



NEWSLETTER NO. 7 PARISH COUNCIL UPDATE

1. PLANNING APPLICATION: 15/1643/OUT LAND SOUTH OF KIRKLEVINGTON

PARISH COUNCIL AND KIRKLEVINGTON ACTION GROUP (KAG)

As you are aware, this application has now been considered by SBC's Planning Committee at its meeting last Wednesday 27th July 2016. Representation against the proposed development was made by 13 members of the Parish Council and Kirklevington Action Group together with our Transport Consultant and other residents input. The presentations given covered a wide range of major issues and concerns about the development. After due consideration of all representation, the Committee <https://youtu.be/6AeEvZIQeyo> voted **9 to 2 with 1 abstention against** the proposed development. As there has been a 3rd party request for 'call in' via James Wharton, the Committee can only be 'mindful' to refuse at this stage. As you will have seen in the local press, the reasons for refusal are now being considered by the Planning Officers and Planning Legal Officer to make sure they would be robust enough to withstand an expected appeal from the Developers.

Whilst we are all pleased with the initial result, there are still a number of hurdles to be overcome in the coming weeks. The Parish Council and KAG will continue to meet to ensure we can provide as much background information as needed to get a positive outcome.

It is expected that the development will be back on the **next SBC's Planning Committee agenda for 7th September**. We will ensure that we will post this information once it is confirmed.

Thanks go to all who have been involved to date for their hard work, commitment and excellent presentations.

POSSIBLE FURTHER HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN PARISH

- You also need to be aware of a further development proposal for up to 100 homes which may come to fruition on land at the western end of St Martin's Way.
- We were also notified of yet another planning application which was submitted to SBC on the morning of the Planning Committee meeting last Wednesday for the land south of Yarm School playing fields for 100 executive homes! Some of you may have seen the details at Conyers School when a public consultation was held on 21st July.

We will of course consider each of these applications and make the necessary representation on your behalf.

FURTHER PARISH COUNCIL ISSUES

2. MONITORING OF SPEEDING TRAFFIC ON FOREST LANE.

This problem has been reported to SBC on a number of occasions recently. Last week, 2 black boxes were erected adjacent to the 2 speed bumps on Forest Lane to monitor the traffic. It is unfortunate that they have been erected at the beginning of the school holiday period! We wait to receive feedback.

3. PROBLEMS WITH THE SEWAGE PUMPING STATION CLOSE TO THE RAILWAY BRIDGE ON FOREST LANE

There is a serious problem with the pumping station located to the west of the railway line close to Grove Farm. The main which takes sewage from the pumping station to the Treatment works at the back of Ash Grove has been found to be damaged. Tanks are now being used to take the effluent from the pumping station to Stressholme sewage treatment works for treatment, using Forest Lane west of the railway for transportation. They should not be coming through the village. We will update you when more information is available from Northumbria Water.

4. STREET LIGHTING UPDATE

We are in contact with SBC re the installation of new lighting columns in the village and understand that this is a full borough project which could take some considerable time to complete. We will continue to monitor the progress and remain in contact with SBC.

5. OVERGROWN HEDGES

We have received a number of complaints about hedges growing out over pathways particularly where the pavements are narrow. Please could ensure that all hedges are trimmed to allow ease of passage.

6. CONYERS SCHOOL BUS - COMPASS ROYSTON

Ongoing discussions with Conyers School re the possibility of a bus from Kirklevington to Conyers have been made and Compass Royston have offered a daily term-time bus service. The cost of the bus is £1 per journey payable to the driver. Parents of students using the bus do not have to sign up to any agreement and can use the bus as and when needed. We have been informed that, to ensure this service continues, 12 students using the bus is needed. The bus will leave **The Green at 8.35a.m.** returning from **Conyers at 3.45p.m.**

THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO REINSTATE A BUS SERVICE FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING CONYERS. PLEASE SUPPORT THIS SERVICE.

7. PLAY AREA BINS

Whilst we are delighted to see so many residents and children using the Play Area unfortunately, the two bins are only emptied once a week. If at all possible can users of the Play Area take as much of their perishable rubbish home with them to avoid overflowing and smelly bins. We are trying to organise for the bins to be emptied more frequently. **MANY THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT.**

