

SCRIVEN PARISH COUNCIL



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New Councillor

The council were delighted to welcome Sarah Patterson as a co-opted council member at the last meeting. Sarah's family have resided in Scriven for many generations and she has personally lived in Pleasant Row for over 20 years.

In the past Sarah has been actively involved in campaigns against planning applications which would have had a detrimental affect on the village as a whole and she also recently took part in the local conservation area consultation, assisting in explaining the history of the area and the importance of various features of the village for conservation.

Jacob Smith Park.

The council's views on the development of this lovely park land were submitted to Harrogate Borough Council during the summer and these views were published in our last newsletter.



Protected trees at Jacob Smith Park

It is therefore disappointing to note that HBC have ignored our request to be advised of their plans.

It would now appear from the local press (Knaresborough Post October 3rd) that two new gateways will be created for pedestrian access and the current entrance on Scriven Road will be used for service vehicle access only. In addition footpaths will be mown and cut on a regular basis.

Park Corner Farm

It is disappointing that no improvement has been carried out in spite of strong representations from the Council on behalf of local residents.

At a meeting with Councillor Fox, undertakings were given that the barn be made watertight to prevent further structural damage, the site be tidied and cleared of rubbish and the damaged wall be repaired. Following the last council meeting a further letter was written to the Chief Planning Officer asking him for his urgent attention to this outstanding matter.

Waste Transfer Station – Bar Lane

The meeting held on Friday 10th October in Knaresborough House, was a great success and many parishioners attended. It may be a long haul to defeat this ridiculous proposal by NYCC however the facts are on our side and if we have to go to public enquiries

in 2009 we will do so. We are presenting a revised case to the Harrogate Group of NYCC Cllrs on the 30th October, requesting them to change their position based on new evidence from “this site might be suitable” to “this site is unsuitable”. We now have the positive involvement of local schools. Also we are hopeful that a large banner will be displayed on Boroughbridge Rd and posters placed throughout the Town to maintain awareness.

Petition forms are available for collecting signatures and if you wish to help further please contact Councillor Ivor Fox.



The old quarry site at Bar Lane is a bird watchers paradise.



THURSDAY 6th NOVEMBER

Parish Council meeting at Park Grove Methodist Church Hall. 8pm. All are welcome.

SUNDAY 9th NOVEMBER

A short service of remembrance at the village War Memorial. 11am.

FRIDAY 5th DECEMBER

The mulled wine and mince pie, village christmas social at Park Grove Methodist Church Hall. 6pm - 7.30pm. Tickets £2.00 per adult will be available from either Fie Gascoyne Tel. 87962 or Shona Shires Tel. 860993.

We would very much welcome any assistance either selling tickets or on the night.

Clerk's Corner

I have now been in the post for nearly a year and during that time I have attended an excellent course run by the Society of Council Clerk's called "Working with Your Council". This has helped us all to look in a proactive way at representing local interests and listening to the community.

The Parish Council now has a website, www.scriven-pc.co.uk which contains contact details, minutes of recent meetings and agendas. I can be contacted through this website and also at home during the hours of 9.30am – 12.30pm from Monday to Friday. My email address is drsuebrown@hotmail.com and phone number 01423 797593

