

SCRIVEN PARISH COUNCIL



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Parish Council Election

Scriven Parish Council (SPC) is re-elected every four years and the current term is coming to an end. The next election is on 5th May 2011. To continue the work of the council and operate effectively, five councillors are required.

The Parish Council is the most local form of government and its key roles include maintenance of the village green and its surrounds (which are owned by SPC) and acting to conserve the unique character and heritage of Scriven, including reviewing and commenting upon local planning applications. SPC is also active in local issues that could have an effect on Scriven, such as the recent proposed waste station at Bar Lane.

Without a Parish Council, it is difficult to see who would act to defend Scriven against inappropriate developments or be prepared to administrate and commission local road repairs.

If you care about Scriven please support your Parish Council and maintain Scriven's independence by voting in the forthcoming election and if you wish to stand as a councillor please request a nomination form from the Parish Clerk.

Chair's Comment

The Parish Councillors are unanimous in their thanks to our Parish Clerk Jenny

Bradley. This is Jenny's first position as Parish Clerk and she has only held the post for about eight months, however, she is already advising Councillors on protocol and is becoming more widely known throughout the Parish through her efforts to carry out Council affairs, not only with endeavour, but with a smile as well. Should you come across Jenny while she is carrying out her Parish duties please give her your wholehearted support.

Road Maintenance

Thank you to all the users of the two unadopted roads adjacent to the Green who have contributed to the Road Maintenance Fund. The Council confirmed at the meeting on 24th February 2011 that it would continue to seek the few payments still outstanding in an informal manner, however, if they remained unforthcoming then a more formal approach would be taken until all payments were received. The first phase of repairs have been carried out with the pot holes being repaired on the metalled road. The second phase will involve the delivery of stone for the repair of pot holes and unevenness to the unmetalled road. Volunteers to help spread the stone will be appreciated and welcomed.

The Parish Council are indebted to, and would like to thank, Margaret Ross for

her help and assistance on the above which has undoubtedly helped to facilitate the repairs.

Jacob Smith Park

The Parish Council assisted more than 60 pupils from local primary schools and Forest School to plant over 100 oak trees in Jacob Smith Park at the end of February. It is felt important that we encourage more young people into the Park and for younger generations to be involved with the conservation of our area. It was great to see the children so enthusiastically planting oaks for the future.

We are still hopeful that the new gates will be in place by the end of March having been promised by Harrogate Borough Council for Christmas.

Clerk's Corner

Before becoming a full time Mum to my girls and a Clerk to the council I had a long career in Media Sales. Although the media element of the job was fun and fast moving, it was really the people that made it an enjoyable career. I'm finding that the role of Parish Clerk is more complex and interesting than first expected, particularly getting to grips with all the legal aspects, but again it's the people that make the difference. I've

been privileged to work alongside a group of councillors who have a wealth of experience, come from many different backgrounds and who have all really supported me in my development.

I've also enjoyed the opportunity of getting to know more people around the village and it's nice to see that community spirit is alive and well in Scriven. I look forward to meeting more neighbours over the coming months and to working with the new council.



THURSDAY
24th
MARCH

Annual Parish Meeting.
Park Grove Methodist Church Hall. 8pm.

All are welcome to come and have their say. This meeting to be immediately followed by a Parish Council meeting

SUNDAY 27th MARCH

National Census Day. For further information please visit <http://www.census.gov.uk>

THURSDAY 5th MAY

Polling day for Local Council Elections. Park Grove Methodist Church Hall. 7am - 10pm.

THURSDAY 12th MAY

Parish Council meeting. Park Grove Methodist Church Hall. 8pm.

An illustration of Uncle Sam, the iconic symbol of the United States. He is depicted from the chest up, wearing his signature top hat, a dark suit jacket, a white shirt, and a red bow tie. He has a stern, determined expression and is pointing his right index finger directly at the viewer. The background is plain white.

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