

OVER 80'S RESIDENTS

The Parish Council continues the long standing tradition of providing a Christmas hamper for all Whitley residents who have reached this 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 [KTWalton.wpc@outlook.com](mailto:KTWalton.wpc@outlook.com)

WHITLEY ALLOTMENTS ASSOCIATION

Plots are available for local residents. Come and join like-minded vegetable growers. Contact the chairman Phill Broadhurst on 661867 or [pb.councillorwpc@gmail.com](mailto:pb.councillorwpc@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 [whitleyoilcooperative@btinternet.com](mailto:whitleyoilcooperative@btinternet.com)

DOG FOULING

This continues to be a concern for residents. We would reiterate that allowing an animal to foul without clearing it up in public areas is anti-social, illegal and a danger to public health. Bagged dog mess can be deposited in any litter bin. To report an incident contact SDC [www.selby.gov.uk/report-dog-fouling-incident](http://www.selby.gov.uk/report-dog-fouling-incident)

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](mailto:communitycafe@hortonhousing.co.uk)

Parish Council Meeting Dates for the Year

2017	July 25th CANCELLED*	2018	January 16th
	September 5th		February 20th
	October 17th		March 27th
	November 21st		April 24th
			May 22nd (AGM)

\*missing personnel

Meetings are held at the primary school on Tuesday evenings at 7:30.

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and our NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCILLOR is John McCartney  
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NEWSLETTER



The Aire & Calder Navigation at Whitley

CONTACT [postbox@whitleycommunity.co.uk](mailto:postbox@whitleycommunity.co.uk)  
WEBSITE [www.whitleycommunity.co.uk](http://www.whitleycommunity.co.uk)

## FRIENDS OF WHITLEY

...are a small team of volunteer residents who have set up this group to enhance and take care of our village. "We have the full support and backing of the Parish Council, however we will in future be looking at fund raising and social events in the village, so any ideas or feed back will be gratefully received. We welcome anyone to join us, no skills are required just a willingness to help our village look its best! Due to the growing and nesting season already in full swing we are looking at organising litter picks, putting benches in green spaces and general maintenance".

If you are interested, contact Amanda or Sarah

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[sarahcole1956@gmail.com](mailto:sarahcole1956@gmail.com)

## COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

is a new scheme that is being launched across North Yorkshire designed to support local communities and improve road safety by allowing residents to address speed concerns in their local area with the support of North Yorkshire Police. At this time the PC are looking to see if this is something we as a community are interested in, and if so, would work with NY Police to launch the scheme in this area subject to a full site risk assessment. More details are on the Whitley website...

[northyorkshire.police.uk/what-we-do/road-policing/community-speed-watch](http://northyorkshire.police.uk/what-we-do/road-policing/community-speed-watch)

## POSITION OF PARISH CLERK

Our clerk, Mr John Dickens, has made the decision not to continue in the role. We are therefore now actively looking for a new Parish Council Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. For any enquiries or applications for the post please contact anyone on the Parish Council. The post is also advertised on the noticeboards and on the website.

## CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

*I am happy to report* that this past year, the Parish Council has successfully continued 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.

We continue to communicate through the website and our Facebook pages, 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 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 strictly audited annually and we regularly receive a clean report that you can inspect on our website.

I'd like to thank Mr Jim Taylor, who was a prominent figure around the village as he cut our verges and kept the Daffodil Park and play areas in excellent condition for a number of years. Jim has now retired his post and we now welcome local firm, Bedford Mowing, who have taken on the contract. They have a lot of experience in this area including substantial projects at Gale Common.

We did not find a way to create an open community event this year such as the Queen's 90th Birthday Party of 2016 but plans are afoot... if you do wish to get involved in the village, we are championing the Friends of Whitley as a social, community based group looking to improve some of the natural green areas around Whitley. Help improve your village by joining!

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**