

New Councillor: At the June meeting the Parish Council welcomed Mrs Christine Stephenson who was co-opted onto the Council. She fills the vacancy left by the resignation of Cllr Tim Lawn.

Seggimire Lane Update: Repairs are to go ahead. Leader Funding has ensured that repairs to the ancient road, which passes through Sleights, Ugglebarnby, Littlebeck and Sneaton can be carried out. The Parish Council is to contribute £700.



Compost Bins: Compost Convertor compost bins are available at a special price until March 2014 from the York and North Yorkshire Waste Partnership. These come in two sizes:

220 litre at £18 and 330 litre at £20.

For more information visit: www.getcomposting.com

Library Services: The current economic climate has brought about considerable cuts to library services. Some villages have responded by setting up community libraries, which receive allocations of books from NYCC and are staffed by volunteers. Anyone interested in taking on responsibility for a Parish Library should contact NYCC Library Services via email: libraries@northyorks.gov.uk or telephone: 01609 533800.

Cricket Field plea to dog owners! The Parish Council appreciates the many hours of work carried out by the groundsman to keep the cricket field and surrounding area in excellent condition. The job is; however, made a lot more difficult due to the thoughtlessness of some irresponsible dog owners. Dog fouling is a serious problem and dog owners are urged to behave responsibly both in the area of the cricket field and throughout the village. Thank you.

If anyone witnesses someone not picking up after their dog in a public place please report to the Dog Warden either via email: dog.warden@scarborough.gov.uk or telephone Customer Service: 01723 232323.

Affordable Housing—plans passed: North York Moors National Park Authority have approved plans for 10 homes for local people on a site off Eskdaleside. The majority of these homes will be for rent, and the intention is that they should all go to local people from the parish. This decision is the culmination of 7 years work on the part of the Parish Council, the rural housing enabler and other partners including NYMNPA. To express an interest please contact Colin Huby by telephone: 01723 232323 ex.2945 or email: colin.huby@scarborough.gov.uk.



Letslink UK: Local Exchange Trading Systems are local community based mutual aid networks by which people exchange all kinds of goods and services without the need for money.

Contact www.letslinkuk.net for further information.

NYCC Bus Subsidy Consultation: NYCC has opened up a consultation on proposed reductions to bus service subsidy. To view the papers and complete a questionnaire go to: www.northyorks.gov.uk/busconsultation or telephone the Integrated Passenger Transport Team on: 0845 8727374. Consultation ends in November.



Autism Group: NYCC have funded an Autism Social Group in Scarborough run by the National Autistic Society. The group helps people with Autistic Society Autism develop life skills and maintain their health and well being. For further information

contact NYCC by telephone 0845 8727374 or via the website: www.northyorks.gov.uk.

Coach Road Resurfacing: The council has received several complaints from residents about the deteriorating condition of Coach Road and effects on adjacent properties It had hoped that repairs would have been undertaken last spring. However, due to lack of funds NYCC have deferred this project. The Parish Clerk has contacted NYCC asking for details of the expected time schedule.

Affordable Flood Insurance: The Government has announced initial agreement with the Association of British Insurers to ensure that people living in the most flood prone areas will be able to access affordable flood insurance. Visit https://www.gov.uk/government/news/flood-insurance-agreement-reached.

Residents are reminded that FREE sandbags provided by SBC are available at the recycling centre adjacent to The Salmon Leap.

Sleights Station Volunteers: The team have worked hard to keep the station colourful and tidy. Two new flower containers have been constructed and painted and several rose bushes planted. Flower beds created outside the station at the bottom of Coach Road have matured and provided a welcoming burst of colour. Two new volunteers have joined the team to replace Ernest and Maisie Marsden, who are to retire after 15 years! Many thanks to them both for their valued contribution. The team would be grateful for any donations, however small, as they will need to replace the watering system next season. To donate, please contact the Treasurer, Jim Allison, on 811749. Thank you!

Community Conservation Group—'Making a Difference' by Colin Nelson:

"Many communities in North Yorkshire have well established environmental groups made up of volunteers who are enthusiastic about their local environment and who are willing to give a little time to get involved in conservation activities or to share their views and expertise to make their area a better place for wildlife and for local people and visitors to enjoy. Residents and visitors driving along the A169 from the Esk Bridge to the junction with the A171 and along the Carrs might have noticed how much cleaner the road verges are now that the accumulated litter has been picked up. This greatly enhances the image of our village and removes the unpleasant plastics, glass bottles and cans which have now been re-cycled creating a better environment for wildlife, local residents and visiting tourists. There is much more as well as reducing unsightly litter that can be achieved to enhance and conserve our environment for the benefit of wildlife and the community. We will be supported by Scarborough Borough Council and by our Parish council. Together we can make a difference. If you are interested and would like to help, share your ideas or support in other ways, watch out for information regarding a forthcoming meeting, or leave a message with your details on 811933"



Linden Close Wildlife Area: It is recognised that the area has recently become a little overgrown and needs to be managed again. All wildlife areas need to have an element of management in order to create appropriate ecosystems and encourage biodiversity; however, the

nature of wildlife areas is that they are not "manicured". Concerns have been raised by the voluntary community payback team over potential verbal contact by residents, and a parish councillor will now be present when Roger Burnett and his team are on site (mainly Sundays) to answer any resident's questions. Roger Burnett's plan for the area is as follows:

- Split the area into 3 distinct sections (separated by the path) and the pond
- Path sides to be cleared once a month
- ◆ Winter clearance: one of the 3 sections each year this will
 marginally change the ecosystem in each section over a period of
 time, but will facilitate managing the overgrowth of brambles and
 hairy willow etc
- The pond will be periodically cleaned & bulrushes managed
- Some debris may remain as part of habitat management
- On occasions some machinery will be used on site (ie a chopper); however, disturbance will be kept to a minimum

It is hoped this project will now get back on track and be of great benefit to all the residents within the parish.

VAS Sign: The sign is now in place and is working. It will be in operation for 3 six week periods: first period ends mid September; the second period is from the end of November until the start of January and the last period from April to mid May 2014. It is hoped that this will



reduce the problem of traffic speeding through the village.

Parish Council at Sleights Show Display of Parish Interesting Facts!



Sleights Primary School
Art Competition
sponsored by the
Parish Council, and a

display by Sleights Scouts Group

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