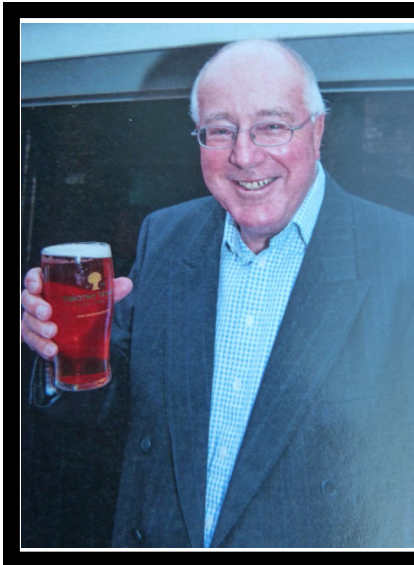


Village Newsletter

AUTUMN 2018

What's happening in the Village?
Check our website www.draughton.org for the latest news

For the diary:
16 Nov—Leeds Library Theatre
16 Dec 5pm—Carol Service



Robert Clayton
Member of the Parish Council 2004-18
Chairman 2016-18

We remember our Chairman, Robert Clayton, who died suddenly on 7 October. He has made a huge contribution to the community, and will be missed and remembered by all of us for his lively participation in, and support for, so many aspects of village life. As parish councillor and, latterly, the council's Chairman, with clear vision and stalwart common sense, he has helped the community take forward some major issues in the last few years, not least our campaign to make the village roads safer.

The Parish Council extends its deepest sympathy to the family in their shock and grievous loss.

Also in this edition....

As well as taking our regular spot to explain the work of the Parish Council (see box opposite), we are featuring a special report on the findings of our winter gritting survey. We're also including some detailed advice to help us deal with the local rat population which still seems to like living with us in the main part of the village. Also, see inside for a separate article contributed by Dawn Johnson, the new manager at the care home. She is keen to see the business develop as a part of village life, and is interested in working together with all of us, council and individual villagers alike.

What does the Parish Council do about planning applications?

A local planning authority, in our case, Craven District Council, is responsible for determining planning applications for new developments, setting any planning conditions or restrictions, and, in some cases, taking enforcement action to make sure the terms of consent are complied with.

The parish council is consulted on each application, and we may comment on it, either by supporting it or objecting to it. The parish council can also submit comments to help improve an application. Our role is to help the planning authority reach a decision which is in the best interests of the local community.

If we have objected, we have a right to attend and speak at the planning authority's meeting when the application is to be decided

As many of you know, the parish council used these powers to good effect when the village was faced with a large wind turbine development project at Chelker. We are currently working on the outstanding application for a housing development at the top of the village.

Remember: If you want to join the email contact list, or just want to update/amend your details, please complete and return to us the form at the bottom of this page.

I give my permission for the Clerk of the Parish Council to contact me by email in order to notify me of:

- Parish Council business
- Village Hall events
- General community news and events

Signed Date..... Email.....

Notes: By providing your email address you confirm that we may contact you by this means. Your details will not be passed onto any other organisations. If at any time you wish to have your email address deleted from our records, please email the Clerk or contact us via the website. See the website for a copy of our Data Protection Policy and Privacy Policy

Please return this slip to us by posting it into the shoebox in the telephone kiosk or drop it off at The Pines. Thanks

Results of Gritting Survey

During the summer, the Parish Council organised a survey of village opinion on the provision of winter gritting services. Here are the results:

Votes in favour of Option 1 – reliance on ad hoc volunteers as at present	27	60%
Votes in favour of Option 2 – involving payment to a commercial contractor	18	40%
Total replies received	45	100%

Outcome: the votes for Option 2 fall short of the required substantial majority, so DPC will be leaving arrangements as at present. However, your comments are expected to lead to further ideas within the DPC meetings this winter. The 40% support for Option 2 is still a significant minority.

Response: the number of replies received is 60% of the households directly affected by the gritting of Low Lane and DPC would like to thank all those who took part. This is a superb response and an unusually high percentage for a survey of this type.

Comments: many replies contained helpful comments, each of which has been noted. These are summarised anonymously in the following table, with the DPC response where appropriate:

Implements for sprinkling the grit on the road or footway are needed in each bin. <i>Noted.</i>
Two response forms offered volunteers whenever possible. <i>Thank you!</i>
Payment would still have been required, even in a very mild winter. <i>Correct.</i>
NYCC should pay for both the grit and the gritting. <i>NYCC does refill the grit bins. They now grit only Priority 1 routes.</i>
Estimated cost would have been excessive. Only some would pay the voluntary contribution, but all would benefit. Why does DPC not insist everyone affected pays a smaller monthly amount! <i>This would have required a 100% increase in the Draughton precept (our share of the Council Tax)! DPC decided instead to survey village opinion to assess the importance of this service.</i>
NYCC must continue to replenish all grit bins. <i>DPC is working on this basis.</i>
Could DPC give careful thought to the siting of the grit bins? <i>DPC will do this.</i>
Residents of unadopted roads feel unfairly treated. They pay high Council tax but have no right to DPC grit or gritting. <i>Noted, but this is the principle of general taxation.</i>
Several respondents mentioned the difficulty in assuring access for healthcare professionals involved in daily care. <i>DPC has noted this but insufficient support for option 2.</i>
Several residents mentioned the problem of getting out of Draughton in icy weather so that they can get to work – with this requirement seven days per week and some traumatic driving conditions. <i>DPC has noted this but there was not sufficient support for Option 2</i>
Would Option 2 have covered the entire length of Low Lane right down Donkey Neddy to the A59? <i>Yes, it would have done.</i>
How do I contact DPC to raise any issues in the future? <i>You should contact the Clerk to DPC, Jane Markham(parishclerk@draughton.org) but please note that DPC is not the responsible authority – we will do our best to help, but complaints should be directed to NYCC as usual.</i>

