

**Swanland Playing Fields:** - At last it looks as though we may be able to raise funds through commuted sums to help the Playing Fields replace some of the old equipment. The application is with East Riding Council so hopefully we will be successful. As always they need other help as well. The more people who get involved, the less everyone has to do (an hour here and there would mean so much). Our children need somewhere to play and get exercise to be fit and healthy. You never know, they could end up taking part in the Olympics of the future, but it won't happen without your help. If you can give a little time please get in touch with the Playing Field Committee, they would love to hear from you. Contact details are on the Swanland website. [www.swanland.info/playingfield](http://www.swanland.info/playingfield)



**Pond and Community Garden:** - The Community Garden benches provide an ideal place to sit, enjoy the garden and watch the ducks, moorhens and visiting geese. People have noticed the very large fish living in the pond, but during dry spells these get into difficulties. We have a problem. Despite drainage from the village hall roof being channelled into the pond and repair work completed to both east and west ends, the water level gauge shows that there is still a considerable loss of water. It's a puzzle as to where it's going so the Pond Partnership, with support of the Parish Council, are continuing investigations to try and find the culprit area. Hopefully the problem will be soon solved.



**Housing developments and planning: - It's your village!** If you have any concerns about what is happening in the village, please have a look on the Swanland Village and Parish Council websites. There are links to East Riding Planning Department for you to gain easy access. Anyone can make a comment. Please let the Parish Council know your thoughts about how our village should look. Messages to the Clerk will be passed to the Councillors for their information (they need to know!) and you can add your planning comments to the ERYC website or write a letter. The Parish Council is there to represent the village. Your presence at the meetings held mostly on the first Monday of the month would be welcome. Please come and talk to them.



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## SPRING NEWSLETTER 2017

### LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN –

On the last Monday before Christmas, Father Christmas was able to take some time off to visit Swanland and be rowed across and around the pond, watched by lots of children and children-at-heart. Although it was cold (fortunately not cold enough to freeze the pond as has happened before), it remained dry and everyone seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. As always, there were too many people involved to thank them all individually. However, I would like to record the Parish Council's grateful thanks to Roz Jordan-Jackson for, once again, all her hard work over the months before this event to ensure all the necessary arrangements, legal and otherwise, are in place.

The New Year will be more than a month old by the time you read this and it may be that we all have a better idea of how important the ERYC Local Plan is seen by (national) planning inspectors following an appeal against a rejection of a planning application for building houses in South Cave outside of that Local Plan.

The same developers have recently (as I type this in the middle of January) submitted the expected planning application for a large estate off Sykes Close. This site around Westfield Farm is not one of the sites in the ERYC Local Plan and, as such, there is a lot of local objection to it. You will have all received the informative leaflet from the "Swanland against Gladman Group" about this and I hope many will contact ERYC planning individually to raise any concerns they had.

The recent cold snap meant that the grit bins around the village came into their own at key locations. The contents of these are, of course, intended just for use on the public roads and footpaths. I guess that some residents and visitors may have,

over the last few months, received parking tickets, especially from parking illegally on the double yellow lines around the West End/Kemp Road junction. I am sure that this attention by enforcement officers to parking in the village will continue.

Much to the regret of the Parish Councillors, Roz Jordan-Jackson has, after ten years as Parish Clerk, decided that it is time to hand on this baton and so she retires at the end of March. We wish her and Colin a long, healthy and happy retirement!

### Derek Shepherd



**Police:** Our village bobbies are Barbara Danby and Steve Lynch. To report non-emergency items please ring 101 and ask for Humberside Police. You only need to use 999 in an emergency. The crime figures are available on the following website [www.police.uk](http://www.police.uk) and there is a facility to input post codes to detail the crimes for your area.



**Allotments:** The waiting list has dropped in number considerably. If you want to put your name down for a plot please contact the clerk who will be glad to take details and put you on the list. Swanlanders are always first. We are having a few problems on the allotments on Mill Road. There seems to be a lot of rats eating produce and entering the sheds looking for food. Piles of rubbish encourages them to find a home underneath. Feeding the birds encourages the rats to return. Storing anything they might find edible will also draw them in. The Parish Council has called in Pest Control at East Riding Council and hopefully with their help and the vigilance of the plot holders, the problem will be sorted.



**Hedges:** - Spring is not far off and soon the birds will be looking for nesting places. If you have any hedges that need cutting back it would be a good idea to get in there first before the birds. Not only does it help the wildlife, it makes your property look good as well. Overhanging branches during the spring and summer growth could cause injury or accident so prevention is better than cure.



**Street Collection at Father Christmas on the pond:-** A good sum of £315.67 was gathered at the Christmas event and generously matched by the employer of one of the Councillors. This will be shared equally between Godfrey Robinson Homes for the Disabled in North Ferriby and CRY (Cardiac Risk in the Young). Thank you everyone who donated!



**Dog fouling on village streets:** - If you see them .... report them. It's the only way to stop it happening. There is a substantial fine for the culprits. Contact The Dog Warden and Environmental Health. Access through East Riding Council Customer Services on 01482 393939.



**Village Groups need your support:** - Would you like to get involved and join the camaraderie of the village community? There are several village groups that you can join. The **Swanland Village Association** 01482 634583 are well known and they are involved with all sorts of events. Mal Cracknell 01482 632282, who leads **The Gardening Group** could do with some young volunteers to help out with planting, weeding and watering. There is a watering rota during the summer months that you could join and “do your bit” to keep the lovely displays of flowers blooming and beautiful. It's nothing too arduous and you meet plenty of people to chat with while you are watering the tubs. **The Pond Partnership** 01482 634168, would love volunteers to help on maintenance days at the pond. The more the merrier! Even someone to make the tea is important. They usually put word out when the need arises. They are a good crowd and there's laughter echoing round the pond again. **The Village Hall** Trustees 01482 634691/637210 welcome help. A list of the multitude of events are on the website and in the library. All you need to do is ask or look on the website. **Christ Church** 01482 631131 have coffee mornings and film nights and a monthly youth group. **Swanland Heritage Centre** 01482 633286/631844 is always looking for people with knowledge to chat about Swanland history and folk we know. Join up and come for a chat. Most of the above contacts can be found just by entering **Swanland Village** onto the search engine on your computer, otherwise try one of these numbers and they will point you in the right direction. We have a very exceptional village community, let's keep it that way.