

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL

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October 2014 - NEWSLETTER

Local Plan – Don't Be Fooled!!

The final draft of the Local Plan has just been published and just as the Parish Council feared the 220 acres of greenbelt land to the east of the village has still been included for "safeguarding" despite a vigorous campaign opposing it by the Parish Council, the Action Group and our local MP, Julian Sturdy and Ward Councillor, Paul Doughty. This means that if the Plan is approved by the Planning Inspector these acres of land will be removed from the greenbelt **FOREVER** and despite what the City of York Council says about preserving this land for future development, developers could apply for a planning application to build on this land from day one. Do you really think that that the consortium of land owners who put this proposal to the Council will just sit back on what is for them a virtual goldmine where the value of their land holdings will escalate from around £15,000 an acre to over £100,000 an acre? Or that Thirteen Group went to all that trouble to draw up those plans and put on the exhibition in the village hall for nothing. **DON'T BE FOOLED. Nothing has changed.** National Planning Policy does not require Councils to "safeguard" land for development beyond the 15 year life of the Plan. There is ample brownfield land suitable for development in York without having to sacrifice greenbelt land. The Parish Council is asking all residents who supported the village so superbly during the first round of consultation to once again make your views known to City of York Council when the final consultation phase is announced. We need to demonstrate to the Planning Inspector that removal of this site from the greenbelt is totally inappropriate as it will change the the character of our village forever. **If we sit back and do nothing the Council, the developers and the speculators will win. Don't let that happen.**

The Parish Council, together with the Action Group, will be holding an open residents meeting to discuss this latest phase of the Local Plan on Monday 13th October 2014 at

7.30pm in the village hall. Please , if you care about your village and preserving its unique character, come along and let us know what you think.

Council Budget 2015– 2016

Each year around October/November the Parish Council undertakes a budget process where we look at our projected expenditure for the forthcoming year and what our likely income will be. Using this information we are able to determine the amount of council tax precept that will be required. Part of this process includes evaluating any schemes suggested by residents which they would like funded by the Parish Council. The Parish Council would therefore like to hear from anyone who has any suggestions as to how the amenities in the village could be improved to enhance the overall living experience.

Ward Funding

The Environment group has been awarded a grant of £500 by the Strensall Neighbourhood Forum (formerly the Ward Committee) towards the cost of providing a metal bench to be installed on the Sports Field.

A Play, A Pie and A Pint



The Parish Council is in negotiation with a professional touring company to put on a series of plays during 2015 in the village hall. Each evening will include the play, a pie and a pint (or glass of wine/soft drink). It is hoped to stage the first play, "My Brilliant Divorce" by Geraldine Aron, on Friday 20th February 2015. All profits will go to York Against Cancer. More details to follow.

Grit Bins

With the coming onset of winter the Parish Council would like to reassure everyone that the Grit Bins located in the village are provided by the Parish Council and not City of York Council and will continue to be refilled throughout the winter period. However we would like to remind residents NOT to use the grit for private driveways.

Coffee Mornings

Following feedback from residents the Parish Council will continue to sponsor the increasingly popular coffee mornings which will take place on the first Monday of every month in the Village Hall from 10.30am to 12.30pm. Anyone is welcome to come along for a drink, biscuit and a chit chat. Dates confirmed so far are:

Monday 3rd November 2014

Monday 1st December 2014

Monday 5th January 2015

Monday 2nd February 2015

Monday 2rd March 2015

Monday 6th April 2015

Planting our Future



I wandered lonely as a cloud,
That floats on high o'er vales and hills.
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils.
Beside the lake, beneath the trees
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Daffodils planted now will not only bring joy and colour next spring but will multiply that pleasure for years to come. As part of the fund raising for the Adventure Playground we invite you to come and plant some bulbs. Diamond Jubilee Wood, the pond area and around the sports field are just some areas that can be enhanced with a blanket of yellow. £5 buys a family bag, so please donate an hour of family time on Saturday 25th or Sunday 26th October between 10am and 1pm in the Village Hall car park. Bulbs will be ready and waiting

for Mums and Dads with garden spades and dibbers.

Commemorating the First World War

August 2014 marked the 100th Anniversary of the outbreak of the 1st World War. Earswick Parish Council would like our community to take part in a once in a generation tribute to those who lived, served and gave their lives by creating a growing legacy that will stand tall for generations to come.

