

Nether Poppleton Parish Council Newsletter Spring 2013

Welcome

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Nether Poppleton Parish Council newsletter. In this edition we report on Traffic calming, Yorkshire in Bloom, the Parish Council finances, update on the improvements at Warren Lea update and the sheep worrying concerns in the Moatfields.

As ever we welcome feedback and ideas and a comments form is included on the back page.

Long Ridge Lane Traffic Calming

The A59 Park and Ride Scheme includes the new A59 / A1237 roundabout works will have a start date of 10 June 2013 and a completion of 29 May 2014. Nether Poppleton Parish Council has concerns about increasing “rat running” volumes during the construction period.

In collaboration with the City of York Councils Traffic Department we have planned to put in a temporary Traffic Calming measure in Long Ridge Lane. This will be in the form of a chicane. The “chicane” will consist of a two slowing islands where traffic in one direction will have right of way over traffic from the opposite direction.

This is a temporary measure, however the City Council will consult with residents to determine if this could be made permanent.

York Local Plan

The major effect of the City of York Local Plan on Nether will be the proposal to build on all the land from Manor School to the back of Low Poppleton Lane. This creates services, schools, transport and other issues. Consultation will commence in June—see the City of York website.

Youth Club Relaunch

Nether Poppleton Parish Council helps support the Poppleton Youth Club. The Youth Club has been re-launched with a new website.



For more information such as opening times please visit the website www.poppyouthie.net, Facebook or Twitter.

Yorkshire in Bloom - Going for Gold



Following on from our success in achieving a Silver Gilt Award for 2012, we are going for GOLD this year!!

Mike Walker and Eddie Allen have already planned the route taking in some of the “crown jewels” of Poppleton including the Tithe barn and surrounding area, the village green and its setting plus the railway nursery and more.

Both Parish Councils are supporting this and more flower tubs have been purchased. There will be a stall at the Poppleton sports day and it will feature a tombola for fund raising. We will be promoting the front garden of the year competition with a first prize of £100, 2nd £50 and 3rd £25.

Please do your bit and try to keep the village (and your own garden) clean and tidy.

Anyone interested in getting involved should contact Eddie Allen or Mike Walker through the Nether Poppleton Parish Council.

Warren Lea Improvements

The area between Riverside Gardens and Riversvale Drive is commonly known as Warren Lea, and for many years it has provided in spring a lovely vista of daffodils, lots of wild birdlife and a pretty beck. It can flood as the local residents know only too well, but at last we hope to be able to make this into an attractive managed woodland area. The Parish Council has consulted with a renowned conservationist, and environment expert, Martin Hammond.

The area because of flooding is very nutrient rich and therefore not suitable for bluebells and other wild flowers. In summer there is a lot of cow parsley and nettles and lots of Himalayan Balsam. Over the past three years the councillors and others have made a conscious effort to remove the Balsam as strangles any other growth in the area.

The plan is to manage the trees that are there as some of the ash trees may have contracted a virus that will cause them to die. New species will be planted that will conserve the area as a nature paradise for birds and allow paths to be developed.

The overall aim is to ensure a pleasant country woodland for the future and to discourage dumping of garden vegetation, which is occurring at present. Later newsletters will keep you up to date with all the plans and developments.

