

The Gill

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Parish Council introduces Community Grants

The Parish Council has recently agreed to make up to £3000 available for Community projects. They will be funded from the Parish Council budget or the Annual Grants Fund. Both will be reviewed annually. This is an exciting development designed to support community projects and fund raising activity.

Applications for grants up to £500, should fall into the following broad categories:

Requests from local organisations within the Parish on a regular basis to cover costs of, for example, running events or maintenance costs of a local facility. Such grants will be shown as a separate item in the Council's annual budget and will be reviewed annually by the Council.

Requests from organisations within the Parish for start-up funding or to help solve a problem. Examples are local groups/organisations or clubs requiring facilities or items of equipment, repair/replacement of such equipment or in support of individuals. These grants will be met from the annually agreed grants fund.

Requests from organisations based outside the Parish that will benefit the local community: Examples are the regular requests

received from the NW Air Ambulance and others such as the Hospice at home. These grants will be met from the annually agreed grants fund.

Applicants will have to demonstrate clearly how the grant will be of benefit to the local community within the Parish and how it will fulfill a need that would not otherwise be met.

For a leaflet describing the scheme please contact the Clerk to the Council.

SMR Property Maintenance

Plumbing and Bathroom Installations

Floor & Wall Tiling

Joinery Work inc : Wooden Flooring, Decking etc...

General Indoor & Outdoor Maintenance

Contact Steve Ritchie

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New Councillors

All those nominated as Councillors to the Parish Council for the forthcoming elections, have been declared as "Elected Unopposed" and that a vacancy for cooption exists. This happens when the same or lesser number of people are nominated for the 9 seats available, Congratulations to those who will be your Parish Councillors for the next 4 years from the 17th May 2011 :

Cllr Alex Dagleish, Cllr Norman Elliott, Cllr Frank Heaton, Cllr Harry Kay, Cllr Mary Kay, Cllr Linda Nichol, Cllr Alison Sisson, Cllr Grant Sisson

Parish Plan. It's amazing to think that 5 years have passed since the Parish Plan was published. The Parish Council is looking for volunteers to help with a new plan - to be called the "Community

Plan". The plan is what you as the Community would like to see happening in the Parish over the coming years for example the development of more affordable housing, better employment prospects and even better broadband. If you're interested in volunteering and getting involved please contact a Councillor or the Clerk to the Council.

Planning - Kirklington Hall.

There has been a recent flurry of activity by the City Council in consulting on amendments to the plans for the restoration of Kirklington Hall. (The Gill, Summer 2009 carried details). The changes proposed are in response to conservation issues raised by English Heritage and do not change the original accommodation plan. Whilst continuing to support the project the Parish Council has again expressed concerns about Utilities issues and traffic density in the area



Highways. The council is concerned that maintenance of our local roads should not be cut by the County Council. Response to Hotline requests for pothole repairs is good but there are problems on the C1005 from Bolton Fell Peat works and the A6071 to Longtown. Road surfaces are also suffering because of previous works by Utilities. The County Highways department is

looking at how work can be done within their ever reducing budget.

Agreed Route Maps for transporting timber - The County Council is consulting on an Agreed Route plan for Timber lorries. Again the C1005 within the parish is suggested. The Parish Council has said that it is opposed to any further use of the road by heavy vehicles because of the damage being caused to the road and property.

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County Council - Proposed cuts - services to the community - Parish Council reply -

"The Council is aware of concerns from individual residents about the impact of the loss of Carer support grants, grants for children and young people as well as those for education. There are concerns that the already limited bus service will be reduced further if the rural bus subsidy is cut and there are fears about the continuation of the mobile Library service.

The impact of the proposed cuts will be felt in different ways but all will experience a real reduction in the quality of life that is so special in our community. The Parish Council asks that the remote rural areas especially are saved from the cuts."

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Bolton Peat Moss - Restoration of peat workings - the County Council has recently consulted on a scoping report by Natural England about the restoration of the peat works.

The work will cover the full area of the raised peat bog including the present (and previous) Sinclair extraction sites. The whole area has been identified as a Site of Scientific Interest.

Restoration works will be timetabled over the next 4 years.

