

Ellerker News

A roundup of news from around the parish
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Residents will be concerned at the speed that the Coronavirus is taking hold and the significant impact the uncertainty is having on all of our lives. It has now been confirmed that there is one case of the virus in our village.

Ellerker benefits from being a tight-knit community with good organisational infrastructure and a prepared Emergency Plan.

The Church, Parish Council and Neighbourhood Watch are working together to ensure a co-ordinated response so that residents in need are supported. Guidance from the Government is changing daily and our local response will need regular updating. Communications will be made electronically through extra editions of Ellerker News, which reaches 125 house via email and the remaining 25 houses via hard copy.

Our village is divided into 5 zones, each covered by a Parish Councillor and 2 Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators. Residents will shortly receive a leaflet drop to remind them of the contact details for their zone. Please

keep this to hand so that they can be contacted for support particularly if individuals are isolated. To minimize unnecessary face to face contact, telephone and/or email contact will be the recommended method of communication. Residents who wish to offer their help to neighbours will be most welcome and they should make themselves known to their Neighbourhood Co-ordinator. Sharing the load will become increasingly important as the days progress and more people have to isolate themselves.

Following a meeting with the Vicar and Church Wardens, it has been decided that all services, apart from funerals, will be cancelled until further notice. St Anne's will remain open as normal during the day for drop in as a place for quiet reflection and prayer during this troubling time. Those entering the church will be asked to use the alcohol hand sanitizer, which is on order from Costcutter. The Vicar will be present at the church this Sunday at 9.30 but will not be leading a service of worship. As it is Mothering Sunday, daffodils have been ordered for distribution during that service. These will now be left at the entrance to the

church for parishioners to collect themselves. The Celtic Service and the Lent Programme have all been cancelled. Specific updates from the Church of England will be posted on www.allsaintssouthcave.co.uk along with some guidance for personal worship and prayer support, in due course.

The situation worldwide is now serious and dangerous and residents are encouraged to listen to the scientific guidance and to act responsibly. Staying positive and responsive to the changing advice will be crucial, as will helping each other in a compassionate but safe way.

Ellerker Rainbows

We would like to invite you to join the nationwide campaign to put a rainbow (or other picture) in your window. Conceived as an idea to boost morale for children at this confusing time, the pictures are a fun thing to spot whilst taking socially distanced walks. They're also a great way to remind us of our strong community even in this time of isolation.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-51988671>

Mel - Editor

Parish Council News

The Parish Council met on 9th January and 12th March 2020. The minutes of the meetings are available to view on the Ellerker Parish website.

The Parish Council would like to thank all residents and local businesses who supported the installation of the Christmas Tree on the village green in December 2019. A special thank you to Councillor Pat Smith for switching on the lights in her full regalia.

The Parish Council continue to work with ERYC and Neighbourhood Planning Consultants to develop the Neighbourhood Plan and to update the Ellerker Conservation area.

Next meeting: The Annual Parish and Annual Council Meetings on Thursday 7th May 2020

commencing at 7pm. At the Village Hall. All welcome.

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Flood and Sewage Plans

Following the November flooding and the ongoing high levels of rainfall, the Parish Council continue to seek to engage with representatives of the key authorities to reduce the risks posed by the rainfall and sewage.

Representatives of the Parish Council and residents met with Lee Pitcher (Yorkshire Water Head of Resilience and LWW

General Manager) on 10th March 2020 to agree a plan of action with regards to the unacceptable discharge of sewage on the streets and fields of Ellerker along with the concerns in respect of the ability of the Sewage Treatment works to cope with the volume of waste.

A 4-phase approach is to be implemented including formulating a full multi agency review and action plan by the end of April 2020.

Residents are respectfully reminded of the 3 Ps principle of loo flushing! They are Pee, Poo and Paper only!

Representatives of the Parish Council are meeting with Mike Kitching (Assistant Principal Engineer ERYC Flood Risk Management Team) on 18th March to discuss the continued issues with flooding on Ings Lane and the corner of Main Street / Howden Croft Hill. A survey of Ellerker Beck will also be completed to confirm the work that is required to reduce the potential for flooding from the Beck.

The Ellerker Community Emergency Plan has been updated following the purchase of a small stock of Sandbags to be deployed to protect vulnerable properties in the event of future flood water emergencies.

These are located in the yard of Pidgeoncote Farm, thanks to William Puckering.

Requests for support have

also been made to the Highways Agency, Environment Agency, Ouse and Humber Drainage Board and Ward Councillors.

Representatives of the Parish Council attended a meeting of residents in North Cave on 25.02.20 to discuss the flooding in North Cave and surrounding villages. Information with regards to the meeting can be found via the following link.

<https://www.villagelink.info/flooding.htm>

PCC Elections

The Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Elections scheduled to take place on Thurs 7th May 2020 have now been postponed for a year. Claire Wood attended a presentation by the PCC about the work completed by Humberside Police on Tues 3rd March 2020 and it was pleasing to hear about the significant strides taken to raise efficiency and morale within Humberside Police Force over the past 4 years.

