

MONK FRYSTON PARISH COUNCIL NEWS LETTER

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Welcome

Spiralling price rises and the present cost of living crisis will affect not only individuals and families but also local government, including Parish Councils.

This month, at its November meeting, Monk Fryston Parish Council will discuss its annual budget build up for the coming year and how best to spend its money for the benefit of the community.

We have already been informed that next years electricity charges for the street lighting provided by Council will rise from £466 to £973+vat. Increased expenditure on salaries (the Council has two paid employees) the cost of general village maintenance , grass cutting, tree and shrub management, will all have an impact on council spending.

Councillor's' decision on expenditure and commitments will all be published after the November meeting and will be available on the Council Website and notice board.



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Acknowledgement

The last publication of the newsletter failed to acknowledge the contribution made by Mr Les Liddle, photographer, to the Jubilee celebrations in June. By giving his time freely and producing amazing photographs the village has been left enduring memories of a wonderful day.

Thank you Les

Village survey shows large support for road safety improvements

The Parish Council conducted a **village survey** between 5th August and 5th September 2022, with 48 residents responding. The full results of the survey can be found on our website. Here is a summary of the key findings:

A broad spread of ages and length-of-residency was present in the respondents, hopefully meaning that the 2022 Village Survey results are representative of the whole Monk Fryston community.

Overall, the Parish Council is well thought of and appreciated by residents.

Residents would like to see greater investment in facilities for children, improvements to outdoor spaces, and car parking.

Road safety is the issue that matters most to residents, followed by footpaths and general village maintenance.

Residents suggested a number of changes/additions to the village, but overwhelmingly would like to see **road safety improvements** (lower speed limit, pedestrian crossing, better traffic control etc).

Most residents love living in Monk Fryston, and particularly enjoy the community spirit, community events, small village environment and amenities (pub, shop, church).

Thank you to everyone who completed the village survey. Residents are reminded that they can contact the Parish Council at any time and are encouraged to come to our meetings to talk to us in person (or simply observe).

Cllr Matt Burton



Parish Council News

North Yorkshire Councillor Attends Parish Council meeting

On 18th October, our North Yorkshire Councillor, Mr. Tim Grogan, attended a meeting of the Parish Council. Mr Grogan was elected in May 2022 as Conservative councillor for the Monk Fryston and South Milford Ward of North Yorkshire Council.

The Parish Council raised a number of issues for Cllr Grogan's attention, and received the following updates.

A temporary pedestrian crossing in Monk Fryston may be considered following pressure from the **Parish Council and local residents**. Improvements to road safety are a top priority for the Parish Council, so we are pleased to have reached this significant stage. There are many hurdles to go through before a **temporary** crossing can be installed and the cost will have to be borne by the Parish Council. We do not have a date for this but should it occur, we must all "use it or lose it". North Yorkshire Council will assess the success of the temporary crossing before deciding whether to make it a permanent feature of the village.

Cllr Grogan is not a supporter of lower speed limits through the village, which will disappoint many residents who have supported the Parish Council's efforts to reduce the **limit to 20mph**. However, Cllr Grogan did say that he would support a 20mph limit in close proximity to Monk Fryston Primary School. The Parish Council will now pursue this further.

The Parish Council raised a number of other road-related issues, including a proposed Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) on **Fryston Common Lane**. Cllr Grogan will pursue this issue.

Lastly, there was a discussion relating to better pedestrian routes between Monk Fryston and South Milford. Cllr Grogan was broadly supportive of improving walking routes between the villages.

Full details of the discussion with Cllr Grogan can be found in the minutes of our October meeting (available on our website or noticeboard).

Cllr Matt Burton

Visit by NYCC councillors to the village

In January 2022 a meeting of the executive committee of NYCC discussed the implications of adopting mandatory 20mph speed limits on county roads. The meeting, which took place by zoom was attended by the Chair of MFPC who gave a presentation on the appalling impact of speeding traffic and volume of heavy goods vehicles on the A63 was having on the village.



