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SCRIVEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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THE PARISH PRECEPT

Every year Scriven Parish Council (SPC) have to submit a request to Harrogate Borough Council (HBC), for the funds that are required to run the Parish Council and serve the needs of the parish. These funds are called the Parish Precept and form part of the council tax.

SPC always strive to run the Parish Council in a cost effective and efficient manner in order to keep the Parish Precept as low as possible and the personal generosity of council members and other individuals from the parish, giving up their time and resources to carry out things such as routine maintenance, do assist in making this possible. However, after having marginal increases and freezes for the last few years and often only just breaking even, it has become necessary to increase the precept for the year 2014/15.

After careful consideration, SPC agreed to request an annual increase of £561.64 which equates to an approximate average of 10p per household per week based on 110 houses. These funds are necessary to prepare for the future costs of items such as the repairing of the roof of the War Memorial, the pruning and maintenance of the trees on the green and also as a contingency towards other, unforeseen circumstances.

PARK CORNER FARM

Work is underway on the old Park Corner Farm site and HBC are now consulting residents and

other interested parties, to seek consent for their proposal to name the access road into the new development; Park Corner Lane.

'Lane' may not be the most appropriate name for this private, cul de sac development and SPC will submit this view accordingly. HBC request comments on their proposal be sent to them by 3rd March, by email to Sue.Simmons@harrogate.gov.uk. or by post to the address which can be found on the green notices near the site.

BOROUGHBRIDGE ROAD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

Last September the HBC planning committee unanimously refused the outline planning application for housing on the fields off Boroughbridge Road. However, the applicant has now exercised their right to appeal.

There was an overwhelming response to the original application and over 100 letters of objection were submitted from local residents, including Knaresborough Town Council and SPC. The Planning Inspectorate receives copies of all correspondence concerning the original application, for their reference when considering the appeal.

The appeal inquiry has been set to take place at Knaresborough House at 10:00am on Tuesday 13th May and is expected to last four days. SPC will again be sending a representative to speak against this application. Please keep checking the Parish Council website for further updates.

A Scriven Area Residents Association has also recently been formed and are campaigning strongly against this application. The new association also intend to try and continue to address pressing issues of the day and support community interests of the wider Scriven area in the future. For further details and to get involved visit www.sara-scriven.org.

JACOB SMITH PARK

There has been discussion regarding the creation of further pedestrian entrances into the Park following the successful implementation of the new pedestrian entrance off Scriven Road and HBC called a public meeting to discuss the subject on Thursday 28th November 2013. SPC was represented at the Meeting.

At the Meeting it was agreed that there was only one viable point for a further pedestrian entrance and that was onto Scotch George Lane at its junction with the footpath running from Tentergate Lane. This location is to be investigated by HBC with regard to the exact ownership and status of Scotch George Lane as a permissive footpath.



Jacob Smith Park

If investigations show there is no legal reason to stop the formation of a new entrance at this location then the proposal will be put to the local Councils and Community for consultation.

HBC have also agreed to organise wood chippings or similar, to be placed at the entrance to the park to try and improve the boggy conditions at the existing gate.

TRAFFIC ISSUES

During 2013, SPC have again been discussing in detail, the various traffic concerns in the village with the North Yorkshire County Council Highways department. After conducting a speed survey and making a site visit, Highways have determined that, other than the repainting of the give-way lines at the end of the private road, there are no issues that require action. SPC still believes that there are matters for concern and will continue efforts to see them addressed.

PARKING AROUND THE GREEN

SPC has received complaints from some parishioners about vehicles parking on the green itself. It is not clear whether the vehicles belong to residents or visitors. It is respectfully requested that cars are not parked on the green and, in particular, that visitors are asked not to do so as it is unsightly and could cause damage to the green. Parking on the road beside the green is, of course, acceptable provided it does not obstruct access to properties.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

On Sunday 1st December many of the residents met at Greenbank (courtesy of Linda and Ken Barnes) for drinks and mince pies prior to the magical switch on of the lights by Isabelle Klippel. It was good to see so many friendly faces supporting the event.

Unfortunately the lights were a little disappointing this year due to damage to the wiring caused by adverse weather conditions and growth of the trees over the three years since they were installed. However, a visit by a lighting technician remedied some of the faults and enabled a reasonable display.

Villagers kindly donated £194.66 at this years event and the Village Fund now stands at £316.11 which can go towards the cost of replacement lights.



The Le Tour Knaresborough group are looking for people and communities to come forward with events to help celebrate this marvellous occasion. The 100-day Tour de France festival starts in March and runs to Sunday 6 July when the athletes race through Knaresborough. For details of how you can become involved visit www.facebook.com/letourknaresborough.

PARISH CLERK

After four years in the role it is with regret that Jenny Bradley, the Parish Clerk, has decided to resign from her position from May 2014. Jenny has been an asset to the council, assuming the role and undertaking her duties with her characteristic enthusiasm. But unfortunately due to increasing work and family commitments she has reluctantly decided to leave the council.

The role is a part-time, employed position and SPC will be looking for a new Parish Clerk to start soon after Jenny officially resigns in May. If you are interested in the post please contact the Parish Council.

THURSDAY 13th MARCH

Annual Parish Meeting.
A review of the year in the Parish and a chance for the public to express views and raise matters of concern.

This meeting will be immediately followed by a Scriven Parish Council meeting.
Park Grove Methodist Church Hall. 8pm.

THURSDAY 8th MAY

Annual Scriven Parish Council Meeting followed by a regular Parish Council meeting.
Park Grove Methodist Church Hall. 8pm.

TUESDAY 13th MAY

Appeal inquiry begins at Knaresborough House for the proposed residential development on Boroughbridge Road. 10am

