

Proposed Affordable Housing Scheme

Two Open Days were held at Sleights Village Hall when residents were able to view designs for the proposed affordable housing scheme on Eskdaleside. This would consist of four 3 bedroomed houses and six 2 bedroomed houses in a courtyard development. The meetings were well attended and Parish Councillors were on hand to discuss the proposed development.

Queen's Diamond Jubilee

A licence to plant the commemorative tree has been obtained and the tree and the commemorative seat destined for Ingham Close have been ordered.

Reducing Heating Bills

The Government is currently offering financial support to encourage individuals to switch from fossil fuels to more sustainable sources such as solar thermal panels, ground and air source heat pumps and biomass boilers.

This comes in two forms:

- Renewable Heat Premium Payments (RHPP) a one off payment to help with installing the technology
- Renewable Heat Incentive (RHI) regular payments similar to feed in tariffs (planned for summer 2013)

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York Potash Update

At the October Council meeting, Mr Mark Hill, Head of Development Control at NYMNPA, outlined the complicated planning process relating to the proposed project. This would involve a number of organisations including Redcar and Cleveland Council, SBC, and government agencies. He informed the meeting that a planning application would be submitted by the end of December and a special planning committee would meet in April 2013. There would be public meetings prior to this.



Linden Close Wildlife Area

SBC have agreed that improvements, starting with the cut back of overgrown

vegetation, can go ahead. A leaflet outlining the proposals for the management of this area has been circulated to residents in the immediate vicinity and notices of impending work have been posted.

Sleights Village Hall launches **NEW** web site!

www.sleightsvillagehall.com

The enhanced site not only has a fresh look and feel, but also offers a range of new and improved features.

Dustbin Danger!

Recent high winds have served as a reminder of the potential danger to pedestrians and traffic posed by dustbins parked on kerbsides. Please would residents ensure that bins are securely positioned and are removed from the kerbside once they have been emptied. Thank you.

Apprenticeships in the North Yorkshire Moors National Park

The National Park Authority is offering six new apprenticeships in 2013. The authority provides training and work opportunities for young people aged 25 and under. They are paid a training allowance of £111 per week in their first year and this increases as they progress. Apprenticeships vary in length from 12 months to 3 years. The authority urges parents and potential candidates to consider apprenticeships as an alternative option to higher education. For more information call Ian Nicholls on 01437 72700.

epilepsy action Help for Epilepsy Sufferers

The Scarborough branch of Epilepsy Action, which covers the Whitby area, was formed to help people with epilepsy, and also their families and friends. It is actively working with Scarborough Hospital to get the right care for people with epilepsy. The group provides the hospital with Epilepsy Action literature for out-patients.

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Hello and Goodbye! The Parish Council is very pleased to welcome Victoria Pitts as the new Parish Clerk. She can be contacted on mob: 07791889737 and by email: esk.ugg@gmail.com. Correspondence can also be sent to: Davison Farm, Egton, North Yorkshire, YO21 1UA.

We say goodbye to Catherine Raistrick, who has taken up a position with the NYMNPA. We thank her most sincerely for her efficient and enthusiastic contribution to the running of the Parish Council and wish her every success in her new post.

Attendance at Council Meetings

It is encouraging to see several residents who regularly attend Council meetings. Their contribution is certainly valued.

Perhaps more people would consider coming to discover what issues are facing the Council and how matters are resolved? You would be most welcome.

Improving Local Bus Services



In March 2012 the

Government published Green Light for Better Buses, which set out plans for improving local bus subsidy arrangements and regulations outside London. Working groups including local authorities and bus companies were set up to look into how this would work. Consultations are now taking place to consider proposals, and details can be found on the Government website: www.dft.gov.uk

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