



KIRKLEVINGTON AND CASTLE LEAVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER NO. 11 – PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE – SPRING/SUMMER 2018

Message from Chairman of the Parish Council

We are pleased to write to you with our Spring/Summer Newsletter to update you all on various events in the Village and Parish. Firstly, can I welcome to Kirklevington and Castle Leavington all new residents, either in Kirklevington Village, Castle Leavington or residing in the new homes south of Green Lane. The Village is, very fortunately still very much a village with The Church, Primary School and Village Hall being very central to Village life for many residents. It is this “village/community” atmosphere that new and those longer established residents appreciate and members of all those organisations mentioned above and the Parish Council strive to maintain it that way. Residents are already aware of the steady growth of houses along Green Lane and it is a timely reminder to all residents that those houses on the station side of Green Lane are in Kirklevington Parish and very welcome to join in with village activities.

In the last issue of the newsletter I informed residents about the changes that had taken place within the Parish Council (PC) and to update that Kate Brown has now decided to resign from the PC due to work commitments. We warmly thank Kate for her work over a number of years. We now have vacancies and we would be pleased to hear from any interested resident who would like to serve as a PC member. We welcome residents to Parish Council Meetings, (come to a meeting as an observer) the minutes and agenda are posted on the notice board outside the village hall and on the community web site. I will outline some of the work undertaken by the PC in the following short paragraphs.

Planning Applications. –Much of the PC’s time this year has yet again been taken up by planning applications. **The Banks Development** (up to 100 houses) and the **Developer of Braeside** (11 houses) were both refused by Stockton Council but both went to Appeal against the decision. Both Appeals were Written Representations, which meant that all objections and written letters/reports submitted to Stockton Council by residents, official consultees and officers when the original decisions were made are forwarded to the Inspector by Stockton Council. As both applicants had also submitted to the Council addendums to their original applications, the Parish Council and KAG (Kirklevington Action Group) also responded to those. These planning appeals demanded a lot of additional work and thanks were recorded to Andy Alton, who had written two well researched additional responses to both addendums and also to the Clerk for all the work collating the numerous papers. The papers forwarded to the Inspector also included written copies of all the verbal submissions presented to the planning committee at the time of the decision. The Parish Council and KAG worked closely together over a long period of time for both the original planning application and the Appeals and I would like to record my thanks for all their time. The decisions should be later this month or early June.

Recently **Taylor Wimpey** have submitted an application for **200** houses on a site off Green Lane opposite Kirk Road (**18/0261/OUT**), and **Theakston** who already have permission for **100** houses on land adjacent to Yarm School Playing Fields have submitted an application to increase that to **300** houses with one exit onto the A67 (**18/0910/OUT**). Any additional planning approvals will result in increased traffic movements and congestion, affecting everyone. **To view details or have your say.** go to

www.developmentmanagement.stockton.gov.uk/on-applications

The **New Bus Service**, Tuesday and Thursday (mostly a.m.) from The Green, Kirklevington village is continuing to operate and is used by residents to access Yarm, Hilton and Maltby Villages and Thornaby. This service is supported by a Stockton Council Grant and residents should apply to the Council for a membership card (a slightly different bus pass not limited by age but provides free travel for all) to access the service.

Village Hall Committee. New members are urgently required, the meetings are monthly on the 1st Wednesday of the month. No particular skills are needed just an interest in the local community. Please contact Alistair Mclee on 01642 78730

To access our village website for information on Village Activities, bus timetables and much more log on to: www.kirklevingtoncommunity.co.uk

Wishing you all a very happy and sunny summer Jennie Beaumont (Chairman) and all members of Kirklevington Parish Council.



Kirkfest 2018



This year's Kirkfest takes place 16th-24th June.

Meanwhile, here's a taster and some dates for your diary:

Scarecrow Competition – No recommended theme this year, so feel free to do your own thing. Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd and every entry gets a certificate.

Closing date for entries 3rd June. Judging on 16th. Entry forms will be available from the Village School, The Crown and our community website:

www.kirklevingtoncommunity.co.uk/scarecrows

Wine Tasting with a Musical Twist in the Village Hall (16th, 7.30pm).

Hog Roast/Picnic on the Green (17th, late afternoon).

Coffee with Friends in the Village Hall. Proceeds to charity (20th, 10.30am).

Presentation by Teesside Archives in Village Hall illustrated with material relating to our area (21st, from 2pm).

Children's event organised by the Church in the Village Hall – 'Sing A Long -Frozen', dressing up and tea party (23rd, 2pm).

School Fete with inflatables, refreshments, stalls and many other attractions (24th, 12-3pm).

For more details of events go to: www.kirklevingtoncommunity.co.uk

