



EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Spring 2018

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Council Tax – Annual Parish Precept

The precept for this coming financial year has increased slightly by 2.9% in line with inflation. This will add around £1.50 to each household's annual rates bill. This, as in previous years, is due in the main to the low level of interest generated by the Section 106 investment. Most of the precept is spent on maintaining the fabric of Earswick, this includes grass cutting, maintenance of the play area and 30 acres of public open spaces as well as the general upkeep and repair of Council property such as bus shelters, litter and grit bins and seats.

Local Plan and Neighbourhood Plan

The City of York Council Local Plan is currently out for consultation and will end on Wednesday 4th April 2018. The Plan supports the view held by residents, and is included in our own Neighbourhood Plan, that there should be no building within the Green Belt in our parish. It is imperative that you write to the City Council indicating your support for the Local Plan. You can either send an email to localplan@york.gov.uk or write a letter Freepost

RTEG-TYYU-KLTZ. This consultation is different in that ALL comments made will go to the government and planning inspector. Your support is vital to protect the integrity of the green belt around Earswick.

In addition to indicating its support for maintaining the green belt against inappropriate development the Earswick Neighbourhood Plan also sets out clear policies to protect the countryside, local green spaces, ecology and biodiversity and trees and hedgerows within the parish. The Neighbourhood Plan has been passed to City of York Council for formal submission. A further 6 weeks of consultation by City of York Council will follow shortly.

Improvements to the Ring Road/Strensall Road Roundabout

The Parish Council continues to have dialogue with City of York Council over the proposed alterations to the Strensall roundabout on the A1237 and their purchase of part of Diamond Jubilee Wood. CYC intend to hold an exhibition of their plans, in the Village Hall sometime this coming summer to which all residents will be invited and encouraged to give their views and ask any questions.

Ward Funding

The village has been successful in obtaining a ward-funding grant of £4,900 towards the cost of replacement of the old wooden exercise equipment on the Sports Field.

The new equipment has now been installed adjacent to the footpath leading from the Lockhouse Lane car park down to the Haxby Landings footbridge.

The new equipment has been chosen primarily to encourage adults, particularly senior citizens and those disabled, to carry out some form of regular exercise and is in line with guidelines issued by Age UK and the NHS. The equipment is also suitable for older children to use.

Whilst the original wooden exercise equipment was located at the rear of the Sports Field it has not been possible to erect the new equipment in the same place due to:

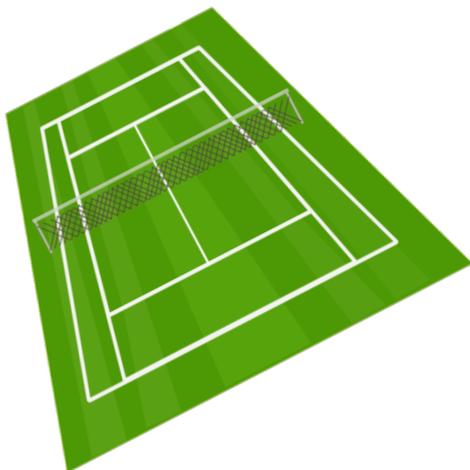


- the need to provide easy access from the adjacent public footpath for older adults and disabled residents.



- a requirement to site it where there is frequent public presence, (in order to discourage vandalism/anti-social behaviour) as per previous advice from North Yorkshire Police.
- locating the equipment on a level area of land best suited for the installation as indicated by the supplier's on-site representatives (other areas of the Sports Field were deemed to be more undulating).

Anyone for tennis?



Spring is just around the corner, the tennis courts have been cleaned (they were repainted in 2017) and are ready for action!

Membership is open to all at £25 per household for Earswick residents and £50 per household for non-residents giving unlimited use of the courts.

Application forms are available from the Earswick Parish Council website where tennis can be found under facilities.

Coffee Mornings

Coffee Mornings continue to be held each month in the Village Hall – normally on the first Monday – although it will be on the second Monday in April due to Easter. They are relaxed and informal events hosted by various residents or local Earswick organisations on a rota basis. It's a chance to chat to a neighbour you may not have seen lately or a chance to meet residents from other parts of the village. Trying to put the world to rights for an hour over a cuppa is a real “feel good” factor – however short-lived!! If you would like a lift to the Coffee Morning in the Village Hall please do get in touch.

Following on from the acoustic panels which were fitted last year, and double glazed windows before that, the hall now looks even smarter with some replacement flooring in the main room organised by the Village Hall Committee.

Residents continue to be generous and consequently we have given donations to Bloodwise and York Against Cancer in recent months. In February we held our third annual lunch to which over 30 residents came and all seemed to enter into the spirit of the occasion! After the meal we listened to a short – and most enjoyable - talk from Dr Neil Moran on aspects of the history of York. As ever, we welcome residents who have not been before and there is no obligation to attend every month – it is not a “club”!!



Annual Meeting of the Parish

The Annual Meeting of the Parish will take place on Monday 30th April 2018 at 7pm in Earswick Village Hall.

This is not a meeting of the Parish Council but a meeting of residents to allow everyone the opportunity to raise any subject that affects the parish and which they may wish to discuss, debate and potentially influence.

Items for inclusion on the agenda must be submitted to earswickclerk@aol.com by 5pm on the 16th April 2018.

Parish Councillors

Cllr Derek Jones – Chairman, 41 Earswick Chase – Tel: 01904 767767

Cllr Sian Wiseman – Vice Chairman, 10 Shilton Garth Close – Tel: 01904 761010

Cllr Pat Leveson – 9 Shilton Garth Close – Tel: 01904 764344

Cllr Barry O'Connor – 36, The Village – Tel: 01904 766024

Cllr Andrew Bell - 3, Lock House Lane – Tel: 01904 764189

Mrs Joanne Fisher – Clerk, 24 Lock House Lane – Tel: 01904 758615

Parish Council Meeting Dates in 2018

All Council meetings take place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and are open to the public.

A public participation session also takes place between 7.15 - 7.30pm when members of the public can make representations and give evidence to councillors on any issues that they wish to raise including items included on the agenda.

Meetings will take place on: 21st May, 18th June, 16th July, 10th September, 15th October, 19th November.

Parish Council Vacancies

There are two vacancies on the Parish Council so if you are interested in joining please contact either the Parish Clerk or any of the councillors.