

Village News



WINTER

2014

*The Parish Council wishes all residents and friends of North Ferriby
a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year*

Flood Defences

Work has now been completed by the Environment Agency (EA) in respect of the substantial flood defences for the village resulting from the tidal surge of 5th December 2013. These works have cost in the region of £300,000.

As previously reported the Parish Council acted as a conduit between residents and the E.A. Thus residents were able to pass on their experiences and suggestions to them. In addition the Parish Council produced a graphical report to the EA illustrating the effect of the flooding on the village. We are grateful to the EA for taking our views into account in the planning of these defences and acting promptly to deliver them.

As a goodwill gesture for the community, the EA has resurfaced, at no charge, the whole of the car park at the bottom of Humber Road, which had recently been adopted by the Parish Council.

Our photograph shows Phillip Winn of the Environment Agency with members of the Parish Council and local residents



Reed Pond Saved

Our Reed Pond has been living up to its name by producing an accelerated growth of reeds recently. Unless action is taken there is a possibility that the pond will be lost due to the overgrowth of reeds. To save the pond work will be required to drain the pond, remove silt from the bottom as well as dig out the excess reeds. The cost of this is expected to be approximately £23,000.

The Parish Council has been successful in securing grant funding of £18,000 from an environmental grant funder, WREN. The Conservation Society has also donated £3,500 towards the project and the Parish Council have undertaken to cover any shortfall from reserves. A contractor has been engaged.

Due to the risk of the project being delayed due to inclement weather during the winter and to avoid disturbing nesting birds in the Spring, work to drain the pond will commence in July next year and is expected to be completed by October.

We are grateful to the Conservation Society for their donation. Credit for securing the funding and managing the project so far goes to Cllr Bannister and our Clerk Pat Lambert.

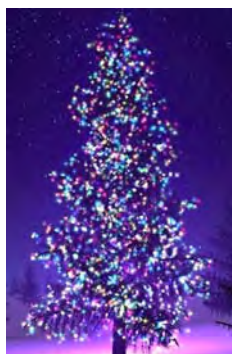
Long Plantation Trees

Further felling and new tree planting in the plantation works will be commencing from the 1st December for two weeks. The works will include some more tree planting to deal with the failures from last year and to plant in other areas identified and those areas that will be cleared as a result of the felling work.

The contractor will also be undertaking ongoing ivy removal during this period as well. It has been agreed that all felled infected sycamores will be removed from the woodland.

The Beech trees that are to come down will be positioned off main footpaths and branches cut up and stacked to help promote wildlife/insects etc. as previously. New tree planting, will include Common Alder, English Oak, Green Beech, Wild Cherry, Blackthorn and Common Crab Apple, giving around 100 new trees with approximately 20% being more mature Oak and Beech.

Christmas Tree Lights



We had some fantastic comments last year about the Christmas tree in its new location near to the War Memorial.

The parish council will be providing the same again this year and we are pleased that some children from North Ferriby CE Primary School will be assisting us in switching on the lights. The lucky pupil to flick the switch will be the winner of a Christmas colouring competition organised by the school and the Parish Council will also be giving them a small prize.

Thank you again to the Co Op for their generosity in supporting this event.

East Yorkshire Villagers at War

On the 20th and 21st March an event called **East Yorkshire Villagers at War** will be held in North Ferriby Village Hall.

This is to commemorate soldiers that lost their lives in WW1 that came from villages in the East Riding. The event will have a very large collection WW1 memorabilia from the Somme, France and Flanders and also life stories of the soldiers that died from various villages.

Melton Fields

Planning Appeals - decision expected June 2015

Owing to the need for further information on the two planning appeals for Melton Fields, the target date for the decision by the Secretary of State has now moved to after the May General Election, and is expected to be on or before 4th June 2015.

The outcome of the appeals will be posted on our website as soon as they are published. Please ensure you are registered to receive our email updates on this and other important information pertaining to North Ferriby and its environs.

The Old Pumping Station



The deteriorating state of the Old Pumping Station has been a concern to us over a number of years. This concern is now aggravated as this eyesore stands opposite the recently renovated village war memorial.

Our Ward Councillor Julie Abraham has had discussions with the Enforcement Officer of ERYC to inject some action with a view to resolving the problem finally.

The property is privately owned and we are informed that the owner, who is registered overseas, is not answering correspondence from the ERYC. There is a process whereby the ERYC may place an Enforcement Notice on the property requiring the owner to carry out remedial work. If this is not complied with then the ERYC, subject to approval, may undertake the work at public expense and place a charge on the property which will be collected if the property is sold.

We have asked ERYC to pursue this action and have been informed that it could take about four months to complete if it is approved.

