

Millington phone box restoration

The iconic K6 phone box has now been restored to its near original condition. A big thank-you to everyone who generously donated and/or sponsored the window frames. We received 42 frame sponsors plus numerous further donations. All the frame sponsors are engraved in there and I hope you can find your names!

It is going to continue as an 'oil & air' bike service station. If any artists want to use it for temporary art display – one day/one week/one month then let's do it – or any other ideas welcomed! *Mike & Chloe Cargill*



Wilkinson Trust

The Wilkinson Trust charity committee requires a new clerk. The group has three meetings a year and the current clerk is happy to discuss and help with the hand over. Contact Lynn Berriman for details: tel 303 191

Councillors and Contacts

The Parish Council would like to say a huge thank you to Ali Cargill for all the work she has put in whilst being Chair of the council. She worked long hours dealing with many issues from local village projects through to all the demands of ERYC legislation and great deal more. Her studies demanded more and more of her time and Ali felt the time was right to hand over to someone new.

The council welcomes Jacquie Willoughby onto the council and very much look forward to working with her.

Your Parish Councillors

Laura Burley (Chair), Sharon Cawood, Katie Burton, Shawn Smith, Mike Francis, Lynda Swanborough and Jacquie Willoughby.

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Strange times

This is a phrase which maybe has been overused recently but it is probably the most accurate way of describing how we have all lived through the Covid-19 pandemic. So much of village life was cancelled as people took to isolation. Initially the Parish Council had to devolve powers to the Clerk under the Local Government Act 1972 and then had to meet using "Zoom" video conferencing. It was challenging to say the least. It was so sad that the Biannual Yorkshire Day celebrations could not be held, but hopefully they will go ahead in 2021, but VE day celebrations were marked with families having picnics in their gardens and on front lawns which was lovely for all to see.

A telephone helpline, residents helping each other with shopping, prescriptions and other essential journeys all helped, too.

At the time of printing no dates have been set for a bonfire party, harvest festival etc. Please see the village notice boards or Council Facebook page and website for updates.

Swineridge view

Early this summer the Council organised for an Ash Tree which had the dreaded Die-back disease to be taken down. Not only does this disease spread if left unchecked, but the tree had also been identified as being very dangerous as it hung over onto the road. The high winds at the site made it particularly vulnerable. The dead wood is to be cleared and some of it will be used to create habitat for wildlife around the site.



Village Plan progress

The Village Plan was finalised in 2019 and the Parish Council (PC) have drawn up a schedule to deal with the issues raised by residents.

Issues raised and updates

- Appearance of parish, including littering and dog-fouling – The PC have already conducted a dog fouling campaign highlighting the issue using biodegradable paint on instances of fouling. The PC have posted dog fouling stickers throughout the village and are constantly monitoring the issue.
- Instances of fly-tipping are reported by the clerk directly to East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) and the PC have installed a bin near the church to reduce the litter in that area.
- Road safety – The PC continue to report any issue with roads and the clerk reports potholes upon receipt of the complaint directly to ERYC.
- Communications – The PC have set up a Facebook page to keep residents further informed of news and upcoming events and they continue to publish the Parish Matters.
- A 'new residents guide' has been produced and published on the website.
- Conservation – The PC invited parishioners to a public meeting to discuss establishing a conservation group, no residents attended. The clerk has since determined that Millington does not fit the criteria to achieve a conservation area status.
- The PC are liaising with ERYC regarding setting up Millington parish as a 'quiet road scheme' village.
- Broadband, mobile phone signal and transport and emergency services – This has been discussed and the PC have agreed that these are not within the PCs remit to progress.

Future Village Plan work

The Parish Council will look at the outstanding following areas raised in the plan in future meetings and will provide further updates which will be available in the minutes.

- Countryside (to maintain open spaces, trees and hedgerows, country lanes, footpaths and woods and copses)
- Parking (to improve parking in the village and maintain considerate parking by visitors)



Village Hall news

Improving access for all: Following the big lottery funding award, work has started on improving the hall access with the main door now reversed so it opens inwards. The steps have been excavated and rebuilt so they are suitable for taking an external stair lift which, all being well, will be fitted before the end of August. When this is done, and the handrail is back in place (Covid allowing!) the hall can then take bookings again.

Many thanks to recent trustees Maureen and Johanna for their work on the committee and contribution to the upkeep and use of the hall.

And finally: the village hall needs you! If you would like to take part in supporting the hall and its activities, then please consider becoming a trustee. It's not a huge amount of time and it's great to look after this treasure in the village. Please contact any committee member: Mike Cargill, Sally Bramhall, Moira Baldwin, Camilla Inglis, Lynn Berriman, Jon O'Connell or Joyce Taylor for more.

Defibrillator

We are delighted to confirm the Parish Council took delivery and have now installed the Defibrillator. Many thanks to The Gait Inn Quiz Teams who contributed so much to this and to Stuart and Helen for allowing it to be sited on the Pub wall. It is fully operational and can be accessed by dialling 999. A code to open the box is then given out. The code is also held by Helen should anyone need it.

A training session for anyone in the village interested in learning how to use it will be held as soon as "gatherings" are once again allowed. Please check the village website/notice board for updates.

Never give up hope

Robert Willoughby was helping to clear an old hedge on Millington Hill which has been cut back to help it regenerate and also to improve sunlight onto the road in the winter months. Whilst working he came across an old handbag with ID and a driving license from the late 1980s. He tracked down the owner who was a speech therapist still working at Pinderfields Hospital; she told Robert the handbag had been stolen in 1989!

