

Rufforth with Knapton Parish Council

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News in Brief

Councillors come and councillors go. Farewell to Rob Abbott and welcome to Dick Syms.

Yorwaste plan an exhibition in Rufforth to explain their development plans for Harewood Whin.

In a Spin

At November's meeting the Parish Council were advised that a proposal is under consideration to move the Gyrocopter operation from the microlight area of the airfield to the gliding club. The Parish Council resolved to write to the Gliding Club expressing concern that such a move may have a significant impact on the amenity of the village.

Harewood Whin

Back in August the Parish Council was invited to attend a meeting with the management of Yorwaste at which Yorwaste's long term plans were revealed. Yorwaste's MD Mr Steve Grieve explained that with the arrival of the Allerton Park waste facility there would be a significant reduction in the land filling operation at Harewood Whin but that Yorwaste are planning to turn their attention to recycling. They will become more dependant on the private sector and are intending to source the waste stream from as far away as West and South Yorkshire. In the near future we can expect planning applications to

- Increase the size of the existing recycling shed
- Build a new co mingled separation building
- Take on the recycling processes currently undertaken at Hessay
- Operate a transfer station for waste going from York to Allerton Park
- Construct and operate the new composting area*
- Construct and operate the bioflame plant*

* Planning already approved by CYC

The effect will be a probable increase in the amount of traffic and a significant extension to operating hours.

Mr Grieve said that Yorwaste wished to engage with the community as early as possible to avoid a confrontational reaction to their plans and to this end the Village Institute has been booked for the morning of **Saturday 20th November**. Yorwaste will produce a flier publicising the event. Residents are urged to attend the "exhibition" and feed views back to the Parish Council.

Knapton News

New Councillor

The Parish Council are delighted to welcome Dick Syms as the new Councillor for the Knapton Ward. We look forward to working with him.

Knapton Green Improvements

Following the improvements to the Green over the last few years of bulb planting, new Notice board, a seat and new hedge to the rear to hide a rickety fence the Parish Council has this month embarked on a project to improve the grass. Following the weed killing treatment, the Green has now received a top dressing and grass seed has been sowing. Hopefully next Spring we will see a green that is grass instead of invasive weeds.

Bulb Planting

During a lovely afternoon in October, Councillors planted several bags of bulbs in the grassed area at the junction of Bland Lane and Lowfield Lane. Hopefully this exercise will be the start of a line of daffodils in the hedge bottom along the length of Bland Lane in future years.

About Trenchard Road

A quiet year thus far. The daffodils gave an excellent display around the estate in spring. Thanks to the Parish Council more bulbs will be planted. An estate working party will tidy up and plant bulbs this autumn. The community orchard will be planted with apples, plums and pears from Summerfield Nursery and we are hoping for a good first crop next year

Faster broadband?

If you are served by the Rufforth telephone exchange and have a BT landline you can help yourselves by getting BT to upgrade the exchange to provide better broadband speed. You can do this by registering your details and vote on <http://www.racetoinfinity.bt.com>. Moor Monkton PC advise us that 734 votes are required to persuade BT to upgrade the exchange and that there is no commitment on your part when voting.

Burial Ground

The Parish Council's application for a ward grant to purchase a smart electronic gismo to identify graves in the natural burial ground has sparked off quite a bit of interest and some of you may have seen the article in the Press on October 25th. Natural burial is supposedly becoming a popular alternative to conventional interment but we haven't experienced a rush for plots yet. A new seat has been ordered so that folk can enjoy the tranquillity of the area. The main gate to the cemetery which is rotting badly will be replaced in the near future.

Winter Security Tips from the Police

As the clocks changed at end of October and the nights become darker we'd like to pass on some security tips. Homes in darkness from 4 – 9pm are at a higher risk of burglary. A well lit home gives the impression that someone is in. Use timer switches to turn on lights while you are out (a 20 watt energy efficient light bulb cost less than 2p per day if left on for four hours).

Don't leave curtain closed during the day, only in the evening /night time.

Keep valuables out of view.

Keep all windows and doors locked.

Keep all gates well secured.

Remember the phrase 'Light Up Lock Up'.

For further advice please look on the Safer York Partnership website: www.saferYork.org.uk

Parking in Rufforth

Please park on the highway not the footpath. Don't obstruct the pavement for parents with prams/pushchairs or wheelchair users. On road parking has the advantage of slowing down other traffic on the road and eliminates damage to the footpath.

Hospital Feedback

Councillor Helen Butterworth was elected as one of City of York's 8 public governors for York Teaching Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust in April 2010. Governors work with the Board of Directors in an advisory capacity bringing the views of local people forward and helping to shape the Trust's future. Helen would be happy to hear from you on 738592 or helen.dbutterworth@tiscali.co.uk

Hotspots

Is campaigning for affordable warmth in the City of York. If you know someone who needs help to achieve warmth, comfort and safety in their homes help is available on Freephone 0800 512 012 quoting "hotspots" or by phone to Chloe direct on 01904 554490. Hotspots can provide energy efficiency advice, help with heating/insulation grants, benefit checks and home fire safety checks. Posters with more detail have been placed throughout the parish.

Does someone rely on your help?

York Carers Centre can help you find support if someone close to you relies on your help because of frailty, physical or mental illness, addiction or disability. You are not alone as there are 6 million unpaid carers in the UK.

They include:

- Friends and neighbours who provide regular support. You don't need to be related to (or live with) the person you care for
- Young people under 18.
- People who juggle work with caring for. You don't need to have given up your job when you become a carer (although many carers do)

York Carers Centre offers free support to carers. We can answer questions about benefits, community care, housing, employment, education and training and carers' rights. Our staff can give advice over the phone or visit you at home. We also have free carers emergency card, regular newsletters, social activities, and offer additional support to young carers (8 to 18) and young adult carers (18 to 25). Contact York Carers Centre on 01904 715490, email: enquiries@yorkcarerscentre.co.uk or visit our website: www.yorkcarerscentre.co.uk.

Communication

If clubs or other organisations providing a service in the Parish, who don't have their own newsletter, wish to include some content in the Parish Council newsletter this can be arranged. We normally produce a newsletter 3 times a year and often have space available. Contact Tim Haward or any of the Parish Councillors

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Diary Dates

Next Parish Council Meeting...Mon 6th Dec
Yorwaste "Exhibition"..Sat 20th Nov morning