

Village News



Autumn 2015

A Century of Service Recognised

The combined service of recently retired parish councillors Wendy Dobbs, Christopher Holtby, John Pickering, Brian Bannister and David Broadbent, amounting to over one hundred years, was recognised in a small celebration by the current parish council.

Each former member was presented with a commemorative rose bush in recognition of their contribution to the protection and development of the village over the last thirty years. Parish Council chairman, John Halmshaw, expressed thanks for their dedication, noting that the impact of their work would be seen for many years to come.

He also recognised the contribution made by the partners and families of parish councillors and thanked the five partners present for their understanding and support over the years.



Pressure to improve Beverley Bus Service



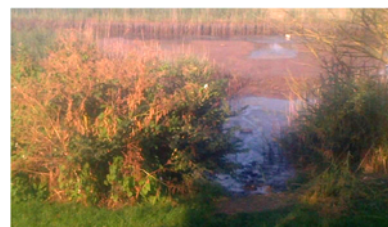
Following concerns from local residents, Ward and Parish Councillors organised a meeting with East Riding Motor Services and ERYC to allow villagers to put their views to those responsible for timetabling of the bus service to Beverley.

A small concession has been achieved - from 27th September, the 2pm 180 service from Beverley will be extended from Hessele Square to Corby Park via Ferriby High Road.

This will allow Ferriby travellers to spend an additional 2 hours in the town and still get a direct bus home. Other possible options discussed will continue to be considered including a community transport scheme, utilising ERYC transport running back to Beverley and a look at reinstating the former 144 service.

Reed Pond Maintenance

Work has begun on clearing the Reed Pond of reeds. This involves draining the entire pond, excavating the silt and putting it to dry on the North, East and South banks, then refilling the pond to a depth of at least 2 metres (as reeds will not grow in over 1.5 metres of water) and then replanting the banks.



Housing Needs Survey

The North Ferriby Housing Needs Survey that was commissioned by the parish council and ERYC in 2014, has been used by the parish council to demonstrate that provision should be made for housing suitable for older residents in the development of 18 dwellings at Wilson Close.

The parish council welcomed the proposal for four affordable units but strongly objected to the remainder of the proposal, as it does not reflect the housing mix evidenced in the survey.

Village Hall Redevelopment

The Parish Council and the Hall's Management Committee are seeking your views on which new facilities you would like in the Village Hall, and how this could be financed. So please spare a few minutes to complete the survey. You can do so online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SHZYHLR> or on the form in this Newsletter, which should be handed in at the Post Office. Please, do so by **Saturday 10th October**, so that we can analyse them by the end of October. The survey is completely anonymous.



We need to decide the best form of redevelopment for the rear wing of the Hall, which is in poor condition, (Priory Room, the Dance Studio and the Surgery). We cannot just leave them as they are; urgent renovation is necessary. The choice is :

Renovating the rear section by damp-proofing, external rendering and insulation, redecorating inside and out, updating the fittings and converting the studio into additional surgery space. There would, however, be no increase in total floor space. The cost would be up to £100,000.

OR

Completely rebuilding this section to provide, for example, a lounge with bar for performance intervals and drop-in centre for both younger and older people, a new Priory Room with its own toilets, an extra meeting room, more space for the surgery, and potentially housing the village library. This could cost up to £900,000 but would make the Hall a real Community Centre, something that North Ferriby lacks at present.

It is hoped to obtain substantial grants to fund the work – and a good survey response showing residents' support and their wish list will provide the strongest ammunition for our grant applications. Other fundraising will continue and we shall seek donations and sponsorship. **If there is a shortfall the Parish Council could take out a loan** to make up the difference, with repayments spread over a number of years and covered by an increase in the parish precept (currently £35.56 for a Band D property). This is how Swanland financed the rebuilding of their Village Hall.

For example, at current interest rates,

a loan of £50,000 repaid over ten years would add £3.40 a year to the average Band D household's precept;

a loan of £100,000 over 20 years would mean an increase of £4.05 a year;

-if we had to borrow the full cost of £900,000 over 30 years it would add £29.05 a year to the precept – but even that would just cost around a penny more than a second class stamp per week.

We look forward to a good response to the consultation, and we thank all residents in advance for their input to one of North Ferriby's priority projects for the next few years.



