

# ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## News from Leeds City Councillor Billy Flynn

I visit virtually every home in the ward about every 18 months to deliver street surgery letters and I also keep in touch with the villages via the parish councils (PCs) and by attending PC meetings. I receive a variety of complaints and enquiries, with the majority tending to be about nuisance trees, parking and road maintenance, notably but not exclusively in the villages. Disputes about the first two can be difficult to resolve because they are governed by law and ownership, but I do try to act as a go between, though not always successfully. The following are some of the issues I have come across in Arthington

With the assistance of the police and highways officer, the nuisance caused to residents in Warren Lane caused by anti social behaviour and discourteous parking over recent years has been reduced together with the mess they leave behind. Although the nuisance has not been completely removed, far fewer complaints were received this summer. I am hoping to have another speed indication device installed at the village hall end of the village to complement the one near the Wharfedale and further reduce the speed of vehicles coming through the village.

During a recent visit to Bedlam Lane with a member of the PC we found a huge pothole about halfway up the hill. After reporting it to highways I revisited a few days later to check the repair and found water coming down the lane, pooling near one of the houses. This was following work by Yorkshire Water. Highways officers attended urgently to effect temporary repairs, redirecting water from the leak into watercourses. YW visited soon after and repaired the leak. Similarly, after complaints about the noise from HGVs using the carriageway, a section of Arthington Lane was resurfaced to reduce the nuisance.

I had a report in late July from an Arthington resident about the amount of water cascading down Black Hill Rd from the quarry. This is not a new issue and it's not long since Highways carried out some resurfacing work down the hill from the quarry. This time muddy water was running down the slope, on both sides due to the road camber with much of it missing the drainage gullies, all the way down to Arthington Lane. Highways decided to close the road entirely on 4 September for approximately five weeks to allow extensive drainage improvements along the carriageway. Contractors will be installing new gully pots and connecting them to the existing highway drain in the grass verge. This should help reduce the amount of surface water flowing down the highway at this location. Once the drainage works have completed, the road will also be resurfaced. Let's hope this resolves a very long running problem.

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Our Leeds City Council Ward Councillors are there to represent you and help to get your voices heard. Ward Councillor Billy Flynn is always happy to offer advice on any issue. If you have an issue you would like to discuss with him email: [billy.flynn@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:billy.flynn@leeds.gov.uk) Tel: 0113 2613896 or Mobile 07810 640282

## OTHER NEWS

### **Proposed 50mph speed limit - Otley Rd, Harwood Rd, Arthington Lane (A659)**

Leeds City Council are proposing to reduce the national speed limit on part of the A659. This concerns the length of road between the junction with Harrogate Road (A61) and Ingfield Farm. A period of consultation with parish councils and local ward councillors took place over the summer.

A Councillor is repairing and repainting three notice boards in the village and Councillors are refurbishing the telephone box in the village hall car park.

The Parish Council gave a £1000 grant to the village hall to improve the men's toilets.

## Planning Application Comments

At the beginning of June Leeds City Council stopped publishing online comments made about planning applications. This action was taken due to concerns about General Data Protection Regulation compliance and the need to appropriately redact comments. Leeds have stated that all comments on planning applications will still be taken into account and summarised in a planning officer's report. The Parish Council has written to the Chief Planning Officer stating that comments made by Parish and Town Councils should still be available to view online. The Parish Council feels that it has a duty to be open and transparent and that residents should know the Parish Council's views on any planning application within the parish.

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## ARTHINGTON VILLAGE HALL NEWS

We have had quite a busy year with bookings for Graduations, Yoga, Parties and Baby Showers etc. Pre-School has been in the hall for a year now and has settled very well, it's good seeing the hall being used regularly. If you would like to know more about Pre-School please contact Mrs. V. Campbell on 01943 725439 or email [hello@poolpre-schoolgroup.org.uk](mailto:hello@poolpre-schoolgroup.org.uk). We have just had the hall floor sanded and revarnished, it looks really good.

### Dates for your diary:

Tues 28<sup>th</sup> November - AGM. 7.30pm Please come along and support the hall.

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> December - Christmas Tree sale with craft stalls and Beer Club.

If you would like a stall at the tree sale please contact the telephone number/email address below.

To book the hall: Tel: 0113 2841169/07803730881.

Email: [arthingtonvh@gmail.com](mailto:arthingtonvh@gmail.com)

Hall Committee: Joint Chair S. Glassup/J. Thomas, Treasurer/Bookings C. Lister, Secretary S. Grange, E. Morris, J. Bradley, A. Davison, and V. Campbell.

## ARTHINGTON SHOW 103rd SHOW BRINGS OUT THE CROWDS.

The sun shone for the 103rd Arthington Show on Sunday 20th August. Although the Show is now held on Pool Road, Otley, it still carries the Arthington name. Events included classes for horse & pony, cattle, sheet and dogs. Demonstration of side saddle riding and pony logging were just some of the activities. Add to this many trade stalls, live music and vintage tractors and you have the making of a great day out. Three members of the cast of Emmerdale were there to hand out the trophies and have photos taken. If you get a chance to go to next year's Show you won't be disappointed.



Photo by M. Smith

## ARTHINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council meets five times a year at the Village Hall. Dates of future meetings are on the website [www.arthingtonparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.arthingtonparishcouncil.co.uk). We also have an annual spring clean and a village inspection.

In May we said goodbye to our Clerk Hannah Mullaney. The Parish Council thanks Hannah for her work over the last eight years and wishes her well for the future.

Also in May we welcomed our new Clerk, Margaret Smith. Margaret has worked with Parish Councils for ten years in both North and West Yorkshire. She lives in Horsforth and looks forward to working with the Councillors and the community of Arthington.

New Councillor, We have had a vacancy on the Parish Council since the election when Hugh Robinson stepped down. We wish Hugh well and thank him for his work on the Council. We look forward to co-opting a new Councillor at the October meeting.

You can contact the Parish Council by email at [arthingtonparish@live.co.uk](mailto:arthingtonparish@live.co.uk) Or by phone on 07505 142383

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### Planning Applications

If you are about to submit a planning application for property 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 Council meeting and chat to one of our Councillors who is familiar with the policy framework used.

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