

# ABERFORD & DISTRICT PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER WINTER 2017

## Neighbourhood Development Plan Informal Sites Consultation

You may remember that residents have been asked for their comments during the plan preparation process but now we are going to ask you again.

The Aberford Plan is now at an advanced stage and contains many policies and proposals relating to individual sites and buildings within and around the village. For this reason residents within the Plan area are now to be consulted on the draft provisions of the plan which may relate to their interests. The consultation will run from 23rd January until 12th February.

There are various categories on which we would like your views. A public Drop In Event will be held at The Village Hall on Sunday, 5th February 2017 from 11am until 3 pm so please do come along and have your say. Information can also be found on the Parish Council website. Response forms can be completed at the event or emailed to [clerk@aberford-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@aberford-pc.gov.uk).

Following this consultation the PC's intention is to move to the statutory consultation on a final plan, after which it will be submitted to Leeds City Council for them to organise an independent examination.

## New Councillors

We are pleased to welcome David McCready to the PC. He lives in St Johns Close, is a teacher, and has lived in the village for several years.

We also have two ladies who have expressed an interest in joining us and who are attending a couple of meetings to see how the PC operates.

Both ladies are involved in the Save Parlington Group, and are familiar with the village and parish.

Please get in touch if you are also interested in the remaining vacancies, come along to a meeting and see what goes on.

## Precept 2017/2018 Informal Sites Consultation

We shall be requesting a 5% increase from the City Council.

This sounds a lot, but will actually be around £1 per year increase per household for Band D payers.

This will give us £750 approximately more and this sum will be put towards the 'fighting fund' if needed for Parlington.

Our budget work is ongoing at the moment but this will not affect the precept we will be requesting.

Information on our finances can be seen on our website.

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## Environment and Maintenance

We have recently purchased 3 new benches and they have now been installed. You will see them as you walk through the village.

We continue to fight dog fouling with notices and yellow sprays around the offending piles so that they can at least be avoided! Generally our dog owners are very good at clearing up after their animals.

Please remember that mess needs to be picked up from fields as grazing livestock could ingest it with dire consequences. Cattle can miscarry.

Fly tipping is a continuous problem at the bottom of Kingfisher Lane. If it is reported to us then we can get it cleared fairly quickly. We have had fallen leaves swept up from the steep footpath at Bunkers Hill where it was becoming very slippery.

We will be considering re-painting the equipment at the Play Area in the coming year as it is around 10 years since it was installed and the paintwork is looking rather worn in some places.

We are also looking into painting the black handrails in Main Street which may be the responsibility of the City Council.

## Parlington New Village/ From Save Parlington Action Group

The PC response was submitted to LCC for the first part of their consultation and we are now waiting to see what the next step will bring. We have ring fenced money from our reserves for consultancy work if this proves necessary.

Please look at our web site for updates. Our response will be separate from that of the Save Parlington Group but we are working closely with that group and we thank them for their tremendous efforts to fight the development of this Green Belt site. The following information is from SPAG.



### SAVE PARLINGTON ACTION GROUP

The Save Parlington Action Group (SPAG) want to thank everyone for their support over the Christmas period..

Recently we have been busy raising our profile at Leeds City Council. Members of SPAG attended the January meeting of the Development Plans Panel. We also made a deputation to the full Leeds council meeting and lobbied councillors. The next stage in the planning process is for the Site Allocations Plan (SAP) for all of Leeds to be submitted for public examination.

**It is very important that we send in as many detailed responses to the consultation as we can. EVERY response has to be considered at Examination in Public.**

Once again SPAG members will be supporting residents to share their opinions with Leeds City Council. We will provide information on the plan and advice on how to respond and will run support sessions to enable residents to object effectively. We will also call at houses throughout the village to discuss concerns and provide advice and support. It is important that your views are heard. Please check on village noticeboards and on Facebook for further information.

If you have any questions or require further information please email [saveparlington@gmail.com](mailto:saveparlington@gmail.com)

## CONTACT US

A reminder that our  
website address is  
**[www.aberford-PC.gov.uk](http://www.aberford-PC.gov.uk)**

and our Clerk is  
Natalie Goonesinghe  
who can be contacted by  
telephone on  
**07719 797072**  
and by email at  
**[Clerk@aberford-PC.gov.uk](mailto:Clerk@aberford-PC.gov.uk)**

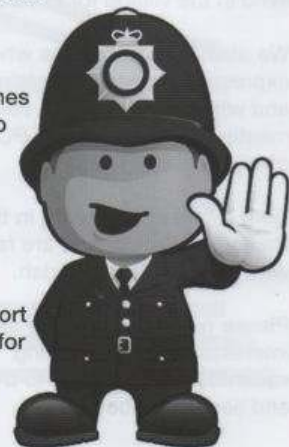
## Police Matters

If you have a pre 2012 Land Rover please be aware that there has been a big upsurge in such vehicles being stolen. You should take every measure you can to secure your vehicle. There has also been a spate of thefts from vans where a side panel has been 'peeled' back and tools etc stolen from inside.

Do not leave anything inside your van overnight and please take all measures you can to secure it when you have to leave it parked.

There have also been reports of a man, or sometimes more than one, attempting to wave down motorists in various places on the roads around our area. They give the appearance of needing help of some sort.

Please be very wary and report such sightings to the police for them to investigate as they would give assistance if the men are genuine.



