

ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

HGV Traffic on Arthington Lane

Earlier this year Leeds City Council's Highways Department sent the Parish Council a response to a query concerning HGV traffic on Arthington Lane. The main points are summarised below.

A recent traffic survey on Pool Main Street showed a slight decrease in HGV numbers which suggested that there may have been a corresponding reduction on Arthington Lane.

LCC Highways have investigated the prohibition of HGVs in Arthington and Pool which would be beneficial for both villages. However North Yorkshire County Council would object to any such ban and a corresponding change in the signage on the motorways to direct traffic onto other routes. Currently HGVs heading for Otley and beyond are directed onto the A659 at Junction 45 on the A1.

Unfortunately, the lack of width on the entire route of Arthington Lane significantly restricts what could be considered to mitigate the effects of HGVs travelling on this road.

Since April 2014 there have been nine recorded accidents on Arthington Lane, three have involved cyclists and two involved HGVs. In August 2015 a car collided with an HGV to the east of Creskeld Lane junction and in June 2018 a similar accident took place to the east of the bends near Rawdon Hill. As there is no specific pattern to the nine accidents LCC cannot propose any appropriate highways schemes.

Appeal by The Trustees of A.R.A.G.E.

Arthington Residents Against Gravel Extraction (or ARAGE) was set up in 1982 to oppose plans for the extraction of sand and gravel in Arthington Meadows, around the Nunnery and between the River Wharfe and the A659 Pool - Harewood Road. The money was raised at a public meeting, people were thanked for their generous contributions but no record was kept of who donated what.

The plans for gravel extraction were withdrawn in 1985 but the committee agreed to save the funds in case plans were revived.

In 2008, twenty five years after ARAGE's formation, the surviving committee members agreed that ARAGE be formally disbanded and that Arthington Parish Council should be involved in the longer term. It was agreed that the fund be applied firstly to oppose any proposed extraction of sand and gravel etc. or, after ten years, to oppose other proposals deemed likely to affect the area's environment, character or general well-being. The money is now managed by two trustees, one of whom is the Chairman of the Parish Council.

Enquiries have been made about the future of the fund. If you attended the public meeting in 1982, or know someone who did, please get in touch by contacting the clerk on either 07739 310400 or email arthingtonparish@live.co.uk

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Welcome to Our New Parish Councillor!

David is an Arthington native who has been lucky enough to work on renewable energy projects around the globe from South Korea to Nova Scotia. Having followed the office around the UK, in 2018 he and his wife made the decision to settle for good in Arthington at the family farm Creskeld Hall and are now expecting their first child. David splits his time between a home office and the company HQ in Edinburgh with frequent trips to the project site in Nova Scotia.

SID Update



The new Speed Indicator Device, or SID for short, has already pleased many residents and helped to increase awareness of the 30mph speed limit along Arthington Lane.

Members of the Parish Council will be trained on how to access data received by the device, helping us to see actual figures of vehicles travelling along the road and what speeds they travel. Hopefully this will provide better information for any future measures we believe necessary to improve road safety on the busy road in the village.

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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Do you have any suggestions on improvements we can make in the parish, or any comments about where we live? If so, please either pop along to a parish meeting to meet your Parish Councillors, or email Hannah at arthingtonparish@live.co.uk

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 will be held in January 2020; please keep an eye on the website and parish notice boards for further details nearer the time.

As always, all residents are very welcome to attend any of the parish council meetings.

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), Diane Fox, David Spencer and David Stoddart-Scott.

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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