Allotment Update

A working party completed Spring pruning and general maintenance at the Stone Pits Field Allotment Gardens on Sunday 1st March 2020. Please contact the Clerk via the contact form on the website if you are interested in becoming an allotment tenant. Allotments have recently been allocated to 4 residents and it will be good to see activity again on this patch of land.

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Village Hall

Very happy to report that the soffits have now been replaced with UPVC and all gutters and downpipes replaced where necessary. It is anticipated that the cost will be around £2000 and grateful thanks go to Michael Riding for organising it all.

This year's barn dance has been arranged for 19th June (coronavirus willing). The White Horse Ceilidh Band have been booked and Newport Butchers will once again supply pie suppers. Donations of puddings will be gratefully received! Our grateful thanks to the Bradley family for allowing us to use their barn at White House Farm once again. This is a great location for a barn dance. All these arrangements may have to be cancelled dependant on coronavirus.

Discussions regarding the amalgamation of the Playing Fields and the Village Hall Committee are taking place and legal advice is being sought as to the best way forward.

St Annes

Carol singing around the village raised £400 and this has been shared between Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Open Doors Asylum Seekers charity and the Trussell Trust Food Bank in Hull.

Melodies, Merlot and Merriment was held in church

on 23 February. There were seventy people in church who enjoyed singing 7 cracking hymns. Daniel Johns provided an excellent musical interlude by playing Joseph Haydn's Trumpet Concerto. The text for each hymn was written by Bill Habergham and beautifully narrated by Claire Wood and Felicity Rix. All present then made their way to the village hall to enjoy soup and beef sandwiches. Thanks to all who made the delicious soup and to Christine Patchett for sourcing the beef.

The 2020 Ellerker show was a huge success with full houses every night. Proceeds amounted to virtually £1700. Well done everyone! For a full report of the show, please see the March edition of the Grapevine.

The PCC continues to explore the possibility of providing a water supply in church to have a small kitchen area for making tea, coffee etc. The Quinquennial inspection by the Diocesan Architect is to take place on May 5 when his advice will be sought.

Car Parking

We understand that meetings have taken place with the Parish Council and the East Riding County Council with a view to widening the Main Street road between Ings Lane and Cave Lane. Nothing concrete has ensued as yet as finance would be a problem.

Conservation Area Appraisal

Meetings have taken place with the ER Council and the appraisal is in hand with a list of what is required being drawn up by the Parish Council which will form part of the plan.

Dog Fouling

This continues to be a problem in the village and it is necessary to catch the people who fail to clean up after their pets.

Reports can be made by residents calling the East Riding Council on 01482 393939.

This telephone number can also be used to request removal of dog faeces on the street. Information required by the council is

1. Location of fouling
2. Time and date of fouling
3. If possible, name and address of dog owner and/or
4. Description of the dog owner.

Scams

This continues to be a problem with a number of villagers having been approached in one way or another. Everyone is asked to be vigilant and do not, under any circumstances, give any financial information in any way whatsoever.

Planning Applications

Information with regards to planning applications submitted to the Parish Council for comment can be found on the ERYC planning portal or in the Parish Council meetings minutes.

The following applications have been reviewed and commented on by the Parish Council: -

* 19/01860/OUT Outline - Erection of dwelling and cattle shed (Layout to be considered) following demolition of existing glasshouses Westland Nurseries Sands Lane (Pyrah) EPC Approved – 01.07.19 ERYC - Pending

* 19/04099/PLF Alterations and extensions to redundant potato store to form a dwelling and erection of a detached garage with associated works - Land And Building North East Of Wold View Ring Beck Lane (Kay) – EPC Objected 12.01.20 ERYC – Pending

proximity to the house; Crown reduce 3 no. Cypress trees (7) by 30% in height - Pidgeoncote Farm (Puckering) – EPC Approved 16.02.20 ERYC – Approved 11.03.20

* 20/00308/TCA ELLERKER CONSERVATION AREA - Fell 2 no. Apple trees (1); Fell 1 no. Birch tree (2); Crown reduce 1 no. Cherry tree (3) by 30% to rebalance the tree; Crown reduce 3 no. Birch trees (4) by 30%; Fell 1 no. Sycamore tree (5) due to close proximity to the property; Fell 1 no. Beech tree (6) due to close

Women's Institute

The Women's Institute jumble sale has been cancelled.

Maggie Tomlinson

Crime

Pleased to report that we have had no incidents in Ellerker although we understand that there have been a high number of burglaries in the West Hull area in general - an increase of 16%.

Ellerker Spring Clean

Unfortunately the Parish Council have taken the decision to postpone the Litter Pick. The Great British Spring Clean has now been renamed the "Great British September Clean" and will take place between 11th and 27th September.