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SCRIVEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



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BOROUGHBRIDGE ROAD HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Inspector heard the appeal for outline planning permission for housing in the fields off Boroughbridge Road in May and his final decision, after six weeks consideration of the evidence, was to allow the appeal.

Unfortunately Harrogate Borough Council decided at the eleventh hour not to contest the appeal. The Inspector agreed, under the circumstances, to allow The Scriven Area Residents Association to take HBC's place as the main opposition to the application and they were supported in arguing the case for rejection by Scriven Parish Council, Knaresborough Town Council and individual local residents amongst others. A strong case was put forward, which to the surprise and dissatisfaction of the applicant, resulted in the appeal lasting the full four days.

In his decision, the Inspector acknowledged that a properly considered and prepared case had been presented by the lay opponents but despite accepting many of the points raised and agreeing that a degree of harm will result



Dumb Pots Lane, bordering the development site

from developing this area, he felt that he had to allow the appeal, as the district need for housing outweighed any disadvantages of this particular development.

This is a very disappointing outcome for Scriven which has had to pay the price of significant, permanent development resulting in the village being almost entirely enveloped by urban sprawl, due to HBC's inability to produce a five year, district housing plan.

PRIVATE ROAD REPAIRS

Repair of the private road is now scheduled to take place as follows:-

- The top section of the private road (owned by Mr and Mrs Armitage) will be repaired on Saturday 2nd August 2014.
- The lower, remaining, section of road will be repaired on Saturday 9th August 2014.
- There will be no vehicular access to the road during repair and for twenty-four hours after repairs have been completed, to allow the road surface to set. Please ensure that there are no vehicles or any other obstructions on the road at these times. Vehicles belonging to the affected properties adjoining the sections of road under repair will have to be parked elsewhere for the duration of the works.

In order for the repairs to be completed effectively and efficiently for the benefit of all concerned, it is requested that the above access restrictions are strictly adhered to.

Thank you for your co-operation.

OVERHANGING BRANCHES

The problem of overhanging branches has again been brought to the Parish Council's attention and SPC politely request that all residents regularly maintain their hedges and trees to ensure that they do not grow to overhang footpaths or obstruct the roads.

The farmers who use the private roads to access their land have particularly requested that tree branches be kept cut back from the roads to prevent damage to the trees themselves or the farm vehicles as they pass by.

CRIME UPDATE

There was a spate of garden thefts and burglaries to sheds and outbuildings in the area in May. If anyone has any information about these please call PC Sue Brookes on 101.

There have also been a number of house break ins where the thieves have targeted keys which are then used to steal cars. All keys should be kept secure and out of sight, particularly at night, to prevent the theft not only of locked cars but also the contents of garages and sheds and adequate locks should be fitted throughout a property, especially if the garage is connected to the house.

As a further precaution, always keep shrubbery cut back to reduce hiding areas and use outside lighting. If you witness any unusual or suspicious activity call the Police in an emergency on 999 or non emergency on 101.

PARISH CLERK

After four years in the role Jenny Bradley, the Parish Clerk, has now officially resigned from her position. Jenny has been an asset to the council and it is sad to see her go. All the councillors would like to wish Jenny all the best and continued success in the future.

A new Clerk has now been appointed and will take over the role from Jenny at the next meeting of the council in September.

Amanda Kennerley lives in Knaresborough and works as assistant librarian at King James's school. She is currently also the Clerk for the Kirk Hammerton and Whixley Parish Councils.

Amanda is keen to expand her horizons and get to know the village and people of Scriven. She will be visiting and walking through the area regularly, so please do stop and say hello if you meet her whilst carrying out her various clerking duties.

8th -17th AUGUST

FEVA Knaresborough Festival of Entertainment and Visual Arts. Events in various locations around the town.

THURSDAY 11th SEPTEMBER

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

SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER

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



FIRST WORLD WAR MEMORIES



A hundred years ago the sparks that led to the First World War had already been lit. No family in the United Kingdom was left unmoved by the conflict that followed. As a memorial to the terrible events of the First World War it is intended to publish, on a regular basis, personal stories of how the War affected ancestors of present day Scriven residents. The events can be on any subject and do not have to be related to Scriven. To make a start, Stuart Bell has prepared a short item which is reproduced below, on how the War affected his family.

My Grandmother came from a large family of three girls and three boys. Two of her brothers died as a result of bullet wounds received in trench warfare. In each case the bullet wound was not the killer but in one case septicaemia and the other bronchitis as a result of the injury, was the cause of death. One died relatively quickly in France and is buried in France (the repatriation of the dead is post 1960s) the other brother was brought back to hospital in England but died a month later. Their initial injuries if treated in a modern hospital with modern medicine, would have ensured that they would have been back in the trenches in a month or two.

Both were good golfers and one won a gold medal. His younger sister had it made into a pendant which she left to Jean, my wife, who wears it on a regular basis.

Their younger brother refused to enlist as an officer (disgrace on the whole family!)

claiming leading men into battle with a sword and pistol was not his idea of a good party game, or words to that effect. He enlisted as a private and escaped two years of war with no injury. During one "excitement" he and six friends under heavy fire, trapped in a foxhole, agreed to set up a society for the prevention of cruelty to rocking horses. After the war they used to have a society meeting every year in London. I can remember having to help Great Uncle off the train and into a car after he returned home after the meetings. It was especially bad the night the remaining two members, of which he was one, drunk the remaining funds in memory of their departed colleagues.

The Great Uncle I clearly remember and his three sisters were all wonderful fun loving people – it is sad my two other Great Uncles did not live to enjoy the same fun and cheerful outlook on life.

If you have family memories of the First World War please write them down and pass them to a Councillor for publication. We need to keep memories of the War alive to remember the sacrifice and hardship that our ancestors suffered and to make us all aware of the dangers inherent in our present unstable world. It is hoped that sufficient stories will be forthcoming to publish one in each newsletter until November 2018.