

Norham Parish Council Meeting

Monday 27th July 2015

Councillor Huntly from E. Ord presented the paper on Neighbourhood Planning. Local Councils will now have less in-put into the Planning Process so the proposal was that the Councils in the Norham and Islandshire Association should work together on their Neighbourhood Planning document to ensure that their views had more weight. Norham Council must decide whether it wishes to go alone or work with the Association. Once the document is in place all plans and policies must, by law, comply with the Neighbourhood Plan.

The proposition will be discussed at the next Norham Parish Council meeting.

Play area equipment and Inspections On his weekly inspection Jim Blythe had noticed the cracks in the swing seats. The condition of these seats needs to be closely monitored. Signage for the Play areas is required by law; Alan Cater will be consulted about this. The old seat by the seesaw will be removed and Mrs. Ayre has agreed to pay for a new seat in memory of her husband.

Footpaths The South Lane footpath application is following due process. NCC has replaced the decking and installed handrails and steps on either side of Mill Burn bridge and on bridges on the footpath from the Castle to Morris Hall Farm. Mr. Danson of North Lane has requested permission to put up fencing at the end of his field by the river to ensure walkers do not attempt to use the now-closed footpath, as signs are being ignored.

Stone Planter near Castle Bank is now in place.

Electronic speed sign Neil Snowden is on leave so no progress yet made.

Notice boards The new main board now in place. Ian Simpson will be paid for materials but has carried out the work free of charge.

Ambulance service/ Hospital provision A letter from Norham Surgery clarifying the situation has been received.

Litter bin replacement and Insurance cover The first £250 of a claim has to be paid by the Council.

To consider three priorities for Local Transport Plan (LTP)

It was agreed that the three new priorities should be:

1. The road from Norham Castle to Norham West Mains
2. The lane between West Street and St. Cuthberts Square
3. The road from Norham to the Salutation Inn

Transparency Code Parish Council Minutes, Agenda and Insurance documents are already displayed on the Village website.

Up-date on Planning Applications Applications from Galagate Farm and the Victoria Hotel are still on-going. Permission has been granted for a Storage building at E. Newbiggin Farm.

Bank Balances Current A/C £4,796.76 Business A/C £529.24, Castle A/C £279.36 -
State of roads and pavements Weeds by the parapet of Norham Bridge will be removed by Jim Blythe. Gravel on the verge of the village green has still not been removed, and the pavement from Birch Hill to Norham Station has not yet been cleared.

Any Other Business The sign with concrete base at Grindon crossroads the sign has been knocked down. NCC will be asked to remove it. Ian Simpson has repaired the seat at Bow Well Cottages. Branches damaging the bus shelter on the A698 have been removed and the roof repaired. The Petanque bank statement will be handed over to the new co-ordinator Rod Thomson. Money for seat repairs will need to be included in next year's Budget. JB will compile a plan of the village showing the location of all the seats. David Gibson will be asked to trim the vegetation under seats in the areas where he already works.

Date of next meeting 28th September 2015 at 7.30 p.m. in Norham Village Hall.

NORHAM NEWSROUND SEPTEMBER 2015

Forthcoming Events.

Sunday 30th August : **Car Boot Sale & Coffee Morning** 10am.

Thursday 3rd September : **W.I. Meeting** in the Village Hall; 2pm.

Sunday 6th : **Freegle/Freecycle Meet-up**; Village Hall 2-4pm. See below.
Choral Evensong in church; 6pm.

Tuesday 8th : **Concert** in Church at 7pm; see below.

Thursday 10th : **Parish Walk** 3 or 7 miles. Meet on the Green at 10am.

Sunday 13th : **Norham Bike Fest** from 10am. See below.

Monday 14th : **M.U. Meeting** at Branxton Village Hall; 2pm.

Saturday 12th : **NADFAS** talk in Church; 2pm; see below

Saturday 19th : **Village Hall Fair/Coffee Morning/Car Boot Sale**; 10am-12.

Wednesday 30th : **Drop-in-4-Coffee** at church; 10.30—12 noon.

SINCERE CONDOLENCES to the family and friends of

Wallace Park who died on 21st July;

also Bob Edmondson who died on 12th August.

CONGRATULATIONS to Sarah Hume who celebrated her 100th birthday on 8th August;

also to Richard and Catriona Townsley (nee Jackson) on the birth of a daughter, Frieda Anne Christine, on 23rd August.

