



Monk Fryston Parish Council Newsletter

November 2021

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Sue Woodall, The Chair of the Parish Council

Embracing Change

Several years ago, when the first edition of the newsletter was published, its aim was to improve communication between the Parish Council and the Village by prompting a two-way dialogue from which we could all benefit. Technology continues to advance more quickly than some of us can keep up with, my eight-year-old Grandsons surf the net and interact with their friends in a way which puts me to shame. Since January 2021 the faces on the Council have changed and we have three new Councillors. We welcome **Councillor Sue Ellis** and **Councillor Matt Burton**, who have in a short space of time introduced both an Internal and External Communications Strategy. We also welcome the return of an experienced ex member, **Councillor Malcolm Robinson**.

With your help, **Monk Fryston Parish Council** will continue to connect with the village serving in an open and transparent way to the benefit of all.

New Website

We are pleased to announce the launch of the new Parish Council Website:



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monkfrystonparishcouncil.com

**Sign-up to receive
e-newsletters!**

The Parish Council would like to hear your views and keep you informed of local issues and decisions via email and electronic Newsletters.

If you sign-up to receive emails from the Parish Council, you'll also be helping us to reduce waste, by making us less reliant on paper printed newsletters.

To sign-up, visit :

<http://eepurl.com/hIjeoH>

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

WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE PARISH COUNCIL?

A Parish Council is one of the first tiers of local government and is a statutory body. Serving electorates they are independently elected and raise their own precept (a form of Council tax). Working towards improving community well-being and providing better services. Activities fall into three main categories: representing the local community; delivering services to meet local needs; striving to improve quality of life and community well-being.

Through an extensive range of discretionary powers local Councils provide and maintain a variety of important local services including, bridleways, burial grounds, bus shelters, car parks, open spaces, community safety, events, footpaths, leisure and sports facilities, litter bins, planning, traffic calming, and bespoke projects.

Our Parish Council meets every 3rd Tuesday each month at Monk Fryston & Hillam Community Centre, Old Vicarage Lane, at 8pm. Make contact via:

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Councillor:	Mrs Susan Scott;	ss@monkfrystonParishCouncil.net
Councillor:	Mr Matt Burton;	mb@monkfrystonParishCouncil.net
Councillor:	Mrs Sue Ellis;	se@monkfrystonParishCouncil.net
Councillor:	Mr Malcolm Robinson	

We will continue to comply with all health and safety issues, including Covid 19. Unless otherwise stated members of the public are only permitted to observe the meeting. Village residents' issues are a standard agenda item. If you would like to be invited to present an issue, please contact a member of the Council.

REPORTING DAMAGE: Each meeting has a space to discuss any incidents of damage or issues that arise. This is anything from village infrastructures to overhanging vegetation. Where possible the Council will pass on reports and concerns to the appropriate authorities for action and attend to any matters that fall within the Parish Council's areas of responsibility. There is a post box attached to the village notice board for correspondence to the Council if you do not

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Whilst every effort is made by Monk Fryston Parish Council to confirm accuracy of all information, particularly where provided by external partners, agencies and organisations, contained in the Newsletter, Website and our social media platforms; Monk Fryston Parish Council cannot be held liable for third party information or any consequential action based on this information.'

JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

The Joint Burial Committee comprises two Parish Councillors from each of the three Parishes:

Monk Fryston, Hillam and Burton Salmon. The Committee is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery situated in Monk Fryston and meets quarterly, the last held in September with the following subjects being considered.

- ▶ A survey and report about the trees in the cemetery highlighted various trees required attention and one needed to be removed because of safety concerns. Following a recent inspection by Committee members it was agreed that the dangerous tree would be removed and remedial work on several others. A firm of tree surgeons has been appointed to carry out the work. Selby Council have been informed as the cemetery is within the Conservation Area.
- ▶ The cemetery railings require re-painting with a contractor being appointed carry out this work in Spring 2022. Committee members will regularly inspect the cemetery to review and attend to any maintenance problems going forward.
- ▶ The Committee will explore the possibility of purchasing a suitable area of additional land to increase the capacity of the cemetery.



Any queries regarding the cemetery should be directed to Gwyneth Woolley who is the Clerk to the Joint Burial Committee at: jbcclerk@monkfrystonParishCouncil.net

COMMUNITY ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR

The **Monk Fryston, Hillam and Burton Salmon Defibrillator Group** recently submitted a grant request to the Parish Council, related to the ongoing maintenance of the village defibrillator (**located outside Doctor's Surgery 37 Main Street, Monk Fryston LS25 5DU**) To ensure that the Community Public Access Defibrillator (**CPAD**) remains ready for action, it will soon require a replacement battery, set of pads and preparation kit.

The Parish Council is pleased to have agreed to purchase these items and gift them to the Defibrillator Group.

