

GOLDSBOROUGH & FLAXBY GROUPED PARISH COUNCIL(GFPC)

In January, the Parish Council decided to increase its yearly meetings from 6 to 10, so there will now be meetings every month except August and December. The next meetings are planned for Mondays 13 May, 10 June and 8 July. Due to the recent closure of The Bay Horse Inn, the Parish Council held its March meeting at Goldsborough Cricket Club, and the April meeting at St. Mary's Church, Goldsborough. The May meeting will be held at 7.30pm at Goldsborough Cricket Club - future venues are yet to be agreed.

On 13 May, the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council will take place at 7.30pm, where there will be the Chairman's and Clerk's Reports for the year 2018-19 plus election by the Councillors of a Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the year 2019-20. The Parish Council meeting covering the normal items of business will then follow this meeting. The Annual Parish Meeting has no specific agenda and is intended for any Parishioner to raise matters that they consider relevant to one or both Parishes. Please take this opportunity if you have something to mention or put to the Parish Council for consideration. GFPC website: www.goldsboroughflaxbypc.co.uk

PLANNING MATTERS

Since the last Newsletter in December, there have been several Planning Applications submitted for approval and decisions made by Harrogate Borough Council (HBC). These (excluding those associated with tree works) are as follows:

Harrogate Local Plan - There is no news as yet on this, other than the Planning Inspectorate has made an interim assessment where several sites within the Plan have been rejected. The final decision is not expected for a few months, at which time it is believed there will be a further consultation period.

36 Dwellings beside Goldsborough Cricket Club - This revised scheme, with the access now off Station Road, was approved at the Planning Committee Meeting on 27 November 2018, despite prior significant objections by the PC and

parishioners and objections at the actual meeting. Since then, the PC and some parishioners have sent objections to HBC regarding the way it handled things. HBC has refuted those objections, and many of the parishioners have been ignored due to their objections not being submitted as supposed 'formal' complaints. If not already done, the PC has asked parishioners, together with those previously ignored parishioners, to submit clear "formal" complaints to HBC. After sufficient time to respond, the PC will look to utilise as many responses as possible to then complain to the Local Government Ombudsman. Meanwhile, the applicant is taking the development forward and, in time, a more detailed scheme will be presented for consideration to HBC, the PC and the general public.

Flaxby Park New Settlement – In late 2018 the applicant, Flaxby Park Ltd, submitted an updated Outline Planning Application for this 2,750 dwellings development. The PC and parishioners objected to this before the December deadline. It is understood that this is likely to go to HBC Planning Committee in May or June 2019. There is also no further news regarding the two other nearby large proposed developments at Cattall (Malkiln) or Green Hammerton.

Flaxby Business Park (Phase 1) - Details were submitted by the developers, Forward Investment LLP, in late 2018 to answer various Reserved Matters linked to the Outline Planning Permission previously given by HBC. As yet, approval has not been given to these new details.

Highfield Farm - In mid-December 2018, the PC along with just three parishioners raised objections to the Outline Planning Application for 402 dwellings proposed by Taylor Wimpey Ltd at this site opposite the Toyota garage outside Knaresborough. Other consultees have made objections but, as yet, no decision has been made by HBC.

Erection of gate pier at entrance to Goldsborough village - Listed building consent was given by HBC on 21 January 2019.

The gate pier is being rebuilt and is hoped to be completed by April 2019.

Training Centre at Flaxby Moor Works (ex Donnelly's) - Full Planning permission was given by HBC for this new detached building (size of a medium sized house) on 30 January 2019.

Fencing to front of 10 Shortsill Lane, Flaxby - The PC commented to HBC regarding this application on 7 March 2019, on which a decision is yet to be made.

GOLDSBOROUGH CRICKET CLUB

The 2019 season starts at Easter and everyone is looking forward to new challenges. We welcome new players of all abilities and villagers to join us for a drink at the cricket club bar throughout the season.

As many villages lose their sports facilities, support from local residents is of the utmost importance. So, if you would like to sponsor us, please contact the Chairman, Damon Ive (07823 334899) or if you have any ideas for social events please get in touch.

A team from GFCS took part in our annual sports quiz and acquitted themselves extremely well. We would like to see more villagers taking part in club events and look forward to success both on and off the field in the coming months.

GOLDSBOROUGH & FLAXBY OIL PURCHASING CO-OPERATIVE

Our oil purchasing co-operative continues to grow and we have welcomed new members, new residents, and some "old residents" who have only recently decided to join the co-operative. Membership is open to ALL residents of Goldsborough and Flaxby or any village community where OIL is the main fuel for heating!

Members buying their heating oil through the Co-operative benefit financially. If you are not a member and are paying full market price, seriously consider joining your neighbours and become a member of the Village Co-operative. To start enjoying the benefits, telephone 01423 866086 or email

goldsborough.flaxby.oil1@gmail.com.

GOLDSBOROUGH & FLAXBY WALKING GROUP

We have enjoyed excellent monthly walks throughout the Winter and Spring seasons. Please join and enjoy our camaraderie and walking in the beautiful local countryside. If you are a walker and are interested in joining, we are a very sociable walking group. Please email: goldsborough.walks@outlook.com for more information. You can be sure of a warm welcome!

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month in Goldsborough Cricket Club at 7.30pm. The programme for the summer meetings includes talks on Pompeii with "The Muddy Archaeologist", and "My Life in Show Business" by Patti Gold, plus a "wedding flower" demonstration. Posters are displayed monthly in the Goldsborough bus shelter. New members are most welcome as are visitors at £4 per meeting. Please contact the secretary on 01423 866086 for further information.

GOLDSBOROUGH & FLAXBY GOLFING SOCIETY

This year's golf events are already underway with a full programme of fixtures through the Summer / Autumn ending with a "Winter Warmer" before a lunch pre-Christmas. We also have a programme of social events through the year, starting with the popular Bowls Evening followed by supper in June and annual BBQ in July. Subscriptions have been held for this season. If you would like to join, either for golf or social membership, please contact the Secretary, Howard Dunnill on 868643 or howarddunnill1@gmail.com for details.

GOLDSBOROUGH CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

Following our appeal in the last Newsletter we have 6 volunteers to cut the grass with another 4 who assist with other tasks. All much appreciated for ensuring the Play Area is a safe and pleasant place for children to play. We wouldn't turn away more volunteers if others could come forward. If you are able to help, please email Derrik Summers, the Parish Clerk at gboroflaxbypc@gmail.com.