

THE PARISH COUNCIL IS READY, ARE YOU? – Winter is just around the corner so please make sure that you are prepared. **DO YOU** have some salt for icy paths, **DO YOU** have a snow shovel, **DO YOU** have a neighbour to call on in case of emergency, and **DO YOU** know anyone who could need help in an emergency? The Parish Council has an emergency plan (which has just been updated) in case of extreme emergency and contact can be made through the clerk or any member of the Parish Council.

DOG FOULING

Every year the Parish Council receive letters in December or January about dog fouling. When you walk your dog in the dark and are all muffled up it does not mean that you have any less responsibility to clear up after your pooch; even if their leavings do disappear into snow someone can still step on it. Please think of others and let's hope that this year is an exception.

LITTER

If you have any concerns about litter of any sort, including dog poo, overflowing bins, how to report litter or litter droppers, you might find the following

<https://www.eastriding.gov.uk/environment/> useful.

CONTACTS

If you are concerned about anything that affects our Village, please let us know. We would love to see you at one of our Parish Council Meetings all the dates are published on the Website <http://www.swanlandparish.org/>

This website aims to allow the Council to communicate more effectively with residents and to provide ways to allow them to contact both the Parish Council and the East Riding of Yorkshire County Council. It will be kept fully updated with items of local concern including access to current planning applications and how you can make your views.

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN –

As I write this in the middle of September, disappointingly the planning application for 56 houses off West Wold has been approved. There will therefore be 156 houses around the playing fields, accounting for almost all the 165 houses the Planning Inspector said had to be built. Indeed, with the other sites already built on or planned, the 165 number has already been exceeded.

As I mentioned last time, please remember that the Parish Council does not make decisions about planning applications (it is a consultee just like every resident). ERYC does make decisions and it does so knowing which are most likely to succeed at an appeal (and, as I guess for most council taxpayers, I wouldn't want them wasting money on fruitless appeals).

As you will be aware (even with all the focus on Brexit) there is still a centrally driven wish for a lot more house building and developers will continue to focus on locations seen as desirable (and hence where they can charge more).

ERYC will be starting a consultation in the near future (if it has not already started by the time you read this!) about updating the Local Plan across the whole of the East Riding. I have just sat down with the clerk and a couple of other councillors to check facts given about a whole series of sites (more than 20!) around Swanland that owners/developers have put forward to be considered for inclusion in a future Plan. This was not a consultation about whether the sites should be included or not, that will happen next.

Personally, I can see no need for ANY additional sites to be included in light of the number of houses already being built, and the Council will, I am sure, respond robustly to the formal consultation when it starts.

As always it will be important for as many residents as possible to respond to such a consultation. I know that it can be disheartening when you put in an objection and a planning application is passed anyway (the Parish Council has lots of experience of that!), but they will certainly be more likely to be passed if no objections go in!

If you want to be kept up to date with this and other developments, please locate the Swanland Parish Council Facebook page and 'follow' it as many already do. This means that you will automatically be sent the information, rather than having to search on the website.

Following co-options after the recent (unopposed) election the Parish Council now has its full number of councillors (9); their details and how to contact them are on the website.

I expect everyone who walks around the village during the day sees the number of "wheelie" bins that remain outside houses all day after collections have taken place. If nothing else this may suggest that the house is unoccupied and so why not consider discussing with neighbours to see if anyone can move them back during the day?

Complaints have again been received from residents about cars (and vans) parking partly on the footpath in various places around the village, two examples being Dale Road and Sykes Close. This can - and does - obstruct other residents with limited mobility and/or pushing prams; it is also a (criminal not civil) offence. Please encourage visitors only to park where they can do safely without going on the footpath.

As we leave summer and enter into autumn it won't be that long before winter is upon us; with that a certain visitor is expected again to be rowed across the pond a few days before a certain day (that I am not mentioning this early)!

Derek Shepherd

FATHER CHRISTMAS AT THE POND

This yearly event organised by the Parish Council will take place on Monday 23rd December. Festivities will start at around 6pm and Father Christmas will arrive between 7pm and 7.30pm. Organisation for this event will commence very soon so if you have any requests/suggestions or would like to volunteer your help please let the Clerk know.

Last year we received a very generous donation from a local resident which enabled us to purchase new lighting around the pond – this lighting looked fantastic and we received many positive comments from residents.

TREES AND HEDGES

From time to time Swanland Parish Council receives complaints from residents about tree and shrub branches overhanging the pavement or hedges that have grown so thick that they are taking over pedestrian walkways.

Now is a good time to look at your boundaries to see if you may be causing problems. However, before you get out the loppers and saws though, may we offer a few cautions. These trees, bushes and, in particular hedges, supply cover, food and homes for much of our local wildlife so, please, only cut back if necessary. It is illegal to prune or fell during the nesting season (1st March to 30th September) so winter is the best time to do this.

Another consideration is that you may live in a Conservation Area or own trees on which there is a Tree Protection Order (TPO). Before you remove any branches from these, permission must be obtained from East Riding of Yorkshire Council.