

# ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

## Housing Development UPDATE

### MILLER HOMES SITE - BREARY LANE EAST

In December last year it was announced that Miller Homes had won their planning appeal and been granted outline planning permission for 380 dwellings and a convenience store (of up to 418 sqm). Permission was granted as it was judged that Leeds did not have a 5 year supply of housing land.

In January Miller Homes held a consultation event giving further details of their proposals. This was for 316 homes and a convenience store. Millers do not, as was originally envisaged, plan to start building this year.

At the time of going to print we are still waiting for Miller's detailed proposals. Once these have been submitted there should be opportunity for further comments concerning the access, appearance, layout and landscaping of the site.

There will be no vehicular access to the site from Breary Lane East and Leeds City Council, as the highways authority, will be responsible for the construction of a roundabout giving access from the A660.

## Increase in Car Theft LOCAL AREAS

### DOMESTIC CRIME ON THE RISE

Over the last couple of months, the local police force have been experiencing an increase in domestic burglaries whereby professional criminals have been specifically targeting high value vehicles. Collingham, Alwoodley and Moortown have been particularly affected.

You may have already seen notices around the parish advising you to keep keys out of site and not to make them easily accessible by keeping them on the same bunch as your house keys or leaving them by the front door.

Thieves are entering properties by snapping poor quality Euro profile cylinders, therefore police have also advised that as an easy fix and preventative measure, residents should opt for cylinders with either the 'Secure by Design TS007 3 Star' or 'Sold Secure SS312 Diamond' standards.

***UPDATE:** Before going to print we received an update to advise that although the threat still exists, the number of incidents has drastically reduced in the last few weeks. Many offenders have been arrested and disrupted and a great deal of crime awareness and advice has been circulated in targeted areas.*

## ARTHINGTON SPRING CLEAN

**SATURDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2017, 10:00 - 12:00**

**It's that time of year again. Come along and join the Annual Parish Spring Clean!**

A skip has been hired by Leeds City Council which will be placed in the village hall car park, so can all volunteers please meet there at 10am.

All you will need is a pair of strong gloves and, if possible, a reflective jacket or similar (some will be provided).

Refreshments will be provided to all volunteers in the village hall from 12 noon.

We rely on volunteers to make the spring clean successful so any time you can spare would be greatly appreciated.

**We look forward to seeing you there!**

# Planning Q&A

*Over the last year the parish council has looked at various planning applications for extensions and development such as barn conversions. Here are some answers to queries concerning planning issues.*

## **What is the planning role of Arthington Parish Council?**

Leeds City Council (LCC) is the local planning authority but they send all planning applications in the parish to the parish council for comments. In the same way LCC also inform householders about any planning applications from neighbours.

## **Is Arthington in the Green Belt?**

Other than the houses in Bramhope, which are in Arthington Parish, on Breary Lane East and in the 'Creskelds' the entire parish is in the green belt and a special landscape area. Consequentially planning applications have to meet more stringent criteria in order to maintain the openness and character of the rural landscape.

## **Are parts of Arthington in a Conservation Area?**

Nearly all the houses in the 'Creskelds' are in the Bramhope conservation area. Planning applications should aim to maintain the character of the conservation area. A map of the conservation area can be viewed on Bramhope Parish council's website and the Bramhope Conservation Area Appraisal and Management Plan can be accessed on line. In a conservation area trees above a certain size (trunk diameter of 7.5cm at 1.5m above ground level) are also protected and LCC should be given 6 weeks notification of any proposed work.

## **How can I obtain advice and guidance for a planning application?**

LCC have published guides which are available to view online. The Householder Design Guide contains a wide range of guidance on design and appearance.

Pre application advice can also be obtained from the Leeds planners via the Development Inquiry Centre, for contact details see below. Architects or designers should be aware of all the information and help available.

## **Do I need planning permission for a small extension?**

Not all work requires planning permission, some is allowed as permitted development. However bearing in mind that virtually all of Arthington is in a conservation area or the green belt and a special landscape area it is a good idea to check first with LCC via their Development Inquiry Centre (0113 2224409) or email dec@leeds.gov.uk

## **Why does the parish council object to some planning applications?**

The parish council looks at each application from a planning point of view. The council will only object if it believes that an application does not meet with the criteria of the Householder Design Guide or planning policies relating to the green belt, special landscape areas or conservation areas. The comments of the parish council carry no more weight than those of any individual.

## Spring is Blooming

Our councillors were busy planting bulbs last autumn and we're starting to see the village coming alive with colour with all of the new daffodils. Please get in touch if you'd like to see more flowers planted with the clerk at [arthingtonparish@live.co.uk](mailto:arthingtonparish@live.co.uk)

## Tour de Yorkshire 2017

The Tour de Yorkshire will not be coming to Arthington this year, however if you still want to see the lads (and lasses) speed by on 28-30th April, visit [le.tour.yorkshire.com/2017](http://le.tour.yorkshire.com/2017)

## Next Parish Meeting

The next meeting is on **Wednesday 17th May 2016** commencing at 7pm with the Annual Meeting. All residents are very welcome to attend so please look for details on notice boards closer to the time.

**Come along and meet your Parish councillors!**

The Parish Council meet at the Village Hall on Arthington Lane.

Your parish councillors are:  
Ian Lister (Chairman), Neil O'Brien (Vice Chairman), Barbara Shepherd, Diane Fox and Fiona Mernagh.

Hannah Hay is clerk to the council.

Should you have any issues you'd like to bring to the Parish Council's attention, please email Hannah at [arthingtonparish@live.co.uk](mailto:arthingtonparish@live.co.uk) or telephone 07739 310400.

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