The committee decided that mandatory 20mph speed limits were in some instances impractical but agreed to assess each application on an individual basis. The Parish Council has repeatedly, since then, asked for a representative of the Executive Committee to visit our village. We have been informed that such a visit by County Councillor Duncan, an Executive Member for Highways and Transportation at NYCC has taken place, accompanied by Cllr Grogan. At the time of publication, with the exception of a courtesy call from Highways, Council is still waiting for a response. For our part MFPC is providing IT traffic information collated from the village Vehicle Activated Signs,

Bus Services

The reducing amount of residents use of **buses** is an issue which is impacting on **timetables**. Residents are urged to use the bus as much as possible to avoid **losing** services.

Road services

Council has raised concerns with highways over the deterioration of some of the roads and pathways in the village, particularly Fryston Common Lane and Priory Park Grove / close. Report a non urgent **pot hole or damaged road condition** online by visiting the NYCC website/Roads and Pavement.

Parking

Long term parking in the Square continues to cause a problem.

WORKING GROUPS AND COMMITTEES

Policies and Procedures Committee

A Policies and Procedures Committee consisting of Cllr Holmes (Chair) Cllr Woodhall and Cllr Kaye has been established, The aim is to ensure that all Parish Council Policies in place whether, mandatory or none mandatory, comply with legal guidelines and are adhered to. Terms of Reference for all groups and Council Committees are also being reviewed. It is an ongoing exercise which in itself shows Council to be adhering to the standards of good practice and will take many months . The review will also put in place all requirements should the Council be ready to apply for **Quality Council** status in the future

JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE

The Joint Burial Committee (JBC) meets on a regular basis to govern and manage the cemetery in Monk Fryston. The six members of the committee consist of two Councillors from Monk Fryston, two from Hillam and two from Burton Salmon Parish Councils. The JBC operates within a constitution. It elects its own chair from the councillors on the committee and manages its finances and running costs within the annual precept monies it receives from the three Parish Councils .Each council allocates a proportional share to the JBC precept. Any enquiries should be directed to the Clerk of the JBC **Mrs. Gwyneth Woolley** 07860945546 or mail to

jbclerk@monkfrystonparishcouncil.net

VILLAGE DECORATIONS GROUP

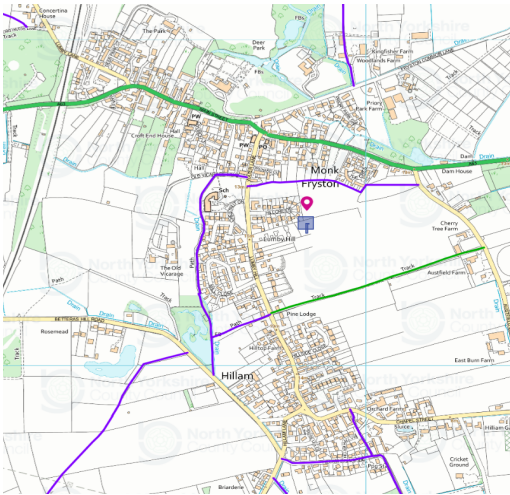
This winter, village planting has tried to reflect the seasonal changes from autumn through winter. As a result coloured foliage plants and evergreens have been added to the planters, interspersed with colourful cyclamen and large pansies. The intention is to leave much of the planting in place throughout the season, replanting with more vibrant but reduced numbers of annuals for the summer. This will reduce the workload and costs. Spring flowering bulbs have been added to all planters.

The average cost of planting a barrel for the year is around £50. Council would like to invite sponsorship from businesses wishing to promote their company or individuals wishing to remember of a loved one. In return a notice of acknowledgement will be placed in each adopted planter.

Thank you to [White Rose Plants](#) for watering throughout a very dry summer and to [Lumby Garden Centre](#) for supplying the plants.



FOOTPATHS AROUND THE VILLAGE



Respect and protect the right of way network.

If you are using the public rights of way network please be mindful of others, particularly on paths that run through people's farms or gardens.

Dogs are allowed on public rights of way but must be kept under **close control**.

Intimidating dogs should be reported to NYCC or the police.

Problems with dog fouling should be reported to District or Borough Council

For more information go to The Countryside Code. Gov.uk

The Parish Council has a **Footpaths and Highways Team** which monitor the footpaths that cross our village. These are highlighted in blue on the map taken from the NYCC Definitive Path website.

