

THE QUEEN'S 90TH BEACON LIGHTING EVENT

was a great success with around 200 people attending at the Daffodil Field Park. Mr Jack Davie was invited to light the beacon, 90 balloons were released by younger residents and fireworks finished the evening. Cake and buck's fizz were enjoyed by everyone to add to the celebratory occasion!



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Meeting Dates for the Year

2016	2017	January 10th
July 26th		February 7th
September 6th		March 21st
October 11th		April 25th
November 15th		May AGM

Council meetings are held monthly at the primary school on Tuesday evenings at 7:30. Whitley residents are welcome to attend and there is an opportunity to discuss issues with councillors. The website and noticeboards contain extra information as well as contact details for all councillors.

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and receive regular local news updates

DO YOU LIKE DOG MESS...?

...no, we don't either. We get more complaints about the practice of dog owners not clearing up after their pets than any other issue. Why do some Whitley residents think it's OK to allow their animals to repeatedly foul the pavements and footpaths, the Daffodil Field Park and other areas specifically provided for children to play in? We need every resident and responsible dog owner who is offended by this to help stamp out this unpleasant ANTI-SOCIAL, ILLEGAL and potentially DISEASE SPREADING activity. We provide bins, signs and hi-viz paint but we need real action because some people just don't or won't get it! We know many of you dog owners do the right thing, but if we can't identify the culprits and eliminate this problem then we will look at RESTRICTING or BANNING dogs from the park and play areas completely. The law is clear and Selby DC will prosecute offenders when incidents are reported, and the evidence is there. The dog warden can be contacted via the SDC website

www.selby.gov.uk/dog-and-animal-fouling



NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE AND THE INCREDIBLE CASE OF THE INVISIBLE SAFETY CAMERA VAN

Many of you will have seen one of these vans in the local villages, it's often at Burn for example, acting as a deterrent to speeding motorists. North Yorkshire Police have recently TREBLED the number of vans to nine and champion the effectiveness of them as visible policing. Julia Mulligan, the Police Commissioner who specifically came to Whitley to hear residents' concerns about speeding, says "they play a vital role in keeping our roads safer". As the PCC's own website lists the A19 as "one of the five worst roads in N Yorkshire for collisions" you might think, therefore, that we would occasionally see one of these vans in Whitley... but, despite "community concerns" also being a specific criteria for deployment, and the village lying between the notorious Balne Moor section of the A19 and J34 of the M62, NY Police and the Chief Constable have repeatedly REFUSED to site the vans here. Their reason for this disgraceful decision is that the village already has Vehicle Activated Signs and these would have to be REMOVED first. The other criteria for deployment is at sites of serious injury or death. Yes, someone would literally have to be KILLED here before Whitley is even assessed for a van. You can read about how the vans have contributed to road safety everywhere else in North Yorkshire on the Police Commissioner's website, where you can also make your views known.

<http://www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk/content/uploads/2016/03/Saving-lives-preventing-injury.-The-use-of-safety-camera-vans-in-North-Yorkshire-2014-15.pdf>

OVER 80'S RESIDENTS

The Parish Council continues the long standing tradition of providing a Christmas hamper for all Whitley residents who have reached a grand age. The Over 80's list is updated by Cllr. Kath Walton and we are keen that all eligible residents are included. Contact Kath on 662720 or kathleenwalton@btinternet.com

YOUTH CLUB

for 5-11 year olds meets Fridays 6:15pm at Eggborough Village Hall. www.yotm.net

OSGOLDCROSS FORUM LUNCHEON CLUB

meets 2nd Friday of each month at The Horse & Jockey, Eggborough. 661295

WHITLEY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Plots are available for local residents. Come and join like-minded vegetable growers. Contact the chairman Phill Broadhurst 661867 or email phill.broadhurst@gmail.com

HEATING FUEL CO-OPERATIVE

Now over 120 local people use the co-operative to get the best price for fuel. Contact John White on 662917 or email whitleyoilcooperative@orangehome.co.uk

HORTON COMMUNITY CAFE

Eggborough Methodist Chapel, next to the Post Office, hold a community cafe every Wednesday from 10am for people to enjoy free refreshments, an informal chat and a programme of activities and guest speakers. All welcome. Contact Paul 07525 667905 or communitycafe@hortonhousing.co.uk The cafe also runs events at Cridling Stubbs village hall.

