it may not have the support of all villagers but will continue to back the introduction of lower speed limits in the village believing that a reduction to 20mph on the A63 and Water Lane would be in the interest of public safety and the environment.



NYCC has expressed concerns about a mandatory introduction of 20mph on urban roads in the County and are undertaking a review to be completed in May. All County Councillors are expected to contribute to the review and the PC continues to engage in conversation with them expressing its support of the 20 plenty campaign.

Recent events in the village underline the danger to pedestrians of the poor road layout conditions encountered by drivers and possible structural damage inflicted on the A63 by heavy vehicles.

Pedestrian crossings are deemed suitable only on roads of 30mph or under.

STRUCTURAL DAMAGE

Several reports to council about structural damage to the homes bordering the A63 have been recorded. Road surface issues can be reported direct to NYCC via their website.



Water from a damaged water main leaking for seven days A63

The PC welcomes being included in all accounts so a record can be kept

How can you help

The council needs facts to submit a case for the installation of a crossing. Strict criteria have to be met before approval and expenditure can be obtained. Feedback is very important to us. Residents can help by

- ◆ **Completing** and returning the **pedestrian survey** within this newsletter
This can be done **online** or by **post** to the Clerk of the Council or in a box kindly placed by the owners in the **Post Office**.
- ◆ **Reporting** any accident or collision witnessed, to the
Police in person or by phone
Highways on the NYCC website

The Parish Council would appreciate it if you could let us know if you report anything to the Police or Highways.

- ◆ **To Report** any **near misses** or incidents to the Parish Council that pose a danger or threat to your safety please email:-

TrafficIncidents@monkfrystonparishcouncil.net

- ◆ **To Report** any **damage** occurring to property or buildings by vehicles using the A63 to the Parish Council please email:-

PropertyDamage@monkfrystonparishcouncil.net

You can keep up to date with events by following the PC on its website

All meetings are recorded in the minutes issued after each monthly meeting to which residents are invited to attend. If you wish to raise any specific matter with the PC contact the Clerk Mr Philip Scott or any Councillor. Minutes are published on the website and the PC notice board next to the Bus stop outside the Post office. There is a post box attached to the notice board if you do not have access to a computer.

HOW TO REPORT

POLICE

999 in an emergency

101 report an incident

www.northyorkshire.police.uk

HIGHWAYS

www.northyorks.gov.uk

PARISH COUNCIL via the website at

www.monkfrystonparishcouncil.com

Post a letter in the PC post box or to

Clerk of the Council 07964311135

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