We have successfully applied for 105 saplings to plant in remembrance of those who gave their lives for our freedom.

Planting to take place in November. Please watch notice boards for information.

Scented Garden

The Scented Garden is well used by Earswick residents and much admired by visitors to the village.

It would be a great shame if, due to lack of helpers, this award winning garden could not be maintained to its current high standard. The small Committee is anxious to recruit additional helpers willing to give an hour or so a week during the growing season – we are a very sociable group and you would be guaranteed a warm welcome.

Please contact Irene Jones on 01904 769166 for more information

Congratulations to the Scented Garden Committee for their recent success in the Yorkshire in Bloom competition where they achieved an Outstanding Award.

Housekeeping notes!

As autumn arrives a timely reminder that parking on grass verges and pavements is not only illegal but inconsiderate to other public highway users. Navigating around parked vehicles with small children, buggies, people using wheelchairs and disability scooters can become extremely hazardous and the grass verges very quickly become a muddy unsightly area. Whilst on the subject of parking Earswick has a lot of cul de sacs with hammerheads - these are for turning

around and not an extension of your personal drive! Please use thoughtfully as your neighbours or delivery vans might like to turn round and visitors might like to park in them.

What a good summer we have had. The warm weather has brought lots of dogs and their owners to our wonderful open spaces from all around the area. It is lovely to see the dogs running around enjoying themselves and socialising which is a very important part of a happy healthy dog's life butthis space is for everyone. Help us by keeping your dog on a lead on all the pavements in the village and footpaths around the open spaces, when running free having him or her under control i.e being close enough to recall if necessary and clearing up after your dog.

And finally a big thank you to everyone who helps to keep the open spaces a pleasure to walk in.

This is a stake out !!!!!!!

Residents may remember the community planting of the saplings in Diamond Jubilee Wood a few years ago. Thankfully the majority of the saplings have survived and are growing vigorously. As a result they have outgrown the original stakes but are not yet strong enough to stand on their own. Some stakes have been replaced with more substantial ones, but many more will be needed over the coming months.

Do you have any unwanted stakes or anything that could be used as stakes, hiding in your garden that you could donate to us? Or do you know anyone who has? Or do you have access to buying them cheaply? If so please let one of the Councillors know. We are looking for around 200 at present! Size roughly 6ft by 3inches or 2m x 75mm in foreign currency.

Playscheme

Play Scheme are currently working on creating designs for the new children's play area. The Parish Council have already agreed to donate £8000 but in order to meet the total cost, we are also applying for government funding. To ensure we have the best chance of receiving any extra funding, we need to demonstrate that as residents, we are committed to supporting this application.

A group of mums, who live in Earswick, have got together to support this exciting project and have decided to organise a few fund raising events.

The first of these is a children's Halloween Party in the Village Hall on **Fri 31st Oct from 5-7pm.**

There will be fun and games, as well as face painting and tickets are only £3 (per child) which includes a hot dog and a drink.

Tickets can be bought from:

Karima Beamish-58 Earswick Chase
Nicola Thiede- 17 Earswick Chase
Sarah Brown- 16 Lock House Lane



We would really appreciate your support and if you would like to get involved or have any fund raising ideas please just let us know.

Parish Council Elections 2015

By the time of the next parish council elections in May 2015 it is hoped that Earswick will be able to increase it's number of Parish Councillors from 5 to 7. If you are thinking of becoming a councillor or would be interested in knowing more then come along to one of the next Parish Council meetings to see what is involved or contact the Parish Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors for more information.

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 Kate Pace – 80 Earswick Chase – Tel: 01904 750719
Cllr Gill Offler – 26 Stablers Walk – Tel: 01904 760898
Mrs Joanne Fisher – Clerk, 24 Lock House Lane – Tel: 01904 758615

EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES IN 2014

Monday 13th October (Local Plan)
Monday 3rd November (New Date)
Monday 9th December

HALLOWEEN PARTY



Friday 31st October 2014
At the Haunted House
Earswick Village Hall
5pm -7pm
Tickets £3 per child
Includes hot dog and a drink



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Christmas Fair

Earswick Village Hall

**Sunday 2nd November 2014
2-4 pm**



Christmas cards & gifts,
cake stall, tombola
& refreshments



Join us for afternoon tea

All proceeds to

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