



NETHER POPPLETON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWS

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Councillors at work!

Welcome!

Welcome to this newsletter from your Parish Council.

You are receiving this newsletter because you live inside the parish, and because many of you pay council tax, part of which is used to fund local parish activities.

The parish councillors want you to understand what the parish council does, how it uses your money, and to hear from YOU how you think more might be done.

In the next few pages you can read what the council has been doing, how some of the work we have to do is undertaken, and also you can see who are your representatives. Yes – we all know we are living in a time of “austerity”. But there might still be things we can do to make life in Nether Poppleton just a little better!

Please take a few minutes to read this sheet – and let us know what you think. Email or write to your council – and you might win a prize...



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IAN WOODS
Rep on Moat
Fields Group and
Cricket Club.



JAMES MACKMAN
Clerk to the
Parish Council.

What has the Parish Council done?

Each year the Parish Council supports groups and activities within the village through grants and other support. In addition there are specific projects and issues which it becomes involved in. Some of these have included...

- 1 New bus stop shelter at the end of Millfield Lane.
- 2 Path and land management of Warren Lea area - which contributed to the Gold Yorkshire in Bloom award.
- 3 Ground work to secure the riverbank from further erosion and village war memorial reconstruction.
- 4 Village name sign and plinth at entrance to Nether Poppleton by the Business Park.
- 5 Removal of diseased trees and landscaping between Main Street and Riverside Gardens.
- 6 Management of all the grass areas, trees and bushes on village land.
- 7 Protection of the verge and triangle from car parking on Main Street.
- 8 Refurbishment of the public seats and bus shelters in Nether Poppleton.
- 9 Cart shed improvements and car parking area by St Everilda's church.



Warren Lea - an award winning scheme



AWARD WINNER

Planning – in a nutshell

If you have ever submitted a planning application, then you will know that the final decision on your grand design rests with the City of York Council. However, all applications made on property and land within Nether Poppleton are first considered by the Parish Council, and their opinion can have a significant effect when considered by the city planners.

A separate planning committee meeting is held before the parish council meeting each month. Applications are considered by looking at the site and plans, including a web based street and aerial view. Prior to the meeting a visit to the site is usually undertaken by one or more councillors, and sometimes the views of neighbours are sought.

When the application has been considered and discussed, the council has a choice of 4 recommendations, which are then passed to the city council;

A: the application is supported.

B: there are no objections to the application.

C: there are no objections but safeguards are sought if the plans are to go ahead.

D: the council objects to the application, and describes the reasons for those objections.

Safeguards, which are sought, may include for example the replacement of trees that are removed, and dealing with the impact of traffic and parking.

An objection to an application must be on the basis of a “material consideration”. Some of these include the loss of light or privacy for a neighbour, an effect on a listed building or a conservation area (which Nether Poppleton has), and previous planning decisions including appeals. In addition the council aims to consider whether a development fits with the neighbourhood plan. The council cannot consider non-material objections such as neighbour or boundary disputes, potential loss of property value, or loss of view, to name a few.

Planning meetings are open to the public and those with applications being considered often attend.

Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan – Updates

After nearly 3 years of lengthy work and discussions the final village neighbourhood plan has been consulted on again by the City of York Council. Discussions with an Independent Examiner have taken place and in due course a report will be issued with recommendations.

The contributions of the public and the parish councillors have been tremendous. The plan belongs to the residents of Nether and Upper Poppleton and has tried to ensure that any building work is in keeping with the community spirit of the original villages, and that amenity provision, rural ambience and traffic flows are all carefully managed. The provision of business spaces has been encouraged as a means of supporting employment for residents of York, whilst trying to ensure that these are for the most part complementary to the rural environment that we enjoy within the villages. Many thanks go to all who have contributed valuable comment throughout this process.

Villagers will be asked to vote in a REFERENDUM on the Neighbourhood Plan, which will be extensively advertised. YOUR vote will determine if the plan is adopted. To do so requires 51% of the people who vote to support it. The referendum will take place even though work on the local plan continues.

Local Plan Update

While the Neighbourhood Plan refers specifically to the parishes, the LOCAL PLAN is developed by the City of York Planners and approved by the elected City Councillors. It is then subject to an Independent Examination so that it complies with all the Planning Statutes in Law.

In 2014 the plan was halted as it was felt that the housing numbers did not reflect the needs for the next 15-20 years. The definition and use of “safeguarded” land has now been clarified, and only land consulted upon will be considered for building purposes.

The new housing numbers have now been agreed as 841 per annum and large projects have emerged proposing the development of former industrial sites to regenerate both city centre and other sites within the ring road. In the Poppleton area the key brown field site is the former British Sugar factory which will potentially provide 1100 houses in the period up to 2037.

However, since the City Planners last consulted on the preferred sites in July 2016 additional potential sites have emerged, including army barracks, which may affect decisions on new home sites. Further periods of consultation are certain.





Join in!
Come to our
monthly
meeting

Council Funding

Nether Poppleton Parish Council receives its funding from the City Of York Council. This is in the form of a lump sum and is called a precept. The size of the precept is related to the number of parishioners. If you look at your Council Tax Account from the City of York, you will find a component detailed for the Parish Council.

We also receive an income from the rental of assets that we own, for example the Cart Sheds at the end of Church Lane, and in addition grants are paid from government and other sources to support specific areas such as the Moat Fields.

How do we spend this money? Well, essentially there are 4 key areas.

- **Grants.** We award grants to worthy projects within the Parish. Notable recent grants have been for the installation of the de-fibrillator at the Allerton Drive shops, upgrading work to the Community centre, upgrade of the Bowling Green and initial funding for the new Poppleton Cricket Club.
- **Enhancing Our Village Environment.** The Parish Council often takes ownership and manages projects to enhance our village. Recent examples of this have been the construction of a footpath through Warren Lea, the fitment of a handrail at the bottom of Riverside Gardens and the installation of a dog waste disposal facility at the entrance of the Millennium Green.
- **Maintenance.** The third expenditure area is the maintenance of the buildings and the land that we own. Examples include grass and hedge cutting, tree maintenance, bench repairs and footpath re-surfacing.
- **Parish Council Running Costs.** These are costs associated with the functioning of the Council; examples being the Clerks's salary, stationery, postage and insurance costs.

Each year the Council sets a budget and at each monthly council meeting the Clerk presents a financial statement to the council.

The Parish Council has a meeting open to the public every month.

Agendas and dates are placed on the village notice boards.

Come along to the Community Centre and see what we do.

Over to you...

The Parish Council **really** wants to hear your views and ideas on what is important to you in the village. We also want to hear what you think should be in this newsletter. Write or email us.

One writer will win a Kindle!

You can either fill out the form below and place your idea and contact details in the box at the community centre, or e-mail our clerk James Mackman at jmackman3@gmail.com **The lucky winner will be chosen at random and notified, and their details will appear in both Parish Minutes and the next newsletter.**



Go on! Tell us your thoughts!

Either email our clerk or write and post in the community centre box.

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Contact Details: _____

