

## Adapting to life after lockdown A message from the Parish Council

We hope that our residents are well and coming to terms with the strange situation that we find ourselves in during the global pandemic that is Coronavirus. As a Parish Council we did our best to support those people that we knew to be vulnerable, giving them calls to make sure they were able to get food, medicines and to have whatever contact with the outside world they wanted. The willingness of residents to help each other has been remarkable as has been the care and appreciation expressed to all key workers that have supported us so well whilst they must have been concerned about their own health and that of their families.

We should all be proud of the lovely community that is North Ferriby. Some of you will have lost loved ones during this period, and whether that has been to Covid-19 or another reason, we know that it must have been an incredibly difficult situation at a time of great sadness. Others will have uncertainty about employment and we urge you to take advantage of any help that is out there for you personally or for your children. Our thoughts go out to all those that have been impacted in any way.

If you are struggling with anxiety or feeling in a low mood, there is help out there for you. Please do not suffer alone. And we know that lockdown has put strain on many families. The Yorkshire & Humber region has produced a resource that may be helpful in assisting you with relationships within your family, whether that be between adults or with children. See <u>www.relationshipmatters.org.uk</u>.

As the summer fades away we will all approach the winter months not feeling very certain as to what might be in store for us. If we see a second wave of the illness and we have to go into a full or partial lockdown, we want to hear from you if you want to go on our register of vulnerable people. Register now with our Clerk by calling (01482) 631822 or email <u>clerk@northferribyparishcouncil.gov.uk</u>. East Riding of Yorkshire Council has scaled back its Community Response Centres to 9am-5pm Monday-Friday (excluding bank holidays) but will scale them back up if needs be. For help of any kind call (01482) 393919 or email <u>covid@eastriding.gov.uk</u>. There is an army of staff and volunteers ready to mobilise if necessary.

In the meantime, we urge you to follow Government advice to protect yourself and others.



#### North Ferriby Newsletter - Autumn 2020

## **News from the Village Hall**

We've hardly been idle! As lockdown hit, the Village Hall closed and so did all the clubs and activities that use it. Our caretaker and cleaner were furloughed but the management committee, made up entirely of volunteers, took the opportunity to transform the tired-looking main hall, as well as carry out essential maintenance work to the outside of the building. Rotten woodwork at the gable end has been replaced and together with most of the rear of the building, render has been repaired and repainted. The flat roof has been re-sealed and damage caused by damp in the foyer and gents' toilets, repaired. In the main hall itself, the temperamental fluorescent lights have been replaced with dimmable LED panels, the walls and ceiling painted and the floor sanded and sealed.



As the pictures show, it is transformed into a more contemporary and attractive space for sport, events and entertainment. After a deep sanitisation, we re-opened the Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, to coincide with schools re-opening. All regular hirers will have received notice during August, of Special Conditions of Hire during Covid-19, to supplement existing contracts. It is of course, essential that everyone adheres not only to government guidance, but also to specific rules set by the Hall, to ensure safe use of the building by all.

We hope to be able to start socially distanced film screenings again from September so check out the programme on notice boards or on the website. Our seating capacity is greatly reduced and all tickets must be booked in advance. Drinks will be served to your table. Masks should be worn on arrival until you have taken your seats at your pre-booked table. You must provide names and contact numbers for anyone in your party. Further information will be provided once you book, by leaving your details on our Hotline - **07555 347968**.

All events are subject to government guidelines and can change at any moment. We regret that a number of our popular events involving large numbers, including our Christmas Market, cannot take place this year. Finally, check out our website for footage shot at Ferriby's 50<sup>th</sup> VJ Celebrations in 1995. Can you spot you or your friends and relations, looking just a little younger? Who could have foreseen the events of 2020, last year, let alone all those years ago.....

For bookings and to contact our caretaker, Sarah, call **07932 882 607** or email <u>bookings@ferribyvillagehall.org.uk</u>

We hope to see you soon. Stay safe.

# Wind Farm Funds for North Ferriby Organisations

It was agreed at our July meeting that the £7,500 wind farm fund should be distributed as follows:

Allotment Society - £2,000; Riding for the Disabled - £2,000; Village Hall - £2,000 Social Club - £500; Table Tennis Club - £500 and Villagers at War Exhibition - £500.

