



NORTH YORKSHIRE COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

Police volunteers, together with members of the community, are now visiting Whitley with a hand-held radar gun and LED speed sign. They will record vehicle speeds and anyone caught speeding will receive a letter from North Yorks Police informing them of their offence and the need to address driving behaviour. The main purpose is to draw drivers' attention to speed limits in areas where communities say it is affecting their quality of life, and to educate them about the effects that anti-social road use can have. Police will also be monitoring the recorded data, and may take enforcement measures if persistent or extreme offending is identified.

LITTER & DOG MESS We do receive complaints about litter and particularly dog mess on the public footpaths and in the Daffodil Park. Please use the bins provided around the village. Dogs are not allowed in the children's play areas.

PC NEWS

The parish council welcomes two new councillors for 2015

Sarah Elizabeth Cole

Phillip Broadhurst

However there is still a vacancy to be filled. If you wish to put yourself forward to join the council, do contact us.

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 information about meeting dates as well as contact details for all councillors.

Our SELBY DISTRICT COUNCILLOR is now Debbie White
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NEWSLETTER



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and receive regular local news updates

ROAD SAFETY

The parish council remains committed to improving road safety in the village and reducing the number of speeding vehicles along the A19. We would like to see:

- the installation of a Vehicle Activated Speed Sign at both ends of the village
- the possible introduction of a 20MPH zone at the school area
- the reintroduction of the Police Mobile Speed Van
- better road lining and signage
- installation of a pedestrian crossing or traffic light system near the school

Some of these measures are already agreed in principle with NY Highways but they will not commit funds for them. The PC has taken the decision to attempt to raise the funding itself to make these safety measures a reality, but to include a traffic light controlled crossing near the school will cost in the region of £44,000. Other measures bring the total costs to around £50,000.

The PC needs to know your views on how best to address the issue itself and how it should be funded. A simple questionnaire is included, please do respond.....

DAFFODIL PARK

The Daffodil Park is open to all residents. If you have a request for how it might be used more, let us know. There's also a new information board that documents local Whitley history.

YOUTH CLUB

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

OSGOLDCROSS FORUM LUNCHEON CLUB

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

WHITLEY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

There are currently three plots available for local residents. Come and join like-minded vegetable growers for a taste of the good life!

If you are interested in joining, 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 on 662917 or email whitleyoilcooperative@orangehome.co.uk

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

This has been election time, and that has included the parish council. Like most local parishes, no actual voting took place in Whitley because the six candidates proposed were one less than the seven positions available and so all were elected unopposed. Returning councillors Kath Walton, Frank Blackburn, John Watson and myself, Simon Humphrey, are now joined by new members Sarah Cole and Phillip Broadhurst. Sue White and Jack Davie are both leaving the parish council, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them for the immense commitment and enthusiasm they have given to parish business, and this community, for many years.

A most significant event this year in Whitley was the visit and Open Forum meeting by the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire, Julia Mulligan. Road safety and speeding traffic are repeatedly highlighted as major concerns for residents here and the PC is committed to trying to address these issues. The council are also contributing to, and monitoring the consultation for the Selby Plan, the most important strategic planning document for this area. The amount of housing development in Whitley, as well as the long term future of the village envelope and the status of the surrounding Greenbelt, will be determined by the implementation of the Selby Plan. Our regular activities are progressing well, such as maintenance of the play areas and Daffodil Park, and we are now overseeing grass cutting along the A19 and other verges in the village. The village allotments continue to thrive and provide a community hub, and the fuel co-operative is still attracting new members. The website provides local updated information, which is supported by these newsletters.

The PC has raised the precept this year, but I believe the council continues to act prudently and responsibly with its funds, which is confirmed by external audit of the accounts.

In 2006, Whitley produced a Parish Plan, and many of the objectives set out in it have been achieved. Now that we have a newly elected council, a new vision for the future of the community might be undertaken. Clearly, this village will continue to develop, and the parish council should be central to determining the future for Whitley.

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

Simon Humphrey, Chair, Whitley Parish Council