

# SCRIVEN PARISH COUNCIL



## NEWSLETTER

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### ***Farnham Quarry Site***

The Parish Council (PC) have been working very closely with the Bar Lane Action Group (BLAG) for over eight months, on the proposed developments at Farnham Quarry. As announced by North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) they “*now have no plans to proceed with a waste development at Farnham Quarry/Bar Lane*”. This is good news and justifies all of the hard work. However, under the original quarrying permission, the site should have been fully reinstated to agricultural land with a lagoon by December 2006. This has not taken place. The PC and BLAG are therefore now working with NYCC, to ensure full reinstatement and enforcement as necessary. This site could be a wonderful environmental and recreational area.



Cllr. Fox outside Meadowside School

### ***Jacob Smith Park***

The public meeting planned for February was postponed to March 3rd. Cllrs. Shires and Fox are meeting with Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) and the Cabinet Member responsible, prior to this date, to re-affirm the PC's and Parishioners views in respect of pedestrian entrances, main entrance plus suitable gates (within a conservation area and as a memorial to the Jacob Smiths) and stabilised grass paths, so that this wonderful natural park can be used and enjoyed by everyone.

### ***Traffic Problems***

In response to concerns about traffic in the village, we wish to create a record of observations of bad driving which may help us to make the case for action in the future. Please start to note a time, date and the nature of your observations next time you see poor driving. More on this in the next newsletter.

### ***Park Corner Farm***

After more than 18 months of effort by the PC, some positive progress has been made regarding the re-building of the



Resumed work at Park Corner Farm

boundary wall, a new entrance, making the barn watertight and generally tidying up the site. It is hoped that most of the metal barriers can now be removed to reinstate the footpath. We understand that the Developers are in discussion with HBC about the number of house units and a new planning application is anticipated.

### ***Pest Control***

The village suffered its regular Christmas visitors this year in the form of rats. PC contact with HBC resulted in rapid action being taken to bait sewers and buildings around Park Corner Farm yard.

### ***Village Information Board***

The PC have been approached about the erection of an information board detailing the history of the village.

We are currently getting three quotes and have some commuted sums to do this. We would very much welcome ideas as to the contents and format.

### ***Village Social Gatherings***

The Chair would like to thank Fie Gascoigne for her help with the Mulled Wine and Mince pie festive get together last December. Fewer parishioners attended, probably due to the frosty conditions. A huge thank you to all those who made the effort, despite this. We would be most grateful if anyone else would be willing to offer help at the next village social - which is the summer gathering on the green. Weather permitting this is planned for either Sunday 26th July or Sunday 2nd August. Please do make a note of this, as we are keen to see as many of you as possible.

### ***Access Around the Green***

Can we all please ensure that there is full road access around the Village Green at all times, especially along the unmade road from the Market Flat Lane approach. Without this it is impossible to reverse safely back on to the main road. Everyone's help with this would be very much appreciated.



### **TUESDAY 3rd MARCH - 7pm**

Jacob Smith Park public meeting at St. Mary's Catholic Primary School, Tentergate Road.

### **THURSDAY 5th MARCH - 8pm**

Open Parish meeting at Park Grove Methodist Church Hall. Although called by the Chair, this is not a parish council meeting. There is no proscribed format but it usually commences with an introduction of parishioners present and the reading and approval of the draft minutes from the previous year. The Chair will present her review of the year to date, and then there will be an open forum in which members of the public can speak. Minutes are taken, opinions noted, but no formal decisions can be made and the content is not binding. It is an important event in the council's year and we would urge all to attend and voice their opinions.

### **THURSDAY 7th MAY - 7.45pm**

Annual Parish Council meeting (often incorrectly known as the AGM) at Park Grove Methodist Church Hall. This is a review of council business and its first task is to elect a Chairman for the coming year. A regular council meeting will follow.

### **THURSDAY 30th JULY - 8pm**

Parish Council meeting at Park Grove Methodist Church Hall.

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## ***Clerk's Corner***

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I have now completed the six module course run by the University of Gloucester and administered by the Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC) of which I am a member. The modules cover all aspects of the council's work including council responsibilities, procedures, law, finance, and planning and community action. A Certificate of Achievement has been issued by the university and I would like to thank all the councillors for their encouragement and support during this last year. The council is also a member of the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA) which along with the SLCC provides advice and support when required. The SLCC holds regular, informal meetings for all local clerks and this enables invaluable information sharing and exchange.

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