

Summer 2024 Newsletter

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Parish Council

The Annual Meeting in May saw Councillor Neville Williams appointed as Chairman and welcomed Councillor Rob Odell to the Parish Council. Councillor Jim Sprack joined the Parish Council earlier this year.

Defibrillator in Old Cantley

Match funding was granted from the Government for a new defibrillator. This meant that the Parish Council could obtain another defibrillator for half the usual cost. Businesses in Old Cantley were contacted and two businesses kindly offered to host a defibrillator. One was slightly off a central location so GBM Accounts were contacted and agreed to have one installed on their building on The Row. This was installed in April and registered on the national database "The Circuit" so that it is visible for emergency services or resident should they need it. This brings the Parish defibrillators to three now – one being held at Kilham Hall and the other at the shop on Doncaster Road, Branton. The Parish Council hope to be able to find a solution for the installation of a defibrillator at Warren Park Estate and provide one there in the future.

MUGA

Planning permission was approved for the MUGA with a condition that the Parish Council carried out a percolation test prior to going out to tender for the build. A test was carried out and the results were satisfactory to meet the condition and therefore City of Doncaster Council (CDC), who are project managing the build on behalf of the Parish Council, have requested the condition be removed and are going out to tender. Once the MUGA is completed, we will look to install a bike rack on Kilham Hall Playing Field to promote cycling to the field and to ensure added security for users.

CCTV

CDC contacted the Parish Council offering to install 2 CCTV columns on entry/exit points to the village. The proposed sites were on the junction of New Road/Whiphill Top Lane and near the Three Horse Shoes Public House/Whiphill Top Lane. The Parish Council requested one of the cameras to be sited at the opposite end of the Village, near the motorway bridge/garden centre and it has been confirmed by CDC as a suitable location. This will replace the proposed camera near The Three Horse Shoes Public House. The Ward Councillors have spoken to the FABB group, who lead on CCTV cameras, and they have agreed to pay the first year maintenance costs of the cameras for the Parish Council due to no budget being available this year.

Biodiversity/Seed Bombs

As part of the Parish Council's Biodiversity Policy, the Parish Council wish to work towards enhancing and protecting the biodiversity of the parish. The importance of gardens as habitats for wildlife is key and with this in mind the Parish Council committed to purchase seed bombs for residents to plant in their gardens. The Clerk will be taking contact details of those residents interested in free seed bombs and will place an order towards the end of the year ready for planting next year. If you are interested please email the Clerk at cwbpc@outlook.com. Seed bombs will be distributed on a first come first served basis.

The Parish Council have secured grant funding from the Environmental Pride Fund for 10 fruit trees which will be planted at Kilham Hall field by the children of Branton St Wilfred's Church of England Primary School.

The King's Portrait

Pubic bodies were invited to apply for the King's Portrait which can be shown in thousands of public settings across the UK, from hospitals and council offices to police and fire stations. The Parish Council received their portrait recently and it can be found hanging in Kilham Hall for all to see.

Volunteering Opportunities

There are many ways the Parish Council would appreciate Parishioners help within the Community ie. knitting/crocheting poppies for the Armistace Day Displays, watering plants around the Parish in the Summer months, joining the litter picking group quarterly and even consider becoming a Councillor when any vacancies occur. If you would like further information please look at the website, notice boards or contact the Clerk. Appreciation is expressed to members of the litter picking group who carried out a pick on 11th May 2024.

Parish Council Facebook Page

The Parish Council Facebook page is updated regularly - please search "Cantley with Branton Parish Council" on Facebook and like the page.