The group is in contact with the footpaths team at County Council who have been most cooperative in helping with the existing paths, notably the footpath linking Monk Fryston to Hillam which is on a regular maintenance rota, and the path linking Water Lane to Austfield Lane for which they have offered valuable advice to the landowners and Council.

The Parish Council is now looking to have the path down the side of the Community Centre and Church Lane to the A63 registered as a Public Right of Way. Old Vicarage Lane is already registered. Should this be successful it will provide a permanent north/south route for walkers and will secure ongoing maintenance for the future. The footpaths group is in the process of collecting witness statements to support the case and will apply for a change to the Definitive Map for the area. These statements need to prove that the route has been used for over 20 years.

NEWS FROM YOUR COMMUNITY CENTRE

Christmas is almost with us and 2023 is just over the horizon. What will it bring? Before that, pause for a few moments and consider the things which the CA has been involved in this year.

We started the year, still managing the impact and restriction imposed on the use of the Community Centre by the Covid Pandemic; attendance at the Wise Owl Quiz was limited to ensure social distancing was maintained. Onto the early summer and it worth recalling that The Queens Platinum Jubilee celebrations were a fantastic success which led into early autumn and the sad news of her death. King Charles is now our monarch and he succeeded his mother just in time for the Village Beer Fest, where we held one-minute silences on both Friday and Saturday to honour the death of our Queen. These were impeccably observed.

After a gap of 3 years, the Beer Fest was a fantastic success. Lots of people enjoyed themselves and, in the process, we raised £17300 to be split between the CA and School PTA. We were helped to stage the event by receiving some very kind and generous gifts, champagne and wine goblets from Markus and Lesly Perfect- Rasche, a Gazebo from Brian and Wyn Carrier and a large quantity of tables and, from the company Ryan Geldard woks for, Lift and Locate, a large quantity of tables and chairs As we prepare this report, the annual Firework Display, which is being staged with the Cricket and Junior Football clubs, is in the final stages of preparation and we trust it will be an enjoyable well attended event on our doorstep.

In addition to all the above, the Trustees and General Purposes Committee have continued to ensure the Community Association and Community Centre is maintained and operated in the best possible way. We would like to thank everyone who has helped make the year such a success.

Very shortly, on Wednesday 14th December, the CA AGM takes place at the Community Centre at 8pm. Holding an AGM is a legal requirement and is an open meeting although only CA members are allowed to vote. Residents of both villages are invited to become members for the nominal fee of £1 and have a say in how it is run or to stand to become a Trustee or Chair. They also receive a copy of the annual report and financial accounts. One third of the Trustees stand down each year and their posts are filled by election by the members. Please see the Village Parish Council and Community Centre notice boards for details.

And so, onto 2023 – we wish everyone a very **Merry Christmas and Happy New Year...** See you all at the **Wise Owl Quiz on February 4th** at the Community Centre.

Save the date

Saturday 31st January 2023

7.30pm for 8pm at The Community Centre

After Dry January, why not herald Fun February at the First Community Event of the year at the thoroughly enjoyable
Wise Owl Quiz

For those who have never been it's a **General Knowledge Quiz** like no other
... fun, fast and full-on plus food and drink as well.

Important Notice

Glass Bottle Bank

We have been informed by Selby District Council that Glass Recycling UK are going to remove their glass bank from Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Centre car park and all their other glass bins in the district

We do not know when the Bottle Banks will be removed but if you go to the Community Centre and the Glass Banks are not there or are full, please do not leave any bottles.

We have asked SDC if they are going to try to replace the service provided by Glass Recycling UK but at the time of going to press have not had a response.

Keep in touch with your Parish Council by

Attending a PC meeting[3rd Tuesday of the month,](#)

Monk Fryston and Hillam Community Centre

Contacting The Clerk to the council and Responsible financial Office

Mr P Scott, 24 Moss Row, Wilesden, Bradford.....[07964311135](tel:07964311135)

Via the web<https://www.monkfrystonparishcouncil.com>

Or drop a line in the[post box attached to the PC notice board](#)