

MONK FRYSTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

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Editorial

One cannot turn on the news these days without reference to the increased cost of living and the higher bills we will all be facing. Aware of this MFPC announced earlier this year it would not be seeking an increase in the Parish precept i.e. the money each household contributes to fund the Council. This means the Council must work within its budget to maintain the high standards it sets for the benefit of the village. A concerted effort has been made to reduce costs.

The Newsletter you are now reading is available on line, thus reducing printing costs. To receive updates electronically sign up to

<http://eepurl.com/hljeoH>

Doorstep delivery will be maintained to those wishing to continue.

The village planting scheme this year has gone 'inhouse', plants are purchased and watered by local businesses and Councillors along with volunteers carry out the seasonal planting. This has saved the council several £hundreds and help is always welcomed. Should residents have any issues of concern or ideas for consideration, please contact the council.

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YOUR NEW COUNCIL

The elections of May 5th saw a reshuffling of the Parish Council. Only seven applicants stood and the following Councillors were elected uncontested. Mrs Susan Woodhall, Mrs Amanda Shaw, Mr. Matt Burton, Mr. Ashley Kaye, Mr Malcolm Robinson, Mr Nigel Spofforth and Mr William Holmes. MFPC continues to operate at full strength. Councillors Spofforth and Cllr Shaw review planning applications before Council feeds back to the Local Authorities, ensuring local building regulations are adhered to and the green belt is preserved.

Cllrs Robinson and Woodhall review Footpaths and Highways, working closely with NYCC and local landowners to ensure easy access to the countryside around us .

Councillors established a new Communications Team, revamping the website, Newsletter, and social media sites.

During lockdown, Council relied heavily on computer technology to hold virtual meetings and disseminate information.

Continued

Better use of the network is now needed to promote and publish documentation required legally for council to function.

The start made by former Cllr. Ellis on the assessment of Council of documentation and protocols continues with Cllr Kaye and others.

Cllrs Spofforth, Woodhall and Burton have expanded the Capital Projects Team which now meets regularly with influential bodies in the village, the School, the Community Association and the Education Trust, bringing a new perspective to listening to village needs and developing local amenities.

**HAVE YOUR SAY IN FUTURE PLANS
BY FILLING IN THE VILLAGE SURVEY
WITHIN THIS NEWS LETTER**



MEETING WITH COUNCILLOR TIM

GROGAN

Following his election as County Councillor in May, Cllr. Tim Grogan was invited to attend an extra - ordinary meeting of MFPC on the fifth of July.

Cllr Grogan will serve in the final year of North Yorkshire County Council before operating for the first four years within the overarching Single Unitary Council which comes into being next April 2023 .

In a friendly and informal atmosphere Cllr. Grogan outlined his plans in his new role as County Councillor within the new structure, offering advice and help on the many issues of concern to the village. From the meeting MFPC is drawing up new plans focusing on the provision of village amenities using its existing powers and seeking new funding initiatives.

Top of the Councils agenda will be to explore a positive approach around road safety and achieving a pedestrian crossing on the A63. Council looks forward to the future and a mutual working relationship with our new Councillor.

ROAD SAFETY

Councillor Matt Burton is to head up the village Speed Awareness Group, volunteers are needed to undertake training to assist them in monitoring the speed of vehicles travelling through the village using speed cameras. **If you are interested please contact Matt via our website**

Council is constantly monitoring traffic through the village and recording information collected by the VAZ signs situated on the A63. A recent collision at the junction of Water Lane and the A63 resulted in the hospitalisation of two motor cyclists. The event was filmed by Channel 5 Speed Cops and the accident reported by police officers attending the scene. **If you have any information regarding incidents affecting road safety or accidents to vehicles or property please report to the Clerk of the Council.**

NEW UNITARY COUNCIL

In April 2023 Yorkshire will be divided into two local governing authorities, a **single Unitary Council of North Yorkshire**, of which we will be apart, The **City of York** will remain separate. This replaces the current County, District and Borough councils and removes the current two tier system of local government of County and District. Funding and greater decision making powers over local matters, will be passed from central government and handed over to the councils of the City of York and North Yorkshire as part of a mayoral led combined authority. It also paves the way for the prospect of devolution for the County.

