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SCRIVEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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Boroughbridge Road Housing Development

As you are probably by now aware, Gladman Developments have submitted an outline planning application for 170 houses on the fields off Boroughbridge Road, behind Greengate Lane and Piccadilly Motors.

A number of local residents attended a recent meeting of Scriven Parish Council (SPC) to express their views and concerns about this application. The general feeling was that development in this area is inappropriate, and unsustainable. It was reported that Knaresborough Town Council have objected to this application and comments were also heard from Scriven Park Ward District Councillors.

This site has been rejected by Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) on a number of occasions in the past on the basis that it is unsuitable for development due to its unsustainability and the resulting increase in traffic which would impact on the already unacceptable pollution levels at Bond End.

In the meeting, SPC made the decision to also object to this application and have submitted comments to HBC to that effect, these can be viewed via the link on the Parish Council website. There is still time to have your say as the final deadline for submission of comments to the planning department is Friday 2nd August. It is thought that it is likely that this application will go to appeal and therefore as many comments as possible are needed at this stage, to strengthen the case.



Looking towards Scriven across the proposed site for 170 new houses on Boroughbridge Road

New Website

Scriven Parish Council are proud to announce the birth of their new website:

www.scriven-pc.co.uk

The new look site contains detailed information about the Parish Council, minutes of previous meetings, dates and agendas of forthcoming meetings, planning applications and newsletters. The 'Contact Us' section enables easy contact with the Parish Clerk if you have any issues or concerns that you wish to bring to the Parish Council's attention. You can also find lots of useful links, local information and news. The site will be kept regularly up to date so please do log on and feel free to send in any feedback.

Park Corner Farm

Work has finally started on the housing development on the Park Corner Farm site.

Please be aware of more vehicular traffic in this area, especially the heavy traffic entering and leaving the site and also take particular care at the mini roundabout.

Jacob Smith Park

The new pedestrian entrance has been constructed in the existing wall around the Park. A self closing gate will be installed in the near future to help prevent children and dogs running from the Park into Scriven Road. It is still the responsibility of parents and dog owners to control their children and dogs when entering or leaving the Park to prevent any accidents. Once the new gate is fully installed and operational, the existing main gates will be re-painted and locked closed. They will then only allow access for maintenance vehicles.

The area on the Scriven Road side of the gates has been surfaced, with a new kerb line installed to better define the road edge. The grass on the Park side of the new gate has had reinforcing material fixed into the soil to hopefully prevent grass erosion and help limit the creation of a muddy entrance in the future.

Following the sell out "Bat Walk" in the Park which was part of last year's FEVA celebrations, two walks have been organised this year on Wednesday 14th and Friday 16th August. Both events start at 19.15pm at Park Grove Methodist Church. Visit www.feva.info for further details and booking information.

A touring photographic exhibition about the life of Winifred Jacob Smith, who was the Womens Land Army County Organiser for Yorkshire during World War II, will be visiting Knaresborough Library from Monday 30th September.

Neighbourhood Watch

Scriven Parish Council are working with the local Neighbourhood Watch to try and ensure that all properties in the village are covered by a coordinator. The current coordinators are Mr David Blood of Home Cottage and Dr Rod Adams of Oak House.

If anyone wishes to be a part of the Neighbourhood Watch scheme or is interested in becoming a coordinator, for any number of properties, in any part of the village, please contact the Parish Clerk and also visit the Harrogate and District Neighbourhood Watch website www.nwatchharrogate.org.uk for details of how to get involved.

Safer Neighbourhood

It may be of interest that Harrogate Borough Council provide a successful "Community Safety Partnership Team". Their website address is www.saferharrogate.org.uk. The site contains a great deal of information on how to keep both yourself and your property safe.

While crime continues to fall in the area covered by the local police the one exception is "Criminal Damage" often against vehicles. Most of this is minor in nature but no less annoying if your vehicle is involved. The initial advice is to park off the road if possible, in a driveway or garage and ensure side mirrors are folded in against the vehicle.

Overhanging Branches

The Parish Council recently received correspondence regarding a problem of branches overhanging the public footpaths. SPC politely request that all residents keep an eye on their hedges and trees ensuring that they do not overgrow footpaths or obstruct views on the highways and keep them cut back for the safety of all pedestrians and road users. Responsibility for enforcement lies with HBC and the Parish Council ask that any future concerns are directed to HBC who will officially request cutting back and removal if appropriate.

Claro Archaeology Group

The Claro Archaeology Group is shortly to publish a book containing the information and findings from their recent study project. The five year project researched the history, archaeology and heritage of the parish of Scriven.

The group thank all the residents of Scriven who have assisted them with this project especially those who have allowed access to their gardens and properties. Without them the project would not have been possible.

The book will be formally launched at an event at Gracious Street Methodist Church at 1pm to 4pm on 24th August. The book will cost £15 and for an extra £5 you can buy a CD with all the archive material.



The newly refurbished bench

A Bit of TLC

The Parish Council would like to thank local resident Mark Patterson for donating his time and materials to give the bench on the green and the notice board some much needed care and attention. The bench in particular is notably improved and will hopefully enable passers-by to continue to take a moment to enjoy the view for many more years to come.

9th -18 AUGUST

FEVA Knaresborough
Festival of Entertainment
and Visual Arts.

Events in various
locations around the town

THURSDAY 19th SEPTEMBER

Scriven Parish Council meeting.

Park Grove Methodist Church Hall. 8pm.

SUNDAY 10th NOVEMBER

Remembrance Sunday wreath laying at the
War Memorial on the Green at 1 pm

