

Autumn

Over the summer, Swanland Parish Council asked some parishioners if they could cut back their hedges or overhanging branches due to concerns regarding hedges/overhanging branches encroaching onto paths and roads. Thank you to all parishioners who responded so readily when asked to do so.

Cutting back hedges and overhanging branches really helps the local community both in terms of making the area look neat and tidy as well as helping people make use of roads and footpaths more easily and safely.

As we start to change seasons and we are seeing leaves fall, lots of people will be collecting leaves from gardens and pathways to avoid slippery wet leaves which could easily be the cause of slips and falls. Please try to avoid sweeping/blowing them onto the public highway.

Father Christmas at the Pond

With only three months to go work has already started, and after two years of enforced absence, we are optimistic that Father Christmas will be returning to the pond this December. To enable the event to take place, both safely and smoothly, especially as we still have two vacancies for councillors, we will need a number of volunteers. This would be for the setting up during the day and the evening itself. Please contact the Clerk Michelle Hopton if you can assist. If we don't have sufficient volunteers the event would unfortunately have to be cancelled.

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.swanlandparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

The website aims to allow the Council to communicate more effectively with residents and to provide ways to allow you to contact both Swanland Parish Council and East Riding of Yorkshire County Council. It is kept fully updated with items of local concern including access to current planning applications and how you can register your comments.



NEWSLETTER



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN –

I write this just after the Queen's funeral and all the many official events that took place. I imagine most people reading this are like me and have never known a different monarch, so a new era awaits!

Back to the mundane, there are now two vacancies (out of nine) on the Parish Council which can be filled by co-option, so please consider if you could give some time to take part in this voluntary role. If you are interested, please get in touch with me or the Clerk (contact details are on the Parish Council website).

If you want to know what planning applications are submitted you can check each Parish Council agenda, which is put on our Facebook page, on the website and a paper copy on the noticeboard. In addition, you can search on a map, for current approved applications on the ERYC planning portal (for which there is a link from the Parish Council website).

Talking about noticeboards, a new one has been placed at the back of the footpath in front of the Swan and Cygnet. This replaces the old one (near the old pump house) which will be taken over by the bowling club. We wanted the new noticeboard to be placed in a more central location so it could be seen by more people and so this area was picked. The final location was chosen after ERYC Highways checked that the footpath was wide enough. Many thanks to Redrow Builders for their contribution to the cost of purchasing the notice board.

The additional car parking space at the playing fields is in use and access to all parking for vehicles is via Blossom Close. Pedestrian access is via a gate on Wold View. Please do not park on Wold View and use that pedestrian gate as it blocks Wold View (which is narrow) and more importantly negates the safety benefits of separating foot and vehicle access.

The new play equipment between the school and the James Reckitt Hall is now in use thanks to the James Reckitt Trustees' hard work in planning and seeking a grant from ERYC for money from commuted sums (paid by housing developers). Play equipment is surprisingly expensive and with the grant covering 90% of the cost the Parish Council contributed towards the outstanding amount for this important central facility.

Work is anticipated in the pond over the coming months to tackle the spread of reeds and other growth which, if left unchecked, would eventually choke the pond. Swanland Pond Partnership is always on the lookout for volunteers to help and so, if interested, please contact the Clerk, or see the information on the Swanland Village website (<https://swanland.info/>).

Hopefully the weather will settle down to a more normal pattern after the hot and dry summer; although, with energy prices as they are, perhaps an unseasonably warm autumn and winter would be better.

God save the King!

Derek Shepherd

World Clean Up Day

As part of their commitment to working closely with the local community a team of workers from Omya UK recently took part in the World Clean Up day as an excellent team building exercise. Two teams split up and walked two different routes in the parish of Welton which borders the quarry to the south, and the parish of Swanland that borders the plant to northeast. In total they collected 8 large sacks of rubbish and two small. Many thanks for all their hard work.



New Litter Bins

The Parish Council has recently purchased 3 new litter bins which have been located on Dower Rise, West Leys Park/Kemp Road corner and West Leys Road/James Reckitt Drive corner. Please note that all bins within the East Riding of Yorkshire can be used for the disposal of dog waste. Please be sure to bag the waste first.