PLANNING ISSUES

A close watch is being kept on all planning applications made within the village and residents are welcome to raise any concerns with Council.

The portacabin at the A63 Carwash has been removed after strong Council objections.

Council has written to the Fire and Police Commissioner for North Yorkshire about the proposed **Lithium Battery Storage** Container site Rawcliffe Lane.

While not objecting in principle to becoming more 'green energy efficient' the location and safety aspects of the development have raised local concerns.

Increasing concern has been raised by some residents around over development and infilling within the village and a watchful eye is also being kept on land developments on **land off the A63**.

The council has a planning team focused on applications and will offer advice if approached.

BECOMING A QUALITY COUNCIL

Several issues ago this Council broached the idea of becoming a Quality Council.

The **Quality Council Scheme** is open to all Town and Parish Councils and has three levels. Its aim is to enable Councils to work more closely with others in the delivery of local services and give them more authority in representing their local communities. MFPC, should it attain Quality Status, would be better placed to govern its own spending.

At the June meeting Council agreed to **explore** the possibility of achieving Quality Council Status

Councillors will assess whether those criteria are achievable and if so, vote on whether or not to progress to Foundation Quality Award status. The project is being led by Cllr Bill Holmes.

CAPITAL PROJECTS GROUP

Established some time ago to explore how financial assets available to Council could be best spent, the MFPC Capital Projects Group aims to develop and improve facilities for Monk Fryston. Recently expanded to include other organisations within the village, meetings with the Community Association, Monk Fryston Primary School and the board of the Educational Foundation Trust have so far identified the following projects for exploration

- ◆ A village Multi Use Games Amenity
- ◆ A village car park
- ◆ Improved play ground equipment at the Community Centre
- ◆ Better use of Chestnut Green as a recreational facility

Discussions are ongoing with feasibility studies being undertaken by all parties represented. You can have your say by filling in the Questionnaire on the last page.

AROUND THE VILLAGE

QUEENS JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

WHAT A PARTY! When Council received details last November of the intended official Platinum Jubilee celebrations a small steering group was formed. This consisted of representatives from Monk Fryston Parish Council, Hillam Parish Council, The Community Association, The Parochial Church Council and Monk Fryston School. The rest is history! Six months later and with the help of an army of volunteers, the two villages, irrespective of age, came together in an explosion of patriotism and celebration

MFPC was happy to contribute financially by providing free meals to all the Primary school children taking part in the parade, the excellent band which led the parade, the flower display accompanying the bridal display in the Church and the Silver birch planted on Chestnut Green in honour to her Majesty and HER Green Canopy project. The entertainment provided by Professor Dan on the Friday also came courtesy of Monk Fryston Parish Council.

Feedback has been wonderful and after the isolation of the last two years it was heart warming to see the community spirit alive and well.



Thursday 2nd June, St. Wilfrids Church provides the perfect backdrop to the 2022 Platinum Jubilee



Backstage Brass lead the procession of School Children celebrating the Seven decades of the Queens Reign



COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION UPDATE

Busy lives ... sometimes too busy!

Can You remember the Queens Platinum Jubilee Weekend? It was only 2 months ago and a fabulous 4 days of village celebrations in which the CA played a full part.

Next up is **the Beer Fest on September 16th and 17th** ... after a gap of 3 years due to 'you know what' we're back and looking forward to restarting where we left off – and – to help things along despite inflation ticket prices are the same – advance purchases from the Post Office are just £5 for a full weekend's entertainment or £7.50 on the gate. Staging this fund-raising event – any surplus is shared equally between the school PTA and supporting the running costs and development of the Community Centre and Playground - event depends upon the help of a lot of volunteers.

CAN YOU SPARE A FEW HOURS?

If you can please contact us via info@beerfans.co.uk or via our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/MFHBeerfans>

The Marquee Team



Graham Potter – new member of the Marquee Team

Readers who are familiar with the Beer Fest will know that the Community Centre will be transformed and become a Marquee Village. We will be erecting 10 marquees and so is a big effort – but it is to ensure that even if it rains the event can go ahead undercover.