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Melton Fields - Inspector's Report

Many residents will be relieved that the appeals for Melton Fields have been refused, although a legal challenge by St Modwen is still possible.

The Inspector's recommendations closely reflected many of the points raised by the Parish Council, including:

- ▶ Lack of need for so much new housing development.
- ▶ Unsustainability of the site as a housing location.
- ▶ Major negative impact of both proposals on North Ferriby.
- ▶ Inappropriateness of the suggestions to change the status of the village to a town.
- ▶ Unacceptability of the offer to provide money for a bridge over the railway line.
- ▶ Prematurity of the proposals relative to the Local Plan process.

We are aware there are residents who remain concerned over the possibility of pollution from the former Capper Pass Plant. At the Appeals Public Examination of the refusal to grant planning permission, claims were made that the land is contaminated as a result of those activities.

The principal scientific evidence is based on an investigation by Environmental Specialists. St Modwen commissioned them and East Riding of Yorkshire Council accepted the conclusions. The analysed results indicated that the soil would be safe to grow and consume vegetables in a residential garden.

The report states "... the soils were analysed for the contaminants which were most characteristic of the plume and were most toxic and harmful to human health". The report concluded "An assessment has been undertaken to demonstrate that there is no evidence of widespread contamination of the Melton Park site caused by the grounding of the plume from the Capper Pass Chimney"

A similar investigation report in 2004 (Fugro Report) came to broadly the same conclusions.

In her report the Planning Inspector dismisses the claim that the land at Melton Fields is contaminated stating "Given the history of the Capper Pass works, the harmful health effects identified and the lengthy campaign to obtain compensation, the concerns of local residents are perfectly understandable. However there is nothing in the technical evidence to indicate that any contamination persists at such a level as to indicate that development of this site should not be permitted. On that basis, it would be reasonable to conclude that the site is suitable for residential use, taking account of former activities such as pollution arising from previous issues, as required by NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) paragraph 21."

The Parish Council website has a full report of the Planning Inspector and have signposted the relevant parts relating to this issue. We have also published the Ground Investigation Contamination Report, including the Fugro Report and the statement from an Atkins employee.

The parish council does not have a view on any contamination. However, because of the absence of any evidence presented at the appeal hearing, we feel that this information might be of some comfort to those residents who may still have concerns.

Photograph Survey

ERYC Archives and Local Studies Service collect and preserve sources relating to the history of local areas. They are asking town and parish councils to help to create a photographic record of the East Riding for future generations with current photographs of their local buildings and features.

If you have such photographs and could deposit them in the Treasure House or loan them to make copies please contact archives.service@eastriding.gov.uk, or 01482 392 790.

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join our e-mail up-date list to receive notices by e-mailing:

web@nferriby.info

Church Road Crossroads

Concerns have been expressed to the parish council following an accident at the Church Road crossroads in July.

ERYC has identified the crossroads for investigation as part of their 2015/16 Local Safety Scheme Programme. The initial site investigation has been carried out and possible changes are being considered. As there are a number of locations across the authority being considered, potential schemes will then be prioritised to ensure ERYC use the limited funding available as effectively as possible.

Local Plan – no decision yet on land east of the village

At a public session in July the parish council put forward their views on proposals to increase the number of houses on land to the east of the village, off Ferriby High Road.

The planning inspector is deciding if a further session will be held so it is unlikely that a decision will be made on the extent of the housing for North Ferriby before the Autumn.

North Ferriby Open Gardens

Many thanks to Kim Westhead for another excellent Open Gardens in June.

It was a real showcase of the beautiful gardens of this lovely village.

London Marathon



The Virgin Money London Marathon 2016 will be taking place on Sunday 24th April and we have places available now! This is an amazing opportunity to support Godfrey Robinson House. All the funds raised on the day will go towards benefiting Godfrey Robinson residents.

For more details about the event call; Julie Fenton 01482 632 209 or email julie.fenton@leonardcheshire.org

Newsletter Items

We have **very limited space** for articles so can contributors keep them brief and concise – **300 words maximum** please. It is better that you control the content rather than us having to chop chunks out to fit it all in!

*"I didn't have time to write a short letter, so I wrote a long one instead."
Mark Twain*

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