WE WELCOMED to the church community Grace and Corin Laidlaw who were baptised on 9th August.

WOMENS' INSTITUTE The speaker at the September meeting (on 3rd) will be Susan Fulton who will talk about Assistance Dogs.

MOTHERS' UNION At the September meeting Rob Kelsey will talk about his favourite poems.

TALK BY NADFAS On 12th September members of the group will talk on 'The Stories behind the Windows in Norham Church'.

FREEGLE/FREECYCLE MEET-UP at Norham Village Hall. Sunday 6th September 2pm till 4 pm. If you have no idea what this is all about, why not come along, have a cup of tea and find out.

YOUR VILLAGE HALL NEEDS YOU! We urgently need new members for the village hall committee. Younger people would be especially welcome.

HALL FAIR/COFFEE MORNING/CAR BOOT SALE Saturday 19th Sept. 10am—12 noon. Please come and support the Village Hall.

FROM THE PARISH COUNCIL Following complaints about the excessive and inappropriate use of weedkiller in Fishers Walk, thanks were expressed to Jim Blythe, John Urwin and Rev. Rob Kelsey for agreeing to trim this area in future to ensure wild flowers flourish.

Ian Simpson has generously given his time to make the new village hall noticeboard which is now in place. We are very grateful for Ian for this.

On behalf of her late father Collingwood Thompson, his daughter brought a gift of £500 for the use of the community of Norham, in appreciation of the happy years Collingwood spent living in Norham. We are so grateful for this generosity and will ensure it will be used for the benefit of all who live in Norham.

NORHAM'S FIRST BIKE FEST will take place on Sunday 13th September from 10am. It seeks to promote Norham as a cycle friendly village. There will be four competitions to attract all ages and all abilities. Time Trial and King of the Castle are for more competitive cyclists; Scooter Run and Family Cycle are both non-competitive and will allow cyclists through the beautiful Ladykirk estates. Other attractions in the Hall (including refreshments) and on the Green, Registrations for the events take place on the day.

Volunteers needed for marshalling, recording etc.-all vital

If you can help please contact Jim Blythe (6 Castle St) or Sheila Johnson (28 West Street) with a note through the letterbox giving name and contact details.

NORHAM & LADYKIRK ANGLING ASSOCIATION A quiet couple of months with only three competitions. The winner of the evening competition at the Watch was Ronnie Hek with Mark Straughen second and David Cockburn third. The final river competition of the year for the Peter Matthews Cup was won by Mark Straughen with Ronnie Hek second and myself third. The Chatton competition was again won by Mark Straughen with myself second and David Cockburn third.

The final competition of the year is for the Bert Foreman Cup and will be at Coldingham Loch from 9am-5pm on Sunday 13th September. Please enter at Wendy's shop for either bank or boat.

Good luck to all competitors

Tight lines.

Paul (Jim) Yeomans

FLOWER FESTIVAL

to celebrate 850 years of Norham Church building

Sunday 4th—Sunday 11th October

Any surplus garden produce and offers of help, particularly with stewarding, will be gratefully received.

Please contact Jane Bannister on 01289 382323
or e-mail jaybees1966@hotmail.co.uk

CHORAL EVENSONG

to celebrate 850 years of Norham Church building

Sunday 6th September at 6pm.

You are invited to

A Harvest of Thanksgiving for Norham to include

'Clypping the Church'

In this ancient ceremony, the congregation goes outside to form a circle around the church building and joins hands in order to 'embrace' the church.

We need as many people as possible to take part!

**10.00am Sunday 4th October
Norham Parish Church**

The service will also feature:

The organisations and activities of benefit to children and young people in and around Norham

The High Sheriff of Northumberland, whose duties involve giving 'active support and encouragement to ... young people'

The start of a week-long Flower Festival, on the theme of 'A Harvest of Thanksgiving for Norham Community'

**For more information contact
the Revd Rob Kelsey, (01289) 382325**

CONCERT BY THE WEIGHTON WAYTES to celebrate the 850th Anniversary of Norham Church

Tuesday 8th September; 7pm to 8.30pm.

Tickets £5 including refreshments Children free

Weighton Waytes are a community choir from Market Weighton. They sing a mixture of sacred and secular music, from medieval to modern, including African music.

ITEMS FOR OCTOBER NEWSROUND

Any contributions should be given to Josephine Harris (382363) before Thursday 24th September.