

EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE COUNCIL

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Wreaths will be laid on behalf of the Parish on Sunday 10th November 2013 as follows:

St John's Church, Egglecliffe:

Service commences at 10.00am processing to the War Memorial at 10.55am.

All Saints Church, Preston on Tees

Service commences at 9.45am processing to the War Memorial at Victoria Road at 10.55am

Although there is no formal service, a Poppy Wreath will also be laid at the War Memorial outside Elementis Chromium offices at Urlay Nook.

Your parish council has been reassured by Elementis representatives that despite the factory being closed, they will continue to maintain and respect the War Memorial at the premises; the memorial is addressed at the appropriate time with a remembrance and wreath laying service



EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The government has given parish councils the opportunity to draw up, with residents, a plan for their area which will indicate how the land in the area should be used for the foreseeable future.

This includes looking at housing, employment, leisure and so on. Sadly for us it does not include turning the clock back and preventing housing that has already been given permission, but it does give an opportunity to have some input into the design and type of housing built on sites that currently only have outline permission.

The first public meeting was held last month and a steering group of parish councillors and other residents is busy analysing the comments made there.

The next step is likely to be a much wider consultation, perhaps in the form of a questionnaire and we hope that everyone will put their ideas forward.



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JUBILEE GARDEN

In the lead up to the celebrations of Her Majesty the Queen's Diamond Jubilee we started to look at the possibility of creating a Jubilee Garden from the plot of uncared for Railtrack Land beside Urlay Nook Road. A resident kindly drew up a design and we started enquiries with Railtrack as well as consultation with neighbours. There were concerns that our plan to install a bench and for it to be open to the public might lead to antisocial behaviour so we agreed to remove the bench from the plans and not to open the garden to the public.

Railtrack raised further problems and as a result it has taken almost two years to get to the point where work could start on clearing out the undergrowth. One result of the discussions with Railtrack is that a secure fence will be erected round the boundary with neighbours and with the railway. We are sure that the fence combined with the deterrent of planting prickly shrubbery next to the neighbouring land will make it more secure when the work is completed. We are also sure that there will be a more attractive view from Urlay Nook Road for pedestrians and road users going past. The work on the garden has already commenced, earlier than was expected and is already looking more pleasing to the eye.

PLAYSCHEME 2014

As those of you with children will be aware, we had to cancel our summer play scheme this year because of a lack of suitable venues.

We have run a play scheme for many years during school summer holidays and will be meeting soon to establish the feasibility of running the scheme in 2014. Watch out for news in future newsletters and on our website at:

www.egglescliffeand eaglescliffe-pc.org.uk

NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING

Bicycle theft!

Minutes of the 5th September parish council meeting reported the PCSO warning of an increase in bicycle thefts in the area. This warning was repeated by the PCSO at the 5th October meeting — so please

SECURE YOUR BICYCLE AT ALL TIMES!

CARING FOR EGGLESCLIFFE & EAGLESCLIFFE

Each summer your parish councillors walk routes throughout the parish looking out for things that are in need of maintenance and reporting them to Stockton Borough Council or the appropriate organisations for attention. Following this years inspection and report we have been informed that repair orders have been raised at SBC for the footpath outside the convenience store in Station Road and various litter bins and seats which have been damaged or are in need of maintenance.



Issues with overgrown hedges and vegetation have been passed on to SBC's Horticultural Services for investigation and back in June, for the second time this year we asked BT to do something about the state of the grounds at their premises in Croft Road.

If you need notice anything that needs attention or have any problems to report there are some useful telephone numbers and a comment sheet on the back page of this newsletter.

PLAY AREAS



Your parish council has asked Stockton Council to look into improving the drainage at St Margaret's play area in an effort to alleviate the flooding which occurs during wet weather. SBC officers have proposed an environmental improvement scheme and the parish council has offered to contribute half of the costs of this scheme. However a wider scheme has now been proposed and we are waiting for further details. You may have noticed that the barked area around the picnic area has been replaced with an alternative safety surface. The bark has proved to be expensive to maintain at the required level and we intend to gradually replace each barked area with 'grass mat' which is easier to maintain and, we hope you agree, looks better too!

The drainage improvements carried out earlier this year at Amberley Way play area appear to have been successful; at the time of going to press we had two or three of days of rain and there was no standing water. We will be meeting with SBC officers soon to discuss what can be done to discourage children from running out into Amberley Way when chasing stray footballs.

Kingsmead play area was also suffering from poor drainage; however SBC has completed an environmental improvement scheme here too along with an extension to the footpath link and clearing some of the shrubbery which was a trap for litter.

