

## **Clapham cum Newby Parish Council News**

The parish council met on 24<sup>th</sup> February and hosted the Annual Parish Meeting (APM) on 24<sup>th</sup> March.

The APM was an opportunity for residents of the parish to get together and learn about the work and challenges facing our parish, district and county councils and that of the wide range of community groups active in our area. The meeting was well attended and reports were given by Parish Council Chairman, Colin Price, Craven District Councillor Carl Lis and North Yorkshire County Councillor David Ireton, Community Shop Ltd, the Hyperfast (broadband) group, Play Park, Sustainability Group, Clapham Development Association, St James' Parochial Church Council, and Ingham and Yorke representing Ingleborough Estate. A more detailed report of the meeting will soon be displayed on the parish notice board next to the entrance of the shop.

The owners and developers of the former Dalesview Garage site, McConnell Homes Ltd, will soon present detailed planning drawings to Craven District Council. This will address the outstanding details of the outline application proposal including: appearance, means of access, landscaping, layout etc. CDC will send the parish council a copy of these drawings once they have been submitted.

The council congratulated Clapham Community Shop Ltd for garnering the necessary community and financial support to open the village shop. The shop is a vital resource for local people and councillors hope it will be a success for many years to come.

The council thanked members of the Clapham Hyperfast group who are working hard to develop this project. Trench digging to lay cabling for the fibre network started last week at Bleak Bank Farm, Newby and will take a year to complete. The group recently held a meeting in Newby to promote the advantages of hyperfast broadband and will soon do the same in Clapham.

A new parish caretaker will start work on 1<sup>st</sup> April carrying out maintenance work around the parish e.g. leaf clearances works, maintenance of parish council assets e.g. benches, market cross, millennium stone, litter control in public areas. If you have any tasks that you would like the caretaker to carry out, please contact the Clerk (details below).

Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) has again kindly donated £1400 for maintenance works in the AONB side of the parish. Using this and funds allocated by the AONB in previous years, the parish council intends to install a notice board at Clapham Station and improve drainage to the car parking area at Keasden Church.

The council is responsible for the maintenance of the closed church yard at St James', Clapham. Grass cutting has been ably carried out by Horton Landscaping for the past four years. After inviting estimates from different

local firms, the council decided to contract J. Hartley and Sons based in Ingleton to carry out the work this year.

The Chairman, Cllrs Dawson, Elphinstone, Sheridan and other representatives from neighbouring parish councils attended a meeting in February with the Police and Crime Commissioner for North Yorkshire to discuss policing in the local area. Various topics were discussed including the Country Watch initiative, frustration caused by the progress of local investigations especially sheep thefts, effectiveness of middle management in the police service, and the impact that reduced Government funding will have on police officer numbers.

The following planning applications were considered:

- C/18/101H/LB listed building consent for restoration of Reginald Farrer's pond and rockery, Shamba, Clapham

The following approvals were noted:

- 18/2015/15338 New highway access and revised layout to approved application 18/2014/14488 (Change of use from touring caravans, caravan storage and holiday cottages to holiday static caravans and lodges), Flying Horseshoe Caravan Site, Station Road, Clapham.
- 18/2015/15403 Construction of sun room extension to the rear with associated alterations to existing patio area, Sunart, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham.
- 18/2015/15415 Extension of existing agricultural building, Tewitt Hall Farm, Newby.

The following proposals are still pending:

- C/18/622: Full planning permission for partial demolition of existing curtilage building and rebuild to create studio workshop and ancillary accommodation, 4 Gildersbank, Clapham
- C/18/622A/LB: Listed building consent for partial demolition of existing curtilage building and rebuild to create studio workshop and ancillary accommodation, 4 Gildersbank, Clapham
- C/18/65P: full planning permission for erection of two bedroomed bungalow, Old Mason's Yard, Clapham
- C/18/140B/LB listed building consent for provision of en-suite bathroom, Fall View, Clapham. Awaiting decision

The following proposal was noted as withdrawn:

- 18/2015/15355 Conversion of existing garage building (former barn) to form auxiliary accommodation to Tenter Hill House, Newby

The parish council meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December when it is 3rd Tuesday) and meetings take place in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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