Sinclair Holdings will gradually withdraw from the site starting in the northern part. Peat extraction will cease on site at the end of November 2013. It is anticipated that engineering works in regard to drainage for example will follow the Sinclair's withdrawal across the site.

Sinclair's will have finished harvesting and removed all stocks and equipment in the restoration area by June 2014 after which it is expected that restoration works will continue until the end of 2015.

No significant traffic problems are expected because of the restoration work. There will be limited public access during the restoration period and plans are being explored to create managed footpaths.

The Parish Council supports the restoration work and has asked for clarification in regard to public access by way of footpaths and bridleways and any buildings belonging to Sinclair's remaining on site.

Stop Crime, call - Crime Stoppers 0800 555 111

Wanted - Broadband Champion

The Parish Council is looking for a Broadband Champion to help in increasing the demand for superfast broadband in the parish. The voluntary role is to raise awareness of the benefits for superfast broadband, organise local events, meet clubs and groups, talk with local business and encourage as many as possible to take up the offer of the faster broadband service.

In early May we expect that there will be some announcements regarding the much publicised Broadband UK (BDUK) award to Cumbria to help improve rural broadband services. As soon as the way forward is fully defined, Broadband Champions will be invited to a meeting in order to brief them on the developments. At that meeting coordinators who will be invited to represent Carlisle District at a higher level and to help keep Parishes fully informed about progress. It is anticipated that this meeting will be on a date between the 16th and 27th of May.

If you are interested please contact the Clerk to the Council and/or come to the next meeting of the Parish Council on 17th May 2011.

So what can we do with Superfast Broadband? Here are some examples -

Business and tele-employment, including tele-conferencing, reducing the need to travel long distances to meetings and to meet clients. On-line training will become the norm. Home working will expand. All this will relieve the pressure on our over-worked road system.

Social networking. Families already use Skype for communication - the use of video telephoning will increase dramatically when superfast broadband is universal.

Telemedicine and telecare. This is already being used in parts of Cumbria (e.g. Cybermoor). The implications are far reaching.

Education including extra-mural and distance learning, access to a vast and ever expanding array of academic resources and the chance to study a greatly increased range of courses.

Entertainment, including richer multimedia applications such as high definition (HD) TV and HD Three Dimensional (3D) TV delivered online, effectively meaning that anybody with superfast broadband can enjoy multi-channel cable TV via a future service called YouView (<http://www.youview.com/>). TV on demand is likely to become the norm - watch the programs that you want, when you want (families can view multiple channels in different rooms simultaneously), pause for comfort breaks, rewind to repeat the best bits etc. Other applications may include Virtual reality experiences (tourism, museum, sports and concert experiences) and High definition games.

Hethersgill Parish Council

The next meeting is the Annual meeting of the Parish Council and will be on Tuesday 17th May 2011 and will be held in the Parish Hall, Hethersgill at 8.00pm - why not come along - the agenda allows for the public to talk about items on the agenda.

Draft minutes of meetings are published on noticeboards soon after meetings.

The role of your Councillors is to represent your views and concerns to the Parish Council and to other public bodies. They are:-

Cllr A Dagleish - 675388

Cllr M Kay - 675910

Cllr N Elliott - 675336

Cllr P L Nichol - 675383

Cllr F Heaton -675516

Cllr A Sisson -675378

Cllr H Kay- 675910 (Chair)

Cllr G Sisson - 675101

REALLY USEFULL INFORMATION



Mobile Post Office

The van visits Hethersgill every Weds morning between 10.45am and 11.00 am.



Highways hotline

Report holes in the road, floods, fallen trees, broken signs, faulty street lights etc to the hotline 0845 6096 609



Recycling if the bins are full ring 01228 817200.



Fire Safety in your home - ring 0800 3584777 for a FREE safety assessment, advice and a free smoke alarm.

Comments about the Gill We welcome comments about the newsletter or any topic - please contact:- Clive Moth, Clerk to the Council 01228 675328

HETHERSGILL PARISH

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
TUESDAY 17TH MAY 2011
7.30PM
HETHERSGILL PARISH HALL

This is a meeting for all residents of the Parish and a chance to have your say about things that concern you