# Highways Matters

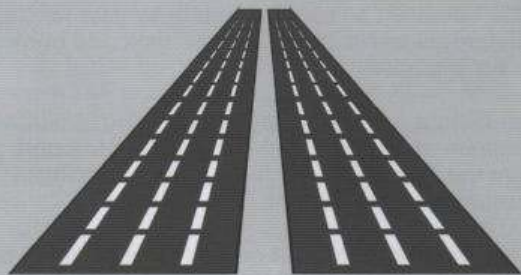
We have been informed by LCC that some resurfacing work is in their programme for 2017/2018.

Parlington Drive and Cattle Lane/Beech View will be resurfaced.

We have requested that the north side pavement of Cattle Lane and the footpath at the side of the Village Hall be attended to but will have to wait to see if they get included in the schedule.

We are trying once again to get the footpath widened between the village and Lotherton Hall as it is so narrow and traffic speeds along right next to pedestrians.

We have raised this many times with Highways but they have higher priorities and cash constraints but we will keep on



## Route of HS2

Whilst the route is outside of our Parish area, it runs close to our boundary near Garforth.

There is a property consultation exercise going on so we are giving out this information purely as a service to any of our residents who may wish to comment.

The consultation will close on 9th March.

You can respond online:  
[property2b.dialoguebydesign.net](http://property2b.dialoguebydesign.net).

By email to [property2b@dialoguebydesign.co.uk](mailto:property2b@dialoguebydesign.co.uk).

By post to FREEPOST HS2 PHASE 2B PROPERTY CONSULTATION.

## CCTV Cameras

Our PCSO Geoff Nottingham has a very good scheme going in the villages he covers, whereby residents who have CCTV are being asked to help the Police in case of need.

This might result in people being apprehended if they are up to no good around the area.

We have purchased some cameras to be erected on the major junctions as we do get suspects driving through our village. We have some legal issues to resolve but we hope that the cameras will be erected in the next few weeks.



## Bowling Club (off Cattle Lane)

The Bowling Club welcome new members to their great facility. They have recently had 8 new members join, 6 directly from the PC Newsletter.

There is a very well built Club House with catering and toilet facilities and veranda. There are plenty of seats all around the green for visitors and visiting teams supporters to sit and watch play. Right next door is Jubilee Field with its tennis court, MUGA, table tennis tables, adult fitness equipment, picnic tables and football field.



Aberford is very well supplied with these two fine amenity areas. If you are considering joining the Club then please contact Paul Hancock on 0113 2813518.

## School

Do take a look at the great new school website:  
[aberfordprimaryschool.co.uk](http://aberfordprimaryschool.co.uk).

This has loads of information and photos about our teachers, support staff, children etc.

This year is a very important one as it is the 300 year anniversary of the continuous operation of the school on the same site.

This is a rare achievement, throughout the whole country in fact. Watch out for information about any celebrations.

# Booking Your Hall:

Enquiries for one-off, or regular, bookings of the Hall are always welcome and can be made through David Gluck.  
Telephone: 01132812522

Mobile:07905766831

E-Mail: davidgluck@ruralis.co.uk.

To promote your Village Hall Event on their Facebook Page, send details and a photograph to AVHall@Outlook.com. Users of the Hall are welcome to share pictures of a recent event or celebration through the Facebook page.

Remember they are always looking for volunteers to help with running, maintaining and managing the Village Hall, either informally or by joining the Committee.



Facebook: [http://www.facebook.com/AberfordVillage Hall](http://www.facebook.com/AberfordVillageHall)



Website: <http://www.aberford-pc.gov.uk/villagehall>



Enquiries: AVHall@outlook.com

The Hall Committee look forward to seeing you at an event in the Hall very soon.

## Carers Leeds

Here is some information on behalf of Carers Leeds:

Would you like to meet and chat with other people in the village? If so you may be interested to know that Carers Leeds& Aberford Almshouse Trust is hosting

The 'Catch Up' Lunch Club at Parlington House on:

26th January 2017

23rd February 2017

23rd March 2017

For just £4 you can enjoy a light lunch which will include soup, sandwiches and a pudding. You do not have to be a resident of Parlington House to attend, but we would like you to let us know if you are planning to join us. Just so we can make sure we provide enough food.

To book your place, please contact Carers Leeds on: 0113 2468338 alternatively you can email Nicola at [Nicola.greaves@carersleeds.org.uk](mailto:Nicola.greaves@carersleeds.org.uk)

## Mobile Library

The Mobile Library visits the village every Sunday and is to be found at the following times and stops:

11 - 12 noon at the Village Hall,

12 - 13.00 at the old Royal Oak/St Johns,

13.00 - 14.00 at the Arabian Horse,

14.00 - 15.00 at Beech View

A wide range of books is available for both adults and children including audio books and reservations are free. The staff are very friendly so why not go along and make use of this community service - Use It Or Lose It!

## Aberford Village Hall

2016 has been an exciting and busy year for the Village Hall with a fresh, smarter look and bookings on the increase.

Maintenance, refurbishment and improvements continue at a pace, thanks to financial support from the Parish Council in 2016 and ongoing support from volunteers.

They are now looking at quotes for renovation of the backstage "GreenRoom", which will increase capacity and make the Hall more versatile.

You can easily keep in touch with news, updates and events using their Facebook page, which can be accessed without being a member.