Conclusion: The Parish Council would like to thank all of those who took part in this survey, even though we did not get the support needed for major change. We will take on board your comments as we continue to seek improvements this winter on this vital feature of village safety.

Apparently, we are never more than 6' away from a rat...

RATS!

**They're
at it
again!**

And for a few unlucky residents in the middle of the village, this is a reality, as we believe that the colony of rats, having been displaced from their nest in the brambles at the rear of the village hall, have made their home in the village sewers. Yorkshire Water have been asked to help us deal with these pests, and they will be baiting all the sewers shortly.

In the meantime, see overleaf for some practical measures you can take to make sure the rats don't come to live with you, and see the separate flyer included in this Newsletter giving full advice from the Pest Control officers at Craven District Council..

Road Safety

For a long time, you've been telling us that you're concerned about traffic speeding through the village. The Parish Council has been trying (so far, without success) to get the highways authority to do something about it. This year, we decided to take some measures ourselves. What do you think of the new signs? Do you think they work? Let us know what you think—email the clerk or speak to any of the councillors.



Dales Care Home



Hi, my name is Dawn and I am the new General Manager at The Dales.

I have a wide range of experience within nursing and management, including working in many areas of the NHS. I have commissioned new services and worked in a management role in various settings of the independent sector over a period of 10 years.

My role as General Manager has various facets, but all these centre around ensuring that residents' lives are as fulfilled as possible, embracing independence, family and friends. I am focused on ensuring that good quality care is delivered in the way residents would like, and I have an open door to all, encouraging ideas and suggestions.

I enjoy the variety that my role offers, and love being in a privileged position to ensure that we deliver the best care to residents and those people important to them.

I want the home to be more involved with the community as I believe that just because someone needs support with their daily living, this does not stop them having a fulfilling life. I have various ideas for the future, working on various ways for people to access our services when and how they need to, and also being involved in wider activity and engagement in things outside the home. Please feel welcome to come and see what we do at The Dales and I hope to meet some of you at the Parish Council meeting on 7 November, where I can update everyone about The Dales and our plans for future community involvement.

Draughton Village

Useful Contacts and Information

Waste Collections

Alternate Tuesdays —green bin

(general household) or blue bin

Collection schedule from Craven DC

Monthly on Thursdays—brown (garden)

Subscription service only

Milk

Delivered Tues, Thurs and Sunday.

Contact: Fiona Whalley 07710906371

Fish

Van calls top of village and door to door on a Tuesday.

Contact: Bill & Molly Dobson 710201

Newspapers

Delivered daily for collection from the telephone kiosk (outside the Old Post Office)

Must be pre-ordered.

Contact: Newsagent 791220



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Let's not encourage the rats!

DO:

- Clear up any scattered bird food at the end of *every day* - rats are mainly nocturnal
- Use bird tables and hanging bags to keep food off the ground
- Check drainage covers around your property for droppings and put poison bait down if you see any
- Rake your compost heap over regularly to prevent the rats nesting in it
- Check for and block up any crevices in walls where they may nest
- Cut back any dense bushes and ground cover in and around your property



DON'T:

- Leave leftover food out for the birds
- Put leftover food/vegetable peelings etc on your compost heap, unless your compost bin is enclosed (top, bottom and sides)
- Leave piles of garden trimmings/cuttings for them to nest in
- Make *your home* a comfortable place for rats!

Draughton Village Hall

The Village Hall is the social hub of the community. Regular events in the hall include:

Tea party—every first Monday of the month 2.30pm

Skipton & Silsden Young Farmers—Monday evenings

Upholstery Training—Tuesdays 6.30-8pm (David Whitham 761099)

U3A Bridge—every Thursday 10am-12 noon (Charles Burton)

Table Tennis—Thursdays 6.30-7.30pm (children) 7.30-9.30pm (adults) (David & Anthea Goldie 710315)

Quiz Nights, Pop-up Pub nights, and various other social events are held throughout the year to help raise money for the hall's upkeep.

The Village Hall is available to hire for parties and for meetings (up to about 70 people).

Hire charges are £15 per hour, discounted to £12 per hour for villagers, and with special rates for organisations.

Contact: Alison Turner 710250

Check the noticeboard outside the Village Hall for details of all forthcoming events and visit our website

www.draughton.org