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Jacob Smith Park

Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) has commenced a local consultation exercise with regard to a new pedestrian entrance into Jacob Smith Park. The entrance will be cut in the existing curved section of walling to the north of the present entrance. The opening will be fitted with a self closing steel gate to help prevent children and dogs running from the Park onto Scriven Road. The appearance will closely match the existing gates. Although the gate will be located in the Scriven Conservation Area planning permission is not required.

Full details of the proposals can be found on the Jacob Smith Park Website. www.harrogate.gov.uk/pos/Pages/JacobSmithPark.aspx. Scriven Parish Council (SPC) is one of the parties being consulted by HBC and local residents are also encouraged to submit their views.

If the consultation raises no major objections HBC hope to install the gate in the Spring. Once the new gate is operational the existing gates will be locked shut and only opened when access to the Park is required for maintenance. It is not intended to progress any other pedestrian entrances at the present.

The Friends of Jacob Smith Park are delighted to announce the official launch of the Jacob Smith Park Nature Trail. The trail has been funded by commuted sums from HBC and designed in association with local schools, to fit in with the Key Stage 2 and 3 curriculum. The launch is taking place in the Park, at 11am on Thursday 21st March and all

are welcome to attend. Groups of pupils from a number of local schools will be there to try out the trail for the first time and hopefully the local press will also attend to cover the event. Following the launch, the trail will be available to download from the Jacob Smith Park website.

Neighbourhood Plan

The only mention of Scriven, at the last meeting of the Knaresborough Town Council Neighbourhood Plan Committee, was in respect of the land behind Piccadilly Motors. There was a view expressed that this land was suitable for sports facilities including all weather pitches and changing facilities. The Committee were advised that the land in question was outside the Knaresborough Town Boundary and therefore should not be considered in the Meeting. This was accepted by those present but it was suggested that if HBC allocated the land for sports facilities it could potentially also be considered for housing.



The fields in Scriven, behind Piccadilly motors, where developers have submitted proposals for housing

After further discussion about possible sites, it was clear that some development of “greenfield” sites would be required to accommodate the 720 additional dwellings allocated to Knaresborough as there was insufficient brownfield land available.

Boroughbridge Road Development

Despite the site not been included in HBC’s local housing plan, you may have seen the recent communication from Gladman with regards to the development of the land off Boroughbridge Road, behind and to the side of Piccadilly Motors.

Gladman are holding a public exhibition of their development proposals at Park Grove Methodist Church on Thursday 21st March between 4pm and 7pm. You can submit your views to their proposals to comments@your-views.co.uk or by post to Your Views Knaresborough, Gladman House, Alexandria Way, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1LB.

Scriven Parish Council urge you to attend this exhibition and submit your views on these proposals. The Scriven Annual Parish Open meeting, followed by a Scriven Parish Council meeting will also take place at the Methodist Church from 7pm on 21st March and you are welcome to come along and share your views on these proposals with other residents, your District Councillor and the Parish Council.

Parking

The Parish Council have been asked by some residents with houses located around the Green whether there could be a certain level of restricted vehicle parking on the private roads around the Green. There have been problems of access to/from some of these properties, especially during the bad weather this winter. Unfortunately the Parish Council has no jurisdiction to restrict vehicular parking on these roads. Perhaps, though, it is useful for SPC to remind all residents and their guests who park on the roads, to please be more aware of their neighbour’s requirements for access to and from their properties.

Waste Recycling

It is six months since Harrogate Borough Council implemented Phase 1 of their new waste and recycling service and collections in Scriven are now being made weekly, alternating between recycling and landfill waste.

If anyone has any difficulties or problems with the way the scheme is operating or needs assistance in any way with the collection of their waste, HBC encourages residents to let them know and they can be contacted on 01423 500600 or by email customerservices@harrogate.gov.uk

SPC politely request that all residents promptly return their wheelie bins and boxes onto their properties after collection to keep the general village environment tidy.

Litter

It has been brought to the Parish Council's attention by a local resident, that there is an increasing amount of litter appearing around the entrance to Scriven from the Lingerfield side. A suggestion has been made that a group of volunteers could get together and have a litter picking session one weekend. Harrogate Borough Council will supply Hi-vis jackets, picking equipment, bags and gloves up to a maximum of 20 at no cost, they will also remove the waste at the end.

The same resident has a plan, particularly as the Tour de France fast approaches, to start a scheme like this locally and build this over the whole area so we can have a clean town to be proud of. Anyone interested in getting involved can contact the Parish Clerk - Jenny Bradley on Tel 552592 or on email jennybradley73@gmail.com

Allerton Park Incinerator

After the initial disappointing news in early February that the government minister had decided not to call the Allerton Park incinerator application in for a planning enquiry, this was followed ten days later by the news that DEFRA has withdrawn Private Finance Initiative support for this and two other similar projects. The reason given is that they have determined that there is already sufficient incinerator capacity to meet the coun-

try's commitments and they urged councils to make better use of existing facilities.

This is good news and hopefully it means that the incinerator will not go ahead as this decision leaves a rather large financial hole in the project. North Yorkshire County Council could try to raise the finance elsewhere and if successful could still go ahead as planning has already been granted. However, this could take years as new contracts and approvals would be needed after which the financial equations will have changed and further improvements will hopefully have been made in waste management making the scheme less viable. More details and news about this project can be found on The North Yorkshire Waste Action Group's website www.nywag.org

THURSDAY 21st MARCH

11am : Jacob Smith
Park Nature Trail
launch, in the park.

4-7pm : Developer
proposals exhibition. Park
Grove Methodist Church Hall.

7pm : Scriven village Annual Parish Open Meeting. Park Grove Methodist Church Hall. An open forum where you can come and express your views, sharing them with other residents and the Parish Council. All are welcome.

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