A new team has been formed to do the work and its benefit was demonstrated at Queens Platinum Jubilee when despite very wet weather 'the show went on' and over 300 people plus children had a very enjoyable time. The Beer Fest is a really big job really – so if you want to help – please come to the Community Centre at 5pm on Thursday 15th September.



Community Centre Developments

We have a list of things to do – but finding time to do them properly, as you can only spend hard earned money once, has been challenging given the preparation for our Events. We are progressing with sourcing the Air Source Heat Pump and have plans to do several pieces of work by the autumn but we could do with some help. If you would like to join the Community Centre Development Project Team please contact Ray Newton, Facility Manager at thecomunitycentre@outlook.com

The next major CA matter will be holding the AGM. The date, yet to be agreed, will take place in the Autumn. This is when annual reports are shared with CA members, a new chair is elected and a third of Trustees have to step down and new elections of Trustees who serve a 3-year term are held by members. Notification of the date and location of the AGM will be posted on Parish Council notice boards, The Community Centre notice board and members will be notified directly. If you would like to become a CA member, please contact the CA secretary Caroline Mitchell thecomunitycentre@hotmail.co.uk

We hope to see you at the Beer Fest – save the date 16th and 17th September 2022

CONTACTING YOUR COUNCIL

Council meets every 3rd Tuesday of the month at 8pm in the meeting room of Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Centre. All meetings are open to the public and a 15 minute slot is allocated to hear any resident wishing to raise an issue. Please contact the Clerk for details

Clerk to the Council

Mr Philip Scott

24 Moss Row

Wilesden

Bradford

TEL. 07964 311135

OR visit

The Monk Fryston Parish Council

Website which provides information and will guide you through all members contact details and services.

Visit

<https://www.monkfrystonparishcouncil.com>

OR

Drop a note into the Council Mail Box situated by our notice board outside the Doctors surgery, Main St.



Depending on your chosen method of communication Council will get back to you as soon as possible



Monk Fryston Parish Council – Village Survey

2022

Please take 5 minutes to complete this survey. Your responses will be valuable to the Parish Council and will help us to take decisions for the benefit of the community. Please tick your answers and fill in on line or detach and post.

1) What is your age?

- Under 18
- 18-30
- 31-45
- 46-60
- 61-75
- 76+

2) How long have you lived in the Parish of Monk Fryston?

- Under a year
- 2-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- 16-20 years
- 21+ years

3) On a scale of 0 to 10, with 0 being 'not at all satisfied' and 10 being 'very satisfied', how satisfied are you with the work of the Parish Council?

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

4) Have you contacted the Parish Council (or an individual Parish Councillor) within the last 12 months?

Yes / NO

If you answered 'yes' to question 4, how satisfied were you with the response you received from the Parish Council?

- Very satisfied
- Satisfied
- Neither satisfied nor dissatisfied
- Dissatisfied
- Very dissatisfied

If you were dissatisfied, please provide further information:

5) Which of the following communications channels (if any) do you use to gain knowledge of the Parish Council's activities?

- Newsletter
- Noticeboard in the village
- Attendance at Parish Council meetings
- Email
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Word of mouth
- Other (please specify)

6) The Parish Council has a Capital Project Group is exploring ways in which to invest money into the local community. What would you like to see the Parish Council prioritise for investment?

- Facilities for young children, (playground equipment)
- Facilities for older children (eg skatepark, bike track)
- Exercise facilities for adults (eg outdoor gym)
- Car parking facilities
- Investment in the Community Centre
- Investment in local sports clubs
- Investment in outdoor spaces (eg installing a bandstand at Chestnut Green)
- Other – please specify your ideas for how the Parish Council could spend its capital

Which of the following village issues matters most to you? Please tick

- Maintenance of footpaths and public rights of way
- Road safety
- Planning
- Village decoration (flowers etc)
- Village maintenance (grass cutting etc)
- Antisocial behaviour
- Other – please specify

If you could preserve one thing about life in the Parish, what would it be?

Do you have any final comments about the work of the Parish Council and/or life in the Parish of Monk Fryston?

