



KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Message from Chairman of the Parish Council

Welcome to our Christmas newsletter. There have been many changes in our Village and Parish over the past few months with new houses on Green Lane, which are in our Parish, and new residents moving into the Village. We extend a warm welcome and hope you will all quickly become settled in our community. There have also been some changes to the membership of the Parish Council in the past few months. Kate Brown who had served as Chairman for a number of years resigned as Chairman due to work commitments and Tony Hampton was elected as Chairman. After a sudden bout of ill health Tony decided to cut down on his workload and resigned both as Chairman and from the Parish Council. We thank them for all their work over a number of years. I was pleased to be elected as Parish Chairman last month and will endeavour to work for the village in this role. We would and do welcome residents to Parish Council Meetings, the minutes and agenda are posted on the notice board outside the village hall and hopefully on a new board shortly which will be on The Green and at the Railway Station.

Some other news. – Residents will be aware that our bus service which had been provided by a Stockton Council Grant ceased earlier in the year, however we were aware that Officers from the Council were exploring other ways of providing the service. We were pleased to be informed that a new Community Bus Service has now been agreed. This will be a free bus but residents will need to apply to the Council for a membership card, slightly different from a bus pass. This card will enable users who have this card to use the community bus to travel to Yarm, Maltby and Hilton Villages and possibly Ingleby Barwick. The final detail and timetable are still under discussion but it is hoped it will be operational later this month.

CCTV. – This is now operational round the Village Hall and surrounding area. Recent acts of vandalism have occurred and in future the CCTV will help in identifying any culprits and hopefully act as a deterrent.

Planning Update. – At the time of printing there is no date yet for any appeals against recent planning refusals by Stockton Council's planning committee although we are mindful that an Appeal by Banks Group on the refusal for land off St. Martins Way for 90 houses could be imminent. Again please check the website and notice boards for any news. The Parish Council members and KAG (Kirklevington Action Group) are working on a strategy in the event of an appeal.

Please log on to www.kirklevingtoncommunity.co.uk for further details re the above issues. The site is updated regularly by all organisations in the Parish and will help keep you informed. Contact details, events, current issues and useful information are also available on the site.

I will finish with a sincere wish to you all for a **Very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.**

Jennie Beaumont (Chairman) and all members of Kirklevington and Castle Levington Parish Council