## **Train Services at Ferriby Station**

Prior to lockdown the Parish Council and ward councillors were about to embark on talks with Northern Railway about the reduction in service following the introduction of the winter timetable in December 2019. Since then, lockdown and working from home has greatly affected the public's travelling habits and there were further reductions in trains.

We have been informed that services will have resumed to pre-Covid levels by 14<sup>th</sup> September and we would like to hear users' views on how that is impacting on their ability to get to work,



education, hospital appointments etc. We will then resume our attempts to meet with Northern Railway to request further trains stopping at Ferriby. Please let us know your experiences by 30<sup>th</sup> September.

# **North Ferriby Playing Fields**

At the Heart of the village the Playing Fields are a wonderful facility for everyone to use. This summer, they have been widely appreciated, especially during the warm weather and lockdown, as a welcome meeting place for friends and families.

However, this area needs to be cared for, and recently the amount of litter left on the ground by those enjoying the park is shameful. The bins provided are not always used, and piles of debris such as broken glass, cans, food containers and other food wrappings have been left, strewn across the grass. Also evidence amongst the litter indicates that alcohol is being consumed, which is prohibited under the **Public Spaces Protection Order** and enforced by the Police who regularly patrol the area.



We want to thank those volunteers who have been helping to clean up and we issue a plea. Dispose of your litter either in the bins provided or take it home so that our playing fields can remain a safe and attractive place for all to enjoy and be proud of.

As part of the regular maintenance of the area, a few trees are due to be felled for safety reasons around the field, but they will be replaced.

#### **Neighbourhood Watch**

The purpose of Neighbourhood Watch Groups (NWG) is to take steps to prevent crime and make your neighbourhood a safer place to live. This includes receiving advice on how to make your home and property more secure as well as being the eyes and ears of the Police in your locality.



If you are interested in forming a NWG please contact Maureen Yates, Community & Crime Reduction Officer at ERYC on **391 013** or email <u>maureen.yates@eastriding.gcsx.gov.uk</u>.

#### Safe & Well Visit

Before lockdown the Parish Council attended a meeting with the Humberside Fire & Rescue Community Safety Officer. The service works with partners such as the Police and local authorities to ensure the safety of East Riding residents in their homes. The Officer will arrange a Safe & Well visit to vulnerable households, in particular those that are over the age of 50, living alone, a smoker, with a sensory or physical impairment and without working smoke alarms. To request a visit call **0300 303 8242** or go to <u>www.humbersidefire.gov.uk</u>.



# **Refresh of East Riding Local Plan**



It was anticipated that the refreshed East Riding Local Plan would be published in draft for consultation from September. This has not yet happened, but we urge residents with an interest in how our village and the surrounding area may be developed to keep a look out for when it is published.

We will ensure that details on how to access the draft plan are placed on our website and on notice boards and our ward councillors will post it on their Facebook page.

If you want to receive automatic updates from the Parish Council please contact the Clerk with your email details. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to leaflet drop every time there is an item of significant interest for the village.



# **Melton Fields Development**

We know that there is a lot of interest in the development of Melton Fields. We have posted on the Parish Council website a Community Newsletter recently circulated by the developers, Wykeland, to part but not all of the village.

In the meantime, a planning application for west of Brickyard Lane has been submitted for a 'last mile' facility for a delivery company. It will house in excess of 650 vans and receive an average of 4 HGVs an hour. Further details are on the ERYC website using reference number **20/02150/STPLF**.



## Welcome to new Parish Councillor

We were pleased to welcome Jane Knight to the Parish Council before lockdown.

Jane's co-option means that the PC now has a full complement of councillors.

Contact details for all councillors, together with their Register of Interest, can be viewed on the PC website.

# Zoom in to Parish Council meetings



For the foreseeable future all meetings of the Parish Council and its sub-committees will continue to be held remotely. Agendas will continue to be posted online and on the notice board at Coronation Gardens.

If you wish to observe, or to speak in the Public Forum, please contact the Clerk for joining details.

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