

# Huggate Parish Council

At the Council's Annual Meeting on 15th May, Linda Davies was again elected Chair for another year.

While residents should thank all Councillors for their work, we must be very grateful indeed to Linda for the immense amount of time and effort that she gives in work for the village, often at 7 am before starting her day job.

Audrey Johnson is now taking over as Clerk; contact on huggateclerk@outlook.com or on 01377 288488. Thank you, Audrey!  
Jenny Zarek (retiring Clerk)

## News from the Parish Council

The council is developing a long term plan for the maintenance and replanting of trees in the village. As you may have noticed, some of the damaged trees on the lower green have been removed. Barbara and Jenni met with Neil Lemmon from ERYC to get expert advice about the current state of the trees in the village and what to consider in planting new trees. Issues identified included self-seeded and dying trees. A number of trees on the two greens have grown into their metal guards and/or are growing into overhead cables, so we need to do quite a lot of work over the coming 3-5 years. The first phase will include clearing out the old hedge and scrub along the boundary of the lower green and Eastlands; removal and pruning trees on the old play area and the lower and top greens and planting the new tree to celebrate the Queens Diamond Jubilee; improvement of the hedge between the road and the lower green pond; and digging out the drainage ditch.

We have agreed with the amenities group (HAPG) that the council should take back responsibility for the pit area. HAPG has put time and effort into trying to get people in the village interested in developing amenities, but there does not appear to be much enthusiasm for doing anything. On the positive side, the rope tyres and the goal posts, which were repaired last year, are used a lot by the children in the village and the bottom green area was used extensively last summer holidays. It seems that simplicity and low cost is the best approach to take.

**The pit area is still closed whilst the Japanese Knotweed is being eradicated. The area has been sprayed and cleared, but work is still continuing.**

We also intend to work on the following over the next 12 months:

- Refine the emergency plan and snow clearance plans as needed and update the laminate cards of emergency contacts

- Continue to liaise with EYRC about improvements and maintenance of the local roads and possible measures to help reduce vehicle speeds in the village

- Continue general maintenance and replenish salt bins

- Work with people in the village and EYRC to review Huggate development limits (an enlarged copy of the current limits will be posted on the notice board shortly), prepare focussed Neighbourhood Development Plans/Orders and survey villagers to identify potential village needs over next 5 years.

Linda Davies

## Annual Village Meeting

6 Councillors and 17 members of the public attended the Annual Village Meeting on 16th May. A number of issues were raised. These included the need for high speed internet, problems with dogs fouling streets and pavements and the need for a sign to indicate the road narrows before the bend at Island Cottage. We will be looking at what can be done to address these. If you have any ideas then please do let one of the councillors know.

The monthly council meetings will be held at the meeting room in Juliarnos for the rest of this year. Dates and times will be posted on the notice board. If you have any concerns or suggestions, then please do come along.

## PUBLIC ACCESS DEFIBRILLATOR

Several residents attended the defibrillator familiarisation session at the Wolds Inn on 29th May. Remember, if you think that someone needs the defibrillator, ring 999 to obtain the access code for the box. The unit will guide you through use with voice commands, and you CANNOT give a shock if it is not needed.

Just remember—if the casualty has a clear airway but isn't breathing START CPR.

**Don't stop CPR** to collect the defibrillator, you must continue and send someone else for the unit.

And if you get to the stage of giving a shock, ENSURE THAT YOU AND EVERYONE ELSE IS STANDING CLEAR—just like they do on Casualty. It really is important!

## COMMUNITY FIRST RESPONDERS

Following the provision of the Defibrillator facility, Yorkshire Ambulance would like to set up a First Responder team to cover Huggate, perhaps in collaboration with Fridaythorpe.

There are many advantages to living in a lovely village, but slow ambulance response is one of the problems; in a recent incident it took 27 minutes for an ambulance to arrive. First Responders are available locally on a rota, to be deployed by the Ambulance Service in response to some nearby emergency calls where the first few minutes of treatment and life support are critical, and really do save lives. Volunteers receive comprehensive training, full support and ongoing updating.

The Ambulance Service is willing to provide a meeting to give more information, if there are sufficient possible volunteers. It would need at least 8 trained people to set up a team in Huggate—preferably more, to reduce the individual commitment—and that probably means at least 12 expressions of interest.

**Jane Leaver at the Wolds Inn has kindly offered to liaise with the Ambulance Service, so please contact her on 01377 288217.**

see <http://www.communityresponders.yas.nhs.uk/>