

July 2013

Parish Council News

Oil Purchasing Cooperative

You may be aware that many villages buy heating oil cooperatively, typically saving 3p/litre against standard quoted prices. Is this something that would make sense for Sessay? How would this work for us?

When the 'lead' buyer needs oil they check with all other members of the syndicate - space for at least 500 litres is needed for the supplier to make a valid drop - and pulls together a total requirement. This is tendered to the market and the order placed with the cheapest source.

Advantages - bulk buying price advantage

Disadvantages - if the timing of the tender does not suit, you still need to get supply yourself
- you have to pay for total delivery at once rather than spread payments monthly

If you would like to participate in such a scheme, or if you fancy yourself as 'lead buyer' for Sessay, then please let us know. We will pull all responses together to see if we have a viable way forward and let you know.

For Sessay and Hutton Sessay

Local Issues

Newsletter - We have revised the format of the newsletter and hope that you like it! Let us know what you think.

Sessay United Charities - We have decided to pay a Christmas dividend to all widowers, as well as widows, living within the Parish. Following the sale of our land holding at Thormanby, our investments are now generating us more income.

Oldest Resident - We celebrated the 100th birthday of our oldest resident, Mr William Grigg, on 25th May this year, by making a birthday cake for him and his family.

School Bus - We have secured the continued use of the bus bringing children to Sessay School for at least a further year.

Grit Bin - We have purchased a grit bin situated on the corner near Rooper Hill Farm, for use on this bend in severe winter weather.

Potholes - NYCC have repaired potholes near to the school and church. Please let us know if others are of concern.

Speeding - We are working with NYCC on this issue and still pressing for action. We have applied for the temporary speed matrix again.

Railway Bridge Safety - We have raised concerns about safety on the railway bridge and the need for better protective fencing.

Village Sign - A new sign is planned for Kay's Corner using Sessay Bricks and an application for advertising consent has now been submitted.

Planning

We have had some significant planning applications within the Parish recently:

Building work on new classrooms at Sessay Primary School is now starting. The existing temporary units will be removed shortly.

An application for an extension to the Village Hall to increase the size of the changing rooms and kitchen has been approved.

An application for the siting of caravans at the Oaks Fishing Lakes has also been approved. The Parish Council was influential in the final plans following considerable local concern.

Work is about to commence on a partial review of the Hambleton Local Development Framework that sets out local planning policy. We will continue to work in the best interests of the Parish as this process develops.

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Parish Precept

Our total precept for 2013/14 remains unchanged at £4000. We will set next year's budget in November. Please let us know how we could utilise this money to improve things locally.

Flooding

We have raised your concerns with Yorkshire Water and the Environment Agency about flooding at the northern end of Sessay and some improvements to the drainage system have been made. We will continue to monitor the situation – please help us by filling in our questionnaire.

Profile – Cllr Mike Bielby – Vice Chair

Mike has been a resident of the Parish for nearly 30 years and spent most of his working life in the hospitality industry, working in hotels, pubs and restaurants. He is married to Angela and has two married daughters, both living close by, and 5 grandchildren.

He is a countryman at heart, and enjoys fishing, shooting and other country pursuits. He joined the Parish Council through a strong commitment to local and rural issues, and to give something back to our community by working on your behalf.

County Council Elections – May 2013

Councillor Bob Baker (Cons) was elected to represent this ward on North Yorkshire County Council in the local government elections held in May. He also sits on Hambleton District Council and can be contacted as follows: Cllr.bob.baker@hambleton.gov.uk or Tel.???

Next Meeting Dates...

Next Public Meetings – 18 September and 20 November. Meetings commence at 7.30pm in the Village Hall and are held on the 3rd Wednesday of every second month.

Your Parish Councillors...

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