

ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Our new website is now live!

www.arthingtonparishcouncil.co.uk

Everything parish council related is now easily accessible online!

Here you'll find all previous meeting minutes, forthcoming and previous meeting agendas, information about the parish council itself as many other interesting links.

We are required by law to publish all our financial data and offer full transparency of all parish council related data. In the past we have posted all documents on notice boards throughout the village but now we're able to fulfil this requirement by publishing online. This makes accessing the information so much easier and, we hope, more accessible to residents in the far corners of the parish.

If you have any suggestions of any improvements of items to add that you think would be worthwhile to have on there, please contact us through the relevant page online, or you can email the clerk at arthingtonparish@live.co.uk

Antisocial Behaviour on Warren Lane

The parish council have been in contact with the police over the issue of antisocial behaviour at the end of Warren Lane. Two PCSOs went to investigate the recent camping at the end of the lane but the campers had only stopped one night leaving behind their tent and rubbish. Leeds City Council cleared away the mess at the request of the police.

Where land is private the police can take measures to prevent and deter antisocial behaviour. The police are also willing to visit and advise landowners on deterrents such as physical barriers. Unfortunately the end of Warren Lane is quite remote and it will always tend to attract people in cars meeting up there.

Speeding in the Village

Mobile Speed Indicator Devices

You may recall from our last newsletter that the speeding problem along Arthington Lane is an ongoing battle that we discuss at every council meeting. Unfortunately the problem is not isolated to our parish and neighbouring villages have also expressed concerns.

We continue to work closely with our Ward Councillor, Bill Flynn, to investigate and discuss potential solutions to the problem. Councillor Flynn is currently liaising with parish councils in the vicinity to explore the possibility of obtaining a mobile speed indicator device to, or SID, to share. As they are quite expensive, having one to deploy throughout the ward would be a more cost effective and viable option.

Should the ward be successful in gaining funding to purchase a mobile SID, we would need local residents to help; as part of the process we're going through, we need to ascertain if there are enough people that could offer to be trained and operate the device.

If you think you could help by volunteering your time, please contact either Billy directly (details below) or the clerk at arthingtonparish@live.co.uk

YOUR LOCAL WARD COUNCILLOR

Our Leeds City Council Ward Councillors are there to represent you and help to get your voices heard.

Ward Councillor Billy Flynn regularly attends our meetings so if there's anything you think needs his attention or you want advice on any issue, don't hesitate to contact him:

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Parish Inspection 2017

Every summer, the councillors visit all areas of our parish looking for any places that may need more attention from Leeds City Council. This can be anything from potholes and damaged signage to overgrown foliage and fly tipping. Below are the highlights from our recent inspection.

ARTHINGTON LANE - *in particular across from the village hall, has a lot of weeds on the pavement and is in need of tidying up. On the S bend just past the hall, a wall has been hit by a vehicle and stones have been knocked down.*

RAWDEN HILL - *at the foot of the hill, the sign to Weadley is missing and the post is bent. The Rawden Hill signpost is also bent.*

BEDLAM LANE - *continues to be in a bad state with a very worn surface which is still eroding.*

CRESKELD LANE - *there is an abandoned vehicle outside number 55 that has been there for several weeks. Cllr Fox has reported this to Cllr Flynn to action. (This has now been removed). Where the new drainage system is in place on the bad bend, one of the grates to a tunnel clearing water is missing. This has also already been reported to Cllr Flynn to action.*

BLACK HILL LANE - *there is a lot of overgrown foliage which seems hazardous to drivers and there are numerous potholes. The grass around the benches at the foot of the lane needs cutting back.*

WARREN LANE - *continues to have several potholes on the bottom half. The Himalayan Balsam seems to be cropping up again on both highways' and railways' land.*

Some of the work is completed by our councillors volunteering their spare time; in the past it has been the councillors who have maintained the parish benches and bus shelter, plant bulbs and cut back grass where the council cannot.

Larger areas of concern are highlighted to the relevant party and we work with our ward councillor to rectify any problems.

If you notice anything in the parish that requires actioning, please get in touch with us via email or the website, or directly with your ward councillor.

Planning Applications

If you're about to submit a planning application for property renovations, improvements or maintenance and you're not sure if it complies with Leeds City Council guidelines, you're welcome to come along to a parish meeting to chat to our councillors about the plans. Although we do not make any decisions on applications submitted, our councillors are familiar with the policy framework that Leeds work with so it may be helpful to discuss any concerns before submitting.

Next Parish Meeting

The next meeting date has not yet been confirmed but will be sometime in January. The date will be advertised online very soon.

As always, all residents are very welcome to attend so please look for details on the website and notice boards around the parish 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 or telephone 07739 310400.

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