



EARSWICK PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Spring 2019

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### **Council Tax – Annual Parish Precept**

The precept for this coming financial year has increased slightly by 3.0%. This will add around £1.60 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.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

The draft Neighbourhood Plan for Earswick has been approved by the Independent Examiner and City of York Council with the recommendation that it now moves forward to a referendum. **The basic premise of the Earswick Neighbourhood Plan, that there should be no further development on the existing Green Belt, remains unchanged.**

***The referendum on the Neighbourhood Plan will take***

***place on 2 May in conjunction with the Local Elections.***

If the referendum is successful it will then be "Made" by City of York Council and used to determine future planning applications in Earswick Parish.

A copy of the Referendum Version of the Neighbourhood Plan can be found on the Parish website.

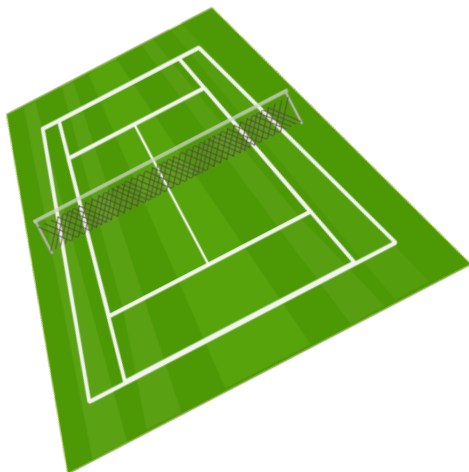
### **Improvements to the Ring Road/Strensall Road Roundabout**

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, no date as yet, to which all residents will be invited and encouraged to give their views and ask any questions.

### **Sports Field**

The Parish Council has approved the installation of an all-weather grass surface in front of both goals on the football pitch. The work will take place in early April.

## Anyone for Tennis?



The tennis courts are due their annual clean later this month so the courts may be closed for a day or two.

Membership is open to all residents at a cost of £30 per household per year and a limited number of non-residents at £55 per year.

Application forms are available from the Earswick Parish Clerk or via the Parish Council website where tennis can be found under Documents then Miscellaneous.

The tennis courts are a wonderful asset to the village but the cost of maintenance is beginning to outstrip the income generated from subscriptions. So if you want to see the courts maintained at the current high standard don't delay sign up today!!!!

## Coffee Mornings

Coffee Mornings continue to be held each month in the Village Hall – normally on the first Monday between 10.30 and 12.00. 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.

Residents continue to be generous and consequently have given donations to York Against Cancer. (£140), Smile (£150) and Alzheimers Society (£150) this past year.

In February we held our fourth 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 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"!!

## Village Hall

The Parish Council would like to thank the Trustees and Members of the Village Hall Committee for their stewardship of the village hall over the past 18years. Many improvements have been made to the hall as a result of their efforts.

As from the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 responsibility for the village hall will pass back to the Parish Council.

Booking details can be found on the Parish Council website.

## **Scented Garden**

Residents may have noticed that the Scented Garden has been closed for some months due mostly in part to the condition of the grassed areas. Work will commence in early spring to tidy up and weed the flower borders with a view to re-opening the garden as soon as possible. Help in the garden is always welcome, no experience necessary! Contact any member of the Parish Council for details.

## **Cemetery**

Strensall Parish Council is offering Earswick residents reduced burial fees at their cemetery in Strensall. The normal charges for non-residents is three times that of Strensall residents. However for anyone from Earswick wishing to use Strensall Cemetery as their last resting place the fees would be reduced to just one and a half times that of Strensall residents. The current charges together with the rules and conditions governing Strensall cemetery can be found on the Strensall Parish Council website.



## **Neighbourhood Watch**

North Yorkshire Police have recently received a number of calls from residents in relation to a scam call, claiming to be from BT. Residents have reported that they have been cold called on the phone, and have been told, by a recorded voice, that they are going to be cut off, or there are issues with their computer/phone line/internet and they have to press 1 to continue.

When pressing 1, the residents have been connected to a line where they have been kept talking to someone who claims to be from BT and has either attempted to obtain bank account details or have had to download something to their computer.

North Yorkshire Police strongly advise you not to press 1. Hang up and contact your phone provider on the customer services number from your bill. If you call from a landline, ensure that you have a dialling tone prior to making the call.

BT have created a webpage on their site to offer advice - [www.bt.com/scams](http://www.bt.com/scams)

If you have been a victim of this, please contact your bank immediately.

## Annual Meeting of the Parish

The Annual Meeting of the Parish will take place on Monday 20 May 2019 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](mailto:earswickclerk@aol.com) by 5pm on the 6 May 2019.

## 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

Cllr Gill Offler – 26, Stablers Walk – Tel: 01904 760898

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

## Parish Council Meeting Dates in 2019

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 on the agenda.

Meetings will take place on: 13th May, 17th June, 15th July, 9th September, 14th October, and 18th November.

## Parish Council Elections

The next elections for the Parish Council will take place on **Thursday 2 May 2019.**

The Nomination process commences on **27 March 2019** and the deadline for submission of nominations is **4pm on 3 April 2019.**

A local councillor elected at an ordinary election serves for four years unless before the end of that period he/she resigns, becomes disqualified or otherwise vacates office.

If you are thinking of becoming a councillor or would be interested in knowing more then come along to the next Parish Council meeting in March to see what is involved or contact the Parish Clerk or any of the Parish Councillors for more information. Details of "The Role of a Parish Councillor" can also be found on the Parish website.