The **CPAD** is an important and potentially lifesaving piece of equipment, and we are committed to supporting its presence in the village.



'WHAT THE DICKENS' COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Reading and companionship are the driving force behind the passion for
'What the Dickens'

This community initiative is open to all ages – whether you are a young reader, a seasoned reader, or you just fancy coming along for a chat and a brew – everyone is welcome, and we hope it will become a hub for meeting people who you may not always see when out and about in the villages. The library :

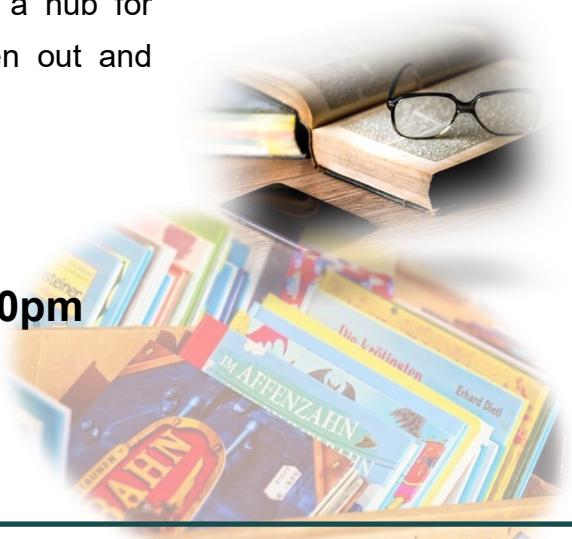
The Community Centre

Sunday from 2pm to 4pm

Wednesday from 10:30am to 12:30pm

Further information Contact

Sue Woodhall 07500 450249



NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE 2022

The Parish Council Newsletter is scheduled for publication quarterly.

We would 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:

Clerk: clerk@monkfrystonParishCouncil.net

Cllr Matt Burton: mb@monkfrystonParishCouncil.net

Cllr Sue Ellis: se@monkfrystonParishCouncil.net

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

Article Copy Submission Date	Newsletter Publication Date
14th January 2022	February 2022
6th May 2022	May 2022
28th July 2022	August 2022
28th October 2022	November 2022

PARISH COUNCIL WORKING GROUPS

VILLAGE DECORATIONS COMMITTEE

You will have seen around the village over the Summer the planters and the two tower planters filled with petunias and geraniums planted by First Impressions (the Contractor appointed by the Parish Council). The flowers are now starting to fade but within the next few weeks they will be re-planted with Winter Pansies which hopefully will see us through until Spring.



The Village Decorations Committee will be meeting shortly to discuss Christmas decorations for the village. Last year there was a good display organised by the Decorations Committee, with residents in properties along Main Street also helping to boost the decorations by either decorating their own houses or putting lights outside.



We hope to do the same this year if not better, and anyone who would like to put up Christmas lights or displays in their gardens or on their properties that would be wonderful. The more the merrier, especially after the tough 18 months or so the Country has been through.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

The Parish Council has a sub-group with responsibility for 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.

Over the coming months, this group will assess 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.



VILLAGE PARKING



The Parish Council is aware of ongoing parking issues in the village, being important in relation to the school, post office, doctor's surgery, and venues including the community centre and the church. At times, parking can be an issue that can significantly inconveniences residents, including property access issues, and health and safety issues associated with inconsiderate parking.

The Parish Council is currently assessing options for adding additional parking areas within the village and welcomes suggestions from our community. Parking is a complex and contentious issue to tackle and we will continue to work with the community in a solution focussed way.

HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

The issue of road safety is a primary concern of the Parish Council, and we appreciate how important this is for residents of the village.

The A63 (running through the centre of our village) is a difficult road to make improvements to. The curved nature of the road makes it very difficult to get approval for a pedestrian crossing. Further, the road is on the main route between Selby and the A1(M), which makes it a busy road and one that is used by heavy goods vehicles.

The Parish Council have a Highways and Footpaths Group who continue to monitor and report to the wider Council members around any ongoing highways and footpath issues for the village. Any concerns from residents should be reported in the first instance to:

clerk@monkfrystonParishCouncil.net

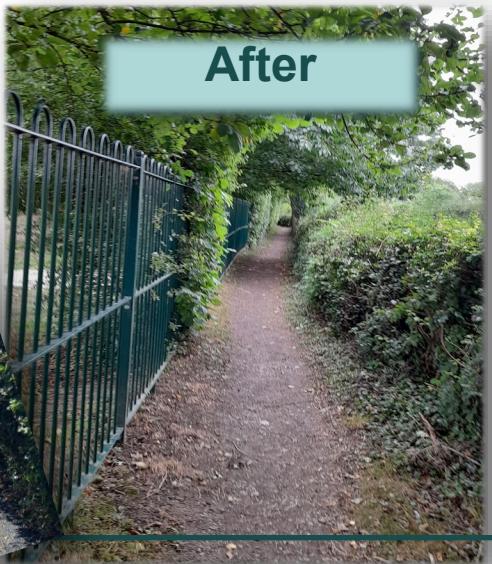
Before



The 'Bricky'



After



CHURCH LANE FOOTPATH

August 2021

The footpath connecting Church Lane and Old Vicarage Lane was resurfaced at the end of August, making a much safer walkway for everyone. The route is a key link between the school, the Church, and the Community Centre. Partnership working allowed for co-funding between the Parish Council and Community Association.



QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILLEE

Still some way ahead, but such momentous occasions take a great deal of thinking and planning. Royalist, or not, this is an amazing achievement by the Monarch. The Parish Council is already discussing how to reflect the celebrations whilst holding in mind the amount of other activities that may be happening in the village. We hold in mind the potential for financial overload given the likely national, regional and local events; pageants, street parties, school events to name but few, whilst making sure we mark the event. We will be working alongside residents and other local organisations to liaise and plan in a strategic way. We will update in future Newsletters and on the Website.

COMMUNICATIONS GROUP

The Parish Council now has an External and Internal Council Communications Strategy The most recent update being launching new Website and offering all communications to be received electronically; including this Newsletter. The details for signing up to electronic communications is on Page 1. There will still remain the option to keep receiving updates in a paper format. We also still post the minutes of each meeting on the notice board outside the village post office. There is also a small post box to drop any requests at the same site.

MONK FRYSTON AND HILLAM COMMUNITY BUILDINGS SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

Starting with the success of **Monk Fryston School's Gold Award** in the Environmental Green Flag scheme with the flag flying proudly at the school. An achievement richly deserved by everyone involved, especially during the pandemic. It also begins the hard work of maintaining that standard. In the future pupils will know how their behaviour will positively affect the world we live in and share with others. They will be prepared for a Zero Carbon 21st Century. A big well done!



Our Project Booklet delivered to every home was interesting and stimulating. A copy is still available on the Community Association Website at [www.mfhcc.com/sustainability-project/
news-about-us/](http://www.mfhcc.com/sustainability-project/news-about-us/) We wanted to share the conclusions of the Feasibility Study and highlight what needs doing to reach the goal of making our Community Buildings Carbon Neutral. We are seeking funding sources to do the recommended work and obtaining quotations – so that when grant opportunities arise we are ready to apply. Over the last 3 months work has been ongoing and we hope to be in a position to apply for grants before Christmas for all the buildings.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

After 18 months we are going forward again!

With fingers crossed, it looks like we are moving towards normality. During the Pandemic we put a lot of energy into managing the Centre facilities in a Covid secure manner, having abandoned all our regular social activities and freezing all spending apart from essential items. We would like to publicly say a big 'Thank You' to all our volunteers who worked hard to keep things going; ensuring that the facilities we provide continued to be available to all. After re-opening the Community Centre, we are looking forward to running more village events and reviewing our development programme.

Future Community Centre Projects and Spending

Summer 2019 seems a distant memory, holding an open meeting to suggest projects and prioritise future spending. The resultant list of priorities, were delayed by bad weather and

the pandemic. However, the floor repairs and the grant funded Sustainability Project did happen.

AGM, New Trustees and CA Membership

Our AGM held on 15th September with the Trustees Report and Accounts approved and Robin Parkin re-elected as Chair and a co-opted Trustee. Trustees who had served since 2014; Ray Newton and Kath Ratcliffe stepped down and Rachel Cheshire and Andy Phillips were elected as new Trustees for a three-year term.

The Trustees agreed to invite all members to renew their membership at £1 per year and for non-member residents to consider joining us. The membership renewal period runs from 1st to the 30th November. Look out for the invitation and form which will be delivered to every home.

USEFUL COMMUNITY NUMBERS

Monk Fryston Surgery: 37 Main Street Monk Fryston Leeds LS25 5EG.

Phone: 01977683452

Monk Fryston Post Office: 41 Main Street, Monk Fryston, Leeds, LS25 5EG.

Phone: **01977 682252**

Selby District Council: Civic Centre, Doncaster Road, Selby, North Yorkshire,
YO8 9FT

Phone: 01757 705101

North Yorkshire County Council: County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorkshire. DL7 8AD

Phone: 01609 780780

Police: Emergency call 999. Non-emergency 101.

Fire: Emergency call 999

Ambulance: Emergency call 999.

NHS: 111.

Electrical Northern Power Grid: 0800 375675.

Gas Emergencies: 0800 111999

Yorkshire Water Leaks: 0800 573553

Environment Agency Floodline: 0345 988 1188

Samaritans (Free 24/7): 116 123