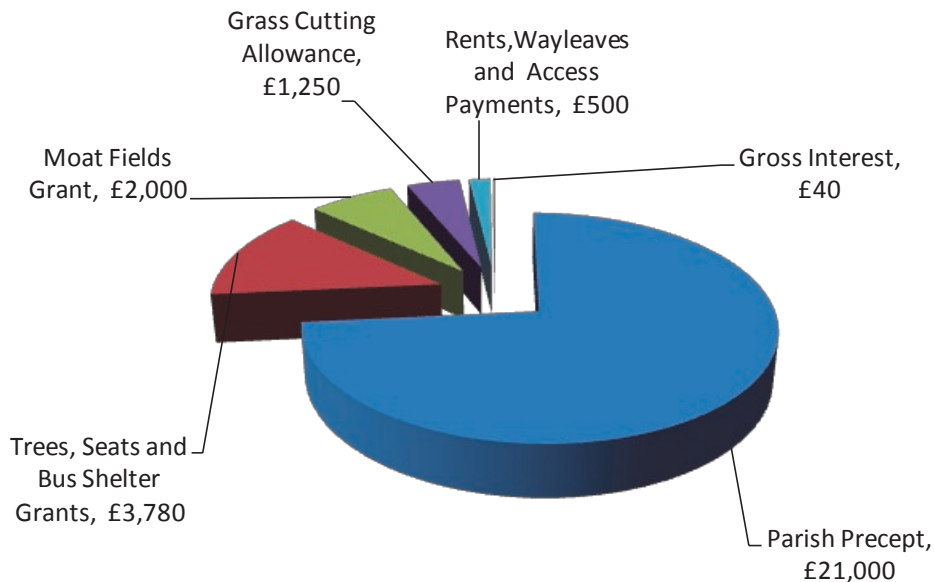
Combined Parish Council Question

In response to views and questions from residents whether to combine Upper and Nether Poppleton Councils... Nether invited Upper Poppleton Parish Council to a meeting to discuss the formation of one Parish Council for Poppleton. Upper Poppleton Parish Council considered the proposal and decided not to take the subject any further.

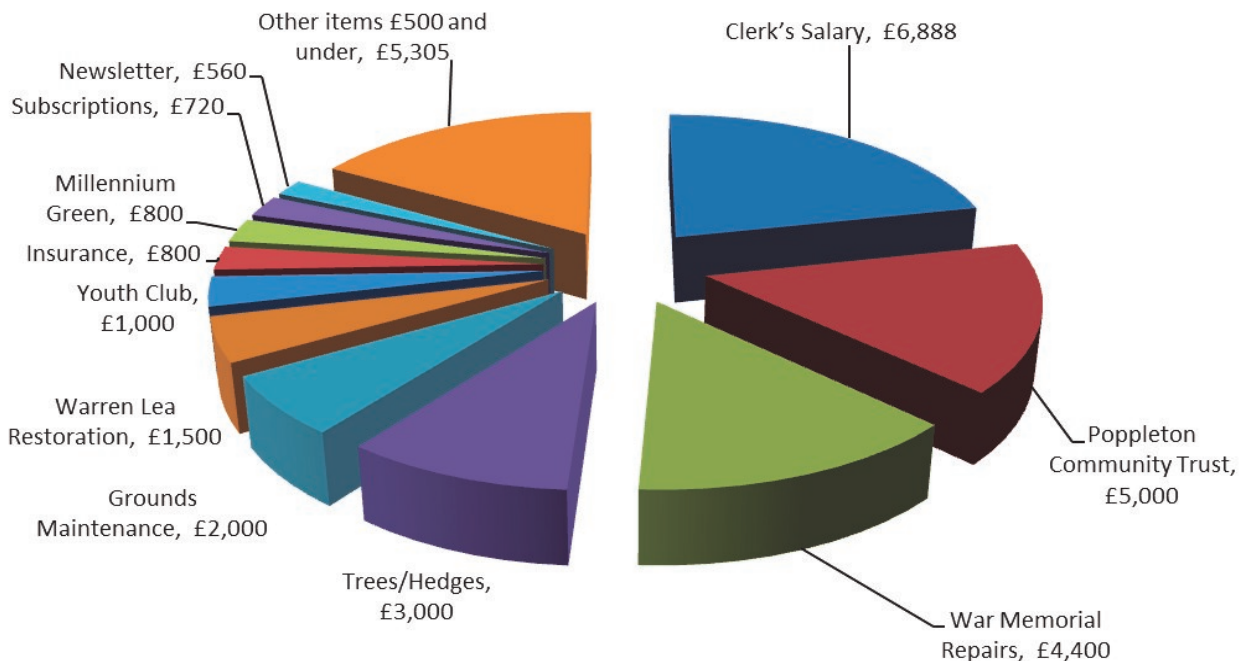
Parish Council Finances

We receive an income of £28,573 and have budgeted to spend £31,973. in 2013/14.

Ever wondered how much and where the funding for Nether Poppleton Parish Council comes from and how we spend it? Well this is where we receive our funding from—most of the funding is from the Parish Precept (frozen for the last five years) which is collected via your Council Tax or from other grants:



The Nether Poppleton Parish Council has set a budget for 2013/14



Finance is on the agenda each month - if you want to know more please come to a meeting or ask James our Clerk.

