



PARISH NEWSLETTER 2

NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS: The Parish Council supported by the Kirklevington Action Group have continued to challenge all new applications for Housing in our area. Sadly, however, we now have confirmation that Stockton Council have approved the building of 700 new homes in our Parish. Not only have they approved 370 houses to be built adjacent to Yarm Station but also now a further 330 houses at the Tall Trees/ Saltergill school site. This has effectively doubled the size of our Parish!

We will also be losing a significant part of the Green wedge and there will be impact on the Environmental corridor.

Whilst we are very disappointed that we have this situation, we will, on your behalf, continue to monitor all the conditions attached to these developments and ensure that all are properly executed.

We will also continue to keep a close eye on the impact of all this development on our existing road network and particularly Saltergill Lane and the A67. The last thing we want is for Forest Lane to become an alternative route for cars avoiding Green Lane and Worsall Road.

Building of a further 350 homes is due to start shortly on the Morley Carr site on the north side of Green Lane so there will be disruption for us in the very near future.

507 BUS SERVICE: As you are aware, the village bus service will no longer be running after the 31st March. Stockton Council have removed their subsidy as part of a number of budget cutbacks and the Bus Company feel that this service is no longer viable. The Parish Council has attended meetings to look at any possible alternatives and this is ongoing. We have set up a meeting with Hilton and Maltby to discuss the situation further. Our concern is also for the children who have been using this bus to get to and from Conyers school. At this point in time we are unsure whether any alternative provision is being made available. If there are any parents who are looking into this, please could they make themselves known to the Parish Council so that we can work with you.

DOG FOULING: Thank you to all dog owners who make the effort to clear up after their dogs and use the bins provided. There is still evidence that some dogs are being allowed to soil pavements and paths and this is not being cleared away. Also a number of dog owners are using the Green which is also used daily by children playing. Please could all those who walk their dogs through the village tidy up after them and help keep our paths and green spaces clean for others. Enforcement are going to increase the number of patrols they make in the village and are prepared to take action on the Parish Council's behalf. Extra signs are also being erected. There is a new dog waste bin at the western end of Forest Lane near the Railway bridge. If you feel we need more bins, please let us know and we will look at suitable locations which will not cause nuisance to residents.

COMMUNITY WEBSITE: A new 'community' website is nearing completion and will be going live shortly. We will circulate access information so that you can use it.

KIRKFEST 2014: Plans are well underway for this year's Kirkfest events. Dates for your diary: **JUNE 21st - JUNE 29th 2014**. This will have a 'Games' this year to celebrate the Commonwealth Games. Scarecrow application forms will be available next month.

It is also the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of the Parish Council in June this year! Details about this and all Kirkfest activities will be circulated in the near future.

COMMUNITY GRANTS: Community Grants are available to local organisations where funds will be used for a measurable benefit for a number of Parish residents and with the approval of the Parish Council.

If you have any concerns you wish to raise or indeed ideas for community focused projects for the Parish, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us. We work hard to keep our environment as pleasant as possible and make our Parish a good place to live!

Kate Brown, Chairman on behalf of Parish Council.