

SCRIVEN PARISH COUNCIL



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Farnham Quarry

As parishioners are aware Tarmac have agreed to vacate the quarry by 31st December 2009. The major concern is that this land will now be reinstated, as per the original planning permission, back to agricultural land with a lagoon.

North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) have agreed to keep Scriven Parish Council (SPC) fully informed of developments. The Parish Council and individuals will have the opportunity to comment on the proposed restoration plans when published. The situation is being closely monitored.

Park Corner Farm

Mr Tony Copland, the developer of this site contacted SPC offering to update the Council on the status of the development. Mr Copland attended the meeting on July 30th and gave an outline of progress to date and explained the reasoning behind proposed changes to the plans previously submitted to Harrogate Borough Council (HBC) Planning Department. Due to a need to maintain impartiality until asked to review a formal planning application, SPC was unable to comment.

For some time there have been concerns relating to the state of the footpath around the farm entrance. It is pleasing to note that the Highways Department at HBC, following pressure from the Clerk, contacted the developer who agreed to spray the weeds, lay gravel and bitmac the footpath. This work has now been completed.

Village Traffic Problems

As noted in the June newsletter, traffic speeds through Scriven had been a repeated item on the agenda of SPC meetings for several years. Following the last meeting, a strongly worded letter was sent to The Deputy Chief Fire officer for North Yorkshire, complaining at the lack of response to previous correspondence dating back to July 2008. The response was immediate and an informal meeting took place on September 24th. Present were the Clerk, the Chair of SPC Cllr. Peter Long, Simon Klippel representing the Friends of Jacob Smith Park Group, Jonathan Foster Group Manager Harrogate District North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Services and Andrew Stow from Harrogate Traffic police.

The outcome of the meeting will be

discussed in full at the next council meeting. All present took part in a “walkabout” looking at all three road entrances to the village. Traffic speeds have already been monitored along Scriven Road and it was noted that the average speed was around 23mph with very few drivers exceeding 30mph. There is little the police can do about bad driving and we were informed that there has not been a casualty or collision on Scriven Road for nine years. Our comments and concerns will be taken forward to the next meeting of the Harrogate Road Safety Committee.

Jacob Smith Park

Patrick Kilburn, Head of Parks and Open Spaces at HBC attended the Parish Council meeting on July 30th to update SPC on the Friends of Jacob Smith Park Group. HBC intend to work closely with the Friends Group and will provide support, resources and knowledge and keep SPC informed. He stressed the importance of input from SPC and envisaged a tripartite partnership to ensure that the views of the people of Scriven are represented in full. Past correspondence relating to the Park’s development has been forwarded to The Chair

of the Friends Group Simon Klippel, who was invited to attend the meeting to discuss village speed initiatives particularly in relation to the entrance to Jacob Smith Park.

Remembrance Sunday

Once again a wreath will be laid at the War memorial on the village Green. This year the time will revert to 1pm in order for parishioners to attend their own church services in the morning.

Improve security with SmartWater

Harrogate and District Neighbourhood Watch, in conjunction with North Yorkshire Police and SmartWater Technology Limited, have issued details of a home security product called SmartWater.

SmartWater consists of a solution, supplied in 10ml bottles, sufficient for 50 – 80 applications. Each bottle contains a unique cocktail of chemicals which can be identified and traced back to the household it was registered with. The fluid is extremely difficult to remove and one small speck can easily be exposed under ultraviolet light. It can be applied to all household items eg. IT equipment, power and garden

tools, golf clubs, jewellery, cycles etc. SmartWater boast a 100% success rate of recovered goods being returned back to their rightful owners, compared to 10% for unmarked property.

SmartWater can be purchased directly through Harrogate and District Neighbourhood Watch for £22.00. For further information visit www.nwatchharrogate.org.uk. If you do not have access to the Internet and would like further details on this product then please contact the Parish Council.



THURSDAY 5th NOVEMBER

Parish Council meeting, 8pm at Knaresborough House.

SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER

Remembrance Day, 1pm at the war memorial on the green.

THURSDAY 10th DECEMBER

Parish Council meeting, 8pm at Park Grove Methodist Church Hall.

Clerk's Corner

Following the introduction of the Accounts and Audit Regulations in 1969 and subsequent amendments in 2003 and 2006 local councils have been required to maintain an adequate and effective system of audit. An Internal Auditor is appointed by the Council and an External Auditor by the Audit Commission. As the Responsible Financial Officer for the Council I am required to complete the Annual return at the end of each financial year for submission initially to the internal Auditor, who, if satisfied, then authorises onward transmission to the External Auditor. It is pleasing to be able to report that the Internal Auditor confirmed that "in all significant respects the objectives have been achieved to a standard more than adequate to meet the needs of the Council."

I can be contacted regarding any matter of local concern and am usually available from 9am until 12.30pm Monday to Friday at home or by email at drsuebrown@hotmail.com
