

ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL MEETING – 13th May 2015

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT MAY 2014 TO MARCH 2015

We were pleased to welcome new councillors Barbara Shepherd and Diane Fox to the council.

There were the usual 5 meetings, the Spring Clean and the Parish inspection.

There have been quite a few planning applications, we objected to 2:-

Miller Bros application to build 380 houses on Breary Lane East (later refused)

Grange Farm application to convert barn to 7 dwellings (later withdrawn)

Leeds agreed the proposals regarding the site allocations, resulting in approval for the 23 houses behind 45 Creskeld Lane, Bramhope.

The quarry has been very quiet, although we still need to keep an eye on Black Hill Road and the gullies. Mr Quarmby worried about the run off of water and possible contamination of water supplies but at a meeting attended by myself, the Clerk, Cllr Barry Anderson, Environment Agency and Leeds enforcement officer, he was reassured that after a geological survey, it was shown that water from the quarry ran in a south westerly direction and was not a danger to his water supplies.

After grants from the Parish Council, the Coptic Church clock is now up and chiming again, the Village Hall has a dry kitchen and the Cricket Club has a newly covered pavilion roof.

After approval from the Village Hall committee the telephone box was moved into the V H car park and it is awaiting restoration.

It was decided to erect a bench in memory of Cllr Clive Fox and that was put in place in March. A new notice board was supplied and fitted to the wall opposite Holme View and the wall was pointed.

New traffic signs were put in place on Rawden Hill after a campaign from residents which we supported.

We have promises from Network Rail that Japanese knotweed will be dealt with and from Leeds that brown bins will be supplied very soon.

The Tour de France passed through in July and a very successful day was had by all. We have been informed that the Tour de Yorkshire will be passing through in May 2015.

OTHER ITEMS

We learnt that HSBC bank was closing in Otley and so decided to move the PC a/c to Yorkshire Bank. Attended on Remembrance Sunday at Pool to lay wreath and read out names of the fallen— with Cllrs Hemingway and the Clerk

Attended Carol Service at Puritan Chapel, Bramhope— with Clerk

Attended the Parish Forum with Clerk and the new Leeds Outer N W committee with Cllr Hemingway.

THANKS – to Clerk, Councillors & Village Hall

SignedChairman Date