Removal of Shrubs

The Parish Council has been consulted by ERYC over the possible removal of shrubs on the left hand side of the slip road from the new roundabout down to the traffic lights on Melton Road. They are difficult to access safely to keep trimmed back, so ERYC is proposing complete removal. We have given our agreement provided the area is left tidy and not left to be overrun with weeds.

Playing Fields CCTV

Last year the Parish Council invested in a new CCTV system for the playing fields to help us protect our property and to identify, if necessary, incidents of anti-social behaviour, the old system being obsolete. The new CCTV recently identified an incident, which recorded damage to our property. The image captured was of such quality that the Police were able to identify the offender who admitted responsibility. Interestingly the individual concerned, who is not from Ferriby, asked the Police if he could make a personal apology to the Parish Council which was arranged.

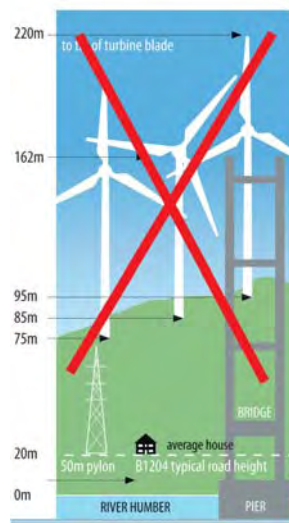
East Riding Local Plan

The public examination of the East Riding Local Plan has taken place at Beverley during October and November by a Planning Inspector. The Parish Council submitted written to the Inspector evidence on behalf of the village some time before the hearing.

Cllr Halmshaw attended the hearing during the November sessions and gave that evidence directly. The full statement can be viewed on our website or on noticeboards around the village.

Saxby Wold Wind Farm

In 2011 RWE Innology UK submitted proposals to install 18 (later reduced to 10) large wind turbines (124 meters) near Saxby All Saints, North Lincolnshire. The turbines were to be constructed



on elevated land on the South Bank of the Humber facing our village. In May 2013 the chairman of North Ferriby Parish Council gave evidence to the Planning Inspector at a public enquiry as to the negative visual impact that these turbines would have on the village of North Ferriby.

Following the enquiry the Secretary of State has refused permission on appeal from RWE for its proposed wind farm. His reasons were that the turbines would harm the landscape, visual amenity and enjoyment of the countryside in the surrounding area.

The village has been spared the sight of ten large turbines facing us across the river.

Grass Cutting

We have been in discussion with the East Riding of Yorkshire Council regarding the frequency of grass cutting in the village.

We have been told that cutting has been carried out in accordance with their schedule but as a result of exceptional amounts of rainfall last year and excessive growth this year there would have been occasions when our grass cutting schedules were extended longer than 3 weeks. We appreciate the efforts made by those residents that have chosen to cut the grass near their own houses.

Shrubs near to Medici's

Shrubs and bushes near to Medici's were removed by ERYC because of concerns over road safety.

We were not happy with the way the area had been left so we have liaised with the Council to get the stumps removed, the turf reinstated and suitable low growing shrubs to be planted in the next appropriate planting season.

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

web@nferriby.info

Festive Events

Monday 22nd December 6.45pm –
Father Christmas on Swanland Pond



Wednesday 17th December 7 pm –
Carol Singing with the Parish Council at the Lych Gate, All Saints' Church. Inside if inclement – bring a torch or lantern. Refreshments provided.

Scrap Metal Collectors

Residents have asked us about persons collecting scrap metal around the village. Such collectors must have a licence signed by the Police.

If you have any concerns, and it is safe to do so, please take the vehicle registration number and ring the Police on 101.

Protecting Vulnerable People

If you have any concerns about the safety and well-being of a child or vulnerable adult, do not be afraid to report it to one of our local safeguarding teams. Even a small concern can help to build a picture of a situation that may need some professional support. For concerns contact:

Children and young people - 01482 395 500 childrens.socialcare@eastriding.gcsx.gov.uk
(see www.erscb.org.uk for further information)

Vulnerable adults – 01482 396 940 safeguardingadultsteam@eastriding.gcsx.gov.uk
(see www.ersab.org.uk for further information)

To report concerns for children, young people and vulnerable adults outside normal office hours contact the **Emergency Duty Team 01377 241 273**. If urgent attention is required because they are in immediate danger call the Police on 101 or 999.

Current Planning Applications

The following applications are all live and comments can be lodged online at www.eastriding.gov.uk/newpublicaccess

14/03419/OUT OK Nurseries & Garden Centre Relocation of car showroom, MOT paint shop, servicing & off road visitors parking and display

14/03420/PLF 135 Ferriby High Road Erection of 3 dwellings following demolition of existing car showroom and all associated workshops and buildings

14/03384/OUT Land east of Wilson Close Erection of up to 18 dwellings

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