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WHITLEY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

There are still several vacant plots at the site behind Whitefield Lane. We can accommodate anyone with large, small or even micro plots, feel free to come and have a look. Contact Anita 07889 985195 or Sarah 01977 288768 for more details.

AROUND THE VILLAGE

All Saints Church Coffee Morning 10:30 on the first Friday in every month Mums and Tots (Facebook Eggtots) meet every Thursday 9.30 am Eggborough Village Hall Community Café every Wednesday morning at Methodist Community church Eggborough

HEATING FUEL CO-OPERATIVE

The Oil Cooperative organises a group order for anyone in Whitley and the surrounding communities every 2 months. If you're interested, email whitleyoilcooperative@btinternet.com or ring 01977 662917 for more information.

CHURCH SERVICES

All Saints Whitley – 2nd and 4th Sundays at 9.30. St Edmund's Kellington – 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays at 9.30 Contact Rev M Marsh 01977 663553

CONTACT

Follow our Facebook page WhitleyCommunity for local news from the PC and other community updates and information. Whitleyneighbourhoodwatch is also one to follow about incidents in our area.

A reminder that all our parish councillors live in Whitley and take local issues very seriously.

Parish Council Meeting Dates for the Year

2019 June 18th July 16th September 10th **October 15th** November 19th

2020 January 14th February 25th March 31st April 28th May 19th

Meetings are held at the primary school annex on Tuesday evenings at 7:00.

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GALE COMMON...

The extraction project by EPUKI has the potential to inflict near constant HGV movements along Whitefield Lane and onto the M62 via the A19 for the next 25 years at least. We will continue to strongly argue that these movements should be mitigated and redirected where possible to alleviate the impact on the village. A planning application is currently with NYCC. Information here: <u>https://www.galecommon.co.uk</u>

Earlier this year the application to expand the **MotoCross site** was withdrawn. We continue to raise our concerns with SDC regarding the compliance of planning conditions currently in place. The organisers are presently allowed to hold up to 12 events a year, 12 practise events a year, and 2 club events per month.

PROPOSED CLOSURE OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH

There is currently no final decision about the church, but if you want to register your views there is still time, you can email <u>katie.lowe@churchofengland.org</u>.

A19 SPEEDING

You might have seen we now have a new flashing sign near to the Daffodil Park, this replaces the one near the George & Dragon which was broken. NYCC provided the new one and the Parish Council contributed £500 towards the installation.

The police continue to regularly deploy the Camera Safety Van in the village, and over 120 motorists have been caught speeding so far this year. All the details are available on the North Yorkshire Police website.

We still have the "30 mph" stickers for your wheelie bins, if you would like one (or more) please contact the clerk.

DOG MESS

This seems to be a never ending problem and we know that the vast majority of dog owners behave responsibly. We have put up new signs around the village in an attempt to shame the handful who don't. We have lots of bins around the village so there really are no excuses.

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the litter pick back in April, we collected lots of rubbish, mostly along the A19. Thanks also to the pub for providing refreshments. We may organise another one later in the year. Linked to this was the view that some of the litter around the village comes from the recycling boxes. Selby District Council are conducting a review which includes the option of a wheelie bin for recycling.

You can take part at www.selby.gov.uk/recycling-consultation open until 26th June.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

THE PARISH COUNCIL continues to carry out its duties and obligations on behalf of the community of Whitley. I hope you agree, but if not, we are always willing to listen to residents' concerns and suggestions.

Firstly, and regrettably, I have to report on the passing of our colleague Cllr. John Watson. John was a long standing Whitley resident and contributed greatly to the Parish Council in many ways, including being instrumental in creating the Daffodil Park, organising the Queen's Jubilee Celebration, annual Remembrance Day wreaths and the grass cutting programmes among many other things.

I would also like to thank Cllr. Amanda Coney who has stepped down from the council after a number of years of contribution and commitment.

This month saw the local elections for Selby area and that included parish councillors. No actual parish election took place here because only five councillors put themselves forward out of the seven places available in Whitley.

The two spare places may still be filled by co-opting onto the council any eligible local person who wishes to be considered. Contact the clerk.

We continue to communicate through the website and our Facebook page, which we have found to be the most efficient and cost effective way of distributing local information.

You may have noticed on your council tax bill that the local precept (the tax portion that is received by the PC) was reduced again this year. We took this decision because of a number of factors, but our primary aim is to provide the facilities for the village that are our responsibility whilst maintaining funds at a sensible level for the long term. This year we felt able to adjust this down, but we regularly review this and the figure could rise again as circumstances change over time. Our accounts and practices, under the supervision of our clerk, are audited annually and we regularly receive a clean report that you can inspect on our website.

Local planning applications are all put before us for comment. We always aim to represent Whitley and mitigate the negative impacts wherever possible, whilst being open minded about the positives of developments. We are in regular contact with the various agencies and our district and county councillors.

My thanks, again, to my excellent fellow councillors, our diligent parish clerk, and everyone who contributes to this community.

Simon Humphrey, Chair, Whitley Parish Council