A local resident came along to a council meeting recently and came up with the interesting suggestion of setting up a 'Friends of St Margaret's Play Area' group. We think this is a great idea which could be extended to cover all of our play areas and help to keep them play areas to be proud of. If you are interested in being part of a group helping to care for your local play area please get in touch with the clerk, contact details are on the back page of this newsletter

PLANNING

Most residents will know that the planning application for housing on land at Uraly Nook opposite the Hunters Green estate was rejected by Stockton Council's planning committee. That application has gone to appeal and meantime another, modified plan has been submitted. At the time of going to press Stockton Council has not decided the second application. A new application has been submitted for the old Tannery site on the river bank, accessed from Aislaby Rd. Although this is for just 4 houses it includes a car park for 48 cars, stated as being a contribution to the long stay parking problem in Yarm High St. It is many years since the residents of this parish joined the then MP to fight a previous application on this land. The access from Aislaby Rd has not improved in that time, yet the number of cars using Aislaby Rd has increased thanks to other developments along there. This council has serious worries about the safety of this scheme.



Your Library

Use it before you Lose it!

Unfortunately libraries have taken the brunt of Stockton Council's cuts. Egglecliffe library has had its hours cut and there is a serious threat that it could close altogether, so if you think we should keep it please **use it whenever possible.**

Did you know that Stockton library service can get hold of any book you want even if it isn't actually in Stockton? The writer needed a specific book on clocks a few years ago and asked Egglecliffe if they could get it and within two weeks it arrived from **Norwich** library service. If you currently use Yarm library then when the pay and display system comes in it would make sense to use the Egglecliffe branch where the parking is easy and free.

Welcome to our newest Councillor - Shane Sellers

Shane, a retired detective Superintendent with Cleveland Constabulary has been a member of your local council since he was co-opted in July due to the sad and sudden demise of Cllr Alderton.

Shane is founder member and Chair of Egglecliffe Area Residents Association (EARA). He lives in Egglecliffe and is dedicated to keeping the parish a calm and peaceful place in which to live.

Summer Fete 2014

The Egglecliffe Area Residents Association (EARA), in conjunction with the parish council worked extremely hard during the first half of 2013 to provide the community with a successful summer event on Egglecliffe Village Green. Many thanks to everyone who came along and a special thank you to all the local shops and businesses that generously donated prizes for our tombola stall which helped to raise £216 for the Alzheimer's Society

It is the intention of EARA, again working closely with the parish council, to provide a summer event on 6th July 2014 that will appeal to all members of the community. It was quite noticeable that last years event had a limited number of teenage visitors. In an effort to appeal to more people in that age group we have made tentative enquiries with a local band hoping that this will go some way to encourage teenagers to support the event; some residents have personally seen the band in action and they are very good.

One key theme that was raised a number of times during the Coronation event was the lack of food available to be purchased. Whilst it is true that a good number of those attending did bring their own picnics, it was quite apparent that people passing through and some residents did not. A number of suggestions have been made as to how this can be remedied for next year, the most popular being a 'hog roast'. However, as we wish next years event to be inclusive of all residents and visitors we have to take into consideration that not everyone eats meat and, depending on their religion, some do not eat pork.

EARA would like to see the planning of the event with local children/teenagers to have them tell us what events they would like and involve schools, the church, the parish hall and its users (i.e. Brownies). If we could encourage children/teenagers to become part of the planning committee, we would be able to accurately cater for the needs of a diverse community.

Some of the activities held last year should be held again, but the committee can discuss these when they meet. The two events that have been held have been very popular and EARA would like to see this becoming an annual event.

CONTACT YOUR COUNCILLORS

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES

Residents are welcome at Council meetings, these are held in Room 45, Eggescliffe School, Urlay Nook Road on the first and third Thursdays each month except during school holidays.

Forthcoming dates:
November 7th & 21st
December 7th

You are welcome to observe from 7pm and at 8pm you are welcome to speak.

So, if you have something you want to discuss with

YOUR COUNCILLORS
please come along.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Anti Social Behaviour

24 hour Reporting Hotline 607943

Verbal abuse, threats & intimidation, harassment, gang nuisance, street drinking etc.

Neighbourhood Enforcement Service 528439

Contact NES officers 7:30 am -3am, 7 days a week. NES investigate all incidents of environmental crime This will include, fly tipping investigation, littering dog fouling & underage drinking

Neighbourhood Policing

In an emergency or if a crime is actually taking place, **ring 999**

Issues investigated by your Neighbourhood Policing Team include: drug misuse & drug dealing, off-road motorbikes, drunken people causing a nuisance & crimes in your area

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Care For Your Area 391959

Email: careforyourarea@stockton.gov.uk
Refuse collection, street cleansing, kerbside recycling horticultural services, highways maintenance, fly tipping (removal) etc.

Street Lighting 526769

Email: street.lighting@stockton.gov.uk
Damaged or defective street lights - quote the column number from the yellow panel and the nearest address

COMMENT SHEET

You are invited to complete and return this section with any comments, suggestions or complaints about anything happening in the Parish (or even anything not happening!)

COMMENT:

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Please print your details to enable us to respond:

NAME: ADDRESS:.....

EMAIL ADDRESS:.....

Please return to: Eggescliffe & Eaglescliffe Council, The Old Offices, Urlay Nook, Eggescliffe TS16 0LA
Or email your comments to: egglescliffepc@btconnect.com