ALL SAINTS CHAPEL

Our local church holds a coffee morning on the first Friday of the month. See the church noticeboard for more details and times of services.

LOCAL VOLUNTEERS

Are you able to help local people by providing a lift or assistance in some way? Would a COMMUNITY BUS service in Whitley help anyone here? Contact Cllr. Sarah Cole if you can offer any practical help to any residents. sarahcole1956@gmail.com

THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The coming months are of course ideal times for outdoor activities but please consider appropriate public locations for ball-sports, socialising and general play. There are numerous spots around the village suitable for these activities when private outdoor play space is not available. Public roads around residential areas are inappropriate and unsafe for ball-sports etc. so please do this responsibly and consider other residents. Thanks!

DO YOU HAVE A VIEW ON THESE?

The PC are looking into the possibility of installing some outdoor gym equipment in one of the public spaces in the village, such as illustrated here. Almost all of the costs are met by a grant so it would not come out of our own money. We feel it is an offer we should investigate and are preparing to bid for the grant funding. Do you agree that this would be good idea or not? Have you an opinion on what particular pieces of equipment might be installed, and most importantly, where do think the installation should be?

This would have to be at one of the public spaces that the PC manage, such as the Daffodil Field Park or near the play areas at Lee View or Blackthorn Close.

<http://www.streetscape-products.co.uk/product-category/outdoor-fitness/steel-fitness/>

A19 TRAFFIC

Last year we conducted a survey to test the strength of feeling regarding road safety and the speed of traffic through the village. Only 16 responses came back so it's difficult to know how many of you feel this is a problem and whether we still need to do something about it. Ultimately the police are responsible for safety on the roads and their position is outlined elsewhere in this newsletter. Some of you do feel strongly about this but what further action should we be taking, and do you want to get involved?



COUNCILLORS are considering installing a COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATOR in the village. We'd like to know whether you think this is a good idea...

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

The Parish Council functions through our monthly meetings where decisions about our ongoing responsibilities and activities are taken. Primarily we act as a representative for the community to other authorities such as the police and Selby District Council. We are able to comment on planning decisions here and communicate where necessary with most things that impact on the village. This is an ongoing process that doesn't always get us a positive result, however. Residents often ask us to push for something that is entirely the responsibility of another agency, often at district or government level, and our efforts are then focussed on engaging with our district and county councillors to make progress.

We also have responsibility for some of the public spaces in the village and local infrastructure such as the grass verges, litter bins and monitoring of the public footpaths.

April 21st saw the Queen's 90th birthday and we contributed to the national event by lighting one of the many official beacons on the night. Thank you for joining in and making it a great success, and thanks indeed to the organising group of local residents.

We communicate by offering a short public forum at council meetings as well as our website, Facebook page and occasional newsletters.

The council is funded by the local tax known as the precept which forms a small part of your SDC council tax. This is set each year and is determined by our projected expenditure and running costs. We also oversee other monies provided by developers to sustain public open spaces for community use as part of housing developments. Our financial decisions and procedures are audited annually and we publish these accounts and supporting documents on the website as required. We recently received another clean bill of health for the financial year ending March 2016 from the Internal Auditor.

This year we have a change of clerk. Local resident Keith Leppingwell has served the council excellently and diligently for many years and has now retired. Thank you Keith. We now welcome fellow Whitley resident John Dickens as our new clerk and wish him every success in the job.

A final thanks to my fellow councillors, and everyone who contributes to this community.

Simon Humphrey, Chair, Whitley Parish Council