

SCRIVEN PARISH COUNCIL



NEWSLETTER

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Chair's Comment

As a Councillor for just over three years I have been involved in the discussions and decisions of a number of important issues for the parish. It has been a very interesting period for me and in that time I have seen the council develop and evolve. I am privileged to have been elected as Chairman for this year and look forward to continuing to help with the council's positive development.

I would like to acknowledge the hard work of those that left the council after the recent elections and thank outgoing Chairman Peter Long and Councillors Lorraine Ferris and Ivor Fox for their dedication over the last four years.

The new members of Scriven Parish Council (SPC) have a wealth of knowledge from a variety of backgrounds, all of which I am sure will be an asset to the council. For the benefit of those who don't know them, here is a brief introduction to each new councillor.

Jim Sykes - The Green

We moved to Scriven four years ago shortly after I retired and Pam and I thoroughly enjoy living here. I am an engineer and worked initially in the gas industry and then for the Health and Safety Executive at various places before moving to Yorkshire in 1998. We have four adult children, three of whom live locally and one in New Zealand. My hobbies include painting, rambling and archaeology.

Rod Adams - Oak House

My wife Brenda and I moved to Scriven from Wetherby in 2006. We have been married for 43 years and have two sons and two grandchildren plus another arriving shortly.

My entire career has been spent in the Pharmaceutical Industry and since selling my own company in 2000, I have been helping Yorkshire start-up companies to raise funding and become 'commercial'. In 2008, with a pharmacist friend, I formed a new company supplying mainly pharmaceutical products for children, to the NHS.

Ken Barnes - Greenbank

My wife Linda and I arrived in Scriven about two years ago. We had been looking for a new project after our two children had flown the nest and spent 12 months renovating Greenbank, a derelict house on the Green.

I've been involved in a number of community initiatives in the area, enjoying 15 years as a special constable, teaching construction skills at Harrogate college and helping to set up the Knaresborough youth association.

I run a local building company and view myself as a practical person, passionate about sustainability and eco friendly issues, particularly within the built environment. Both Linda and I are very much looking forward to a positive involvement within our parish community.

Stuart Bell - Scriven Road

I retired two years ago after 30 years working as an Architect in the Building Materials Industry. We moved to Knaresborough from Bury St Edmunds 33 years ago and have lived in Scriven Road opposite Park Corner Farm for the last 24 years. I am secretary to the 'Friends of Jacob Smith Park' and my interests include all aspects of sustainability and in particular development of Biodiversity.

Road Maintenance

Scriven PC would like to thank all those who helped spread the gravel on the unmetalled road - a job very well done. The contractor has also returned and improved the repairs to the metalled road. Now that all work has been completed SPC will be taking notes and photographs to document the condition of the roads, and will do so on a regular basis so that the situation is properly monitored and any problems quickly identified.

To ensure future repair needs are met, SPC have to continue with the Road Maintenance Fund and a contribution will be requested on an annual basis, from all residents who use the Private Roads to access their properties. Details of this will be sent in a letter to all concerned in due course. Any other parishioners who would like to voluntarily contribute to the Fund please contact the Clerk.

The Royal Wedding

The Royal Wedding Picnic held on the Green had an excellent turn out. Everyone was buzzing from the day's earlier events in London. The sun shone, the children played and it was a very happy and relaxed occasion for all. Thanks to Linda and Ken Barnes for all their efforts.



The Royal Wedding Picnic

If anyone has any ideas for future village activities please get in touch with SPC. 'The Friends of Jacob Smith Park' for example, have suggested a joint event for the Jubilee next year and this idea will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

The Oak Trees

Scriven PC would like to thank Alan and Di Clarke for clearing the weeds and undergrowth from around the oak trees on the Green. This has resulted in a great improvement to the appearance of the Green as a whole. SPC are currently applying for planning permission to prune the trees, which should hopefully improve things even further.

Park Corner Farm

Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) planning department will be discussing the layout and design with the developer, but expect a revised scheme for a total of six units, including the two barns. Planning permission exists for six dwellings but this is effectively a fall back position for the developer. The recent application for eight units was withdrawn.

Scriven Co-op?

Do you end up with a plethora of plums, an abundance of apples or heaps of honey? Home grown is all the rage and what better way to get to know the people you live closest to? It seems that some Scriven residents have already

swapped their figs for lettuces. If you have garden produce you'd like to barter or sell to your neighbours, SPC could keep a list of names and numbers with what's on offer and issue it to anyone in the parish who requests it, alternatively the list could put on the SPC website. Any feedback would be appreciated. Please contact the Clerk. Tel 552592 or email jennybradley73@gmail.com

So let's get the ball rolling - the Ross's at the Wheelhouse have beautiful Scriven honey available - why not give them a call.



Jacob Smith Park

New entrance gates have now been fitted and will be painted black in the near future. A Sign Board and Community Notice Board have also been installed. HBC will soon be applying for planning permission for two additional pedestrian entrances into the Park, one close to the existing gate on Scriven Road, the other off Scotch George Lane.

There was good support for the 'Big Lunch' on Sunday 5th June with over 100 people taking part including the Mayor and Mayoress of Knaresborough and District Councillor Anne Jones.

Future projects include ongoing development of a website, the development of bat studies in the Park and following a generous donation to the Friends, the installation of appropriate bird/bat/owl boxes.

Claro Archaeology Group

Claro Archaeology Group are carrying out a project on the history of Scriven and plan to hold an open day on Saturday 23rd July at Park Grove Methodist Church. This will hopefully include a guided walk around the parish - details to be confirmed on the day.

Everyone is welcome to attend and the group would appreciate any information you may have on the history of the village.

Clerk's Corner

A full year into the role, a new council and a successfully completed first audit. It certainly has been a challenging few weeks. However, I'm really looking forward to working with the new council, we've got a great team of people on board, all possessing different skill sets that will ultimately be a huge asset to the council.

All I'll say is, watch this space.



**SATURDAY
23rd JULY**

Claro Archaeology
Group open day.
10am -3.30pm.
Park Grove
Methodist
Church Hall.

THURSDAY 28th JULY

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