

Winter 2008/9

**Upper Poppleton
News**



This picture of the Green and some of the lovely old buildings was taken in early January at 3 pm with mist in the air and the grass frozen underfoot!

In this issue, we've included articles on the menace of fly tipping, the proposed Park & Ride site off the A 59, planning regulations and cold calling zones. We hope that this edition of the Newsletter will prove interesting and informative.

John, Kathie, Peter, Vivien, Ted, Kate, Rae and Stuart

Responses to the Spring 2008 Newsletter

Thank you for your responses to the last Newsletter all of which were read and discussed at Parish Council meetings. Sometimes we are able to help directly and, at other times, refer some of the questions to a more appropriate authority. We replied personally to all those people who took the trouble to send in questions or queries.

A word from your Parish Council Chairman

As Chairman, I would like to join my fellow councillors in wishing you a happy New Year and to remind you that all our Council meetings are open to the public. You are most welcome to attend and hear how we go about our business. And don't forget that the proceedings of Council meetings are all available on the Poppleton.net. With best wishes, John

What your Council has done (or tried to do) over the past year

You can see, in some of the articles included in this newsletter, a few of the things that we have considered and worked actively to affect in Council meetings in the past year. Many of the items on the Council meeting agendas are very routine in nature but we do try to discuss all the items that you have expressed interest in or that we believe will affect the quality of life in the Village. For example, we have closely followed and tried to resolve the problems with the effect of overgrowth of trees and shrubs encroaching on Chantry Green. We have kept in close contact with the deliberations of the City Council on road signage and parking control. We progressed the required work and painting of the Upper Poppleton level crossing gates. Village policing is high on our agendas as well.

We keep a very close eye, through our Planning Committee, on the planning requests that are submitted to the City Council and we try to ensure that the reasonable wishes of our residents are reflected in the decisions made at City level.

In summary, your Councillors do their best to maintain your village in its lovely, rural setting whilst keeping the Village element of the council tax that we all pay to a justifiable and reasonable level.

Planning Regulations

Most new buildings and extensions have to receive planning approval from the City Planning Department and, as a part of that process, applications are referred to the Parish Council to solicit the local view. The Parish Council has a committee of four councillors to review applications and one or more councillors will visit the site to assess the general impact of the proposal and, where appropriate, consult with neighbouring property owners. If the Planning Committee reaches a consensus it can recommend that the application is accepted or its objections can be noted. If agreement is not reached the application is referred to the full Parish Council and the resulting decision and notes sent to the City Council Planning Department.

There are several areas in the Parish that are particularly sensitive since the village is surrounded by green belt land and considerable areas are designated for conservation. There are areas nominated for tree preservation and there are Green Spaces, including the Village Greens, that cannot be developed. The Parish Council takes special note of the Village Design Statement, 2003* when considering all matters relating to planning and development. Although the City Council is not bound to accept the Parish Council's viewpoint, we do our best to preserve the rural nature of our lovely village.

* A copy is held in the Library

The Proposed Upper Poppleton Park and Ride Site

Upper Poppleton Parish Council is apprehensive about the proposed development of a P&R site along the A59 at Poppleton on Northfield Lane (near the Wyevale Garden Centre). The Council advise of a planned opening in 2011.

We are concerned about potential traffic congestion affecting village access/egress, damage to the environment and development of green belt land and continuing urbanization of a rural area. We have written to the City Council about these problems. The proposed site lies on the northbound side of the A59. A justification for the proposal is the interception of traffic coming south from Harrogate and the North West. Therefore a turn right junction is required to allow a high proportion of the 750 to 1200 vehicles to cross the A59 into the P&R. A signal control will be necessary at the junction of Station Road, Boroughbridge Road and Northfield Lane. The proposal also refers to the A1237 ring road roundabout which it describes as adjacent to the P&R site. The roundabout is in fact approx. 0.2 miles away, with Wyevale Garden Centre and private dwellings in between. In addition to the signal junction, it is stated that the roundabout would have to be doubled in size to make the scheme work. Therefore, instead of one junction enabling access/egress of the P&R site, this proposal requires two, both major and within a few hundred yards of each other. UPPC anticipates that the signal controlled junction will give priority to the traffic coming south needing to cross the A59 and to buses heading in and out of the car park. The traffic coming from York and other traffic coming from both directions along the A1237 outer ring road will inevitably have its progress impeded by the signal junction. The result could be traffic gridlock in an area which is already extremely busy during peak times. Road access for the Poppleton villagers is already difficult and the proposals could result in the situation deteriorating to an unacceptable level.

No Cold Calling Zones

Are you troubled by sales people cold calling at your home ? If so, there is now a scheme which is operated by City of York Council to create No Cold Calling Zones where these sales people will not be able to operate. The zones are established on a street by street basis with a single zone encompassing around 30 houses.

Any householder can approach City of York Council to request a zone in the vicinity of their home and the City Council then write to adjoining homes to canvas the opinion of neighbours. If there is sufficient support, they will establish a No Cold Calling Zone.

The only zone currently established in the Poppletons is Hillcrest Avenue where all houses are covered because of the cul-de-sac layout of the Avenue.

Anyone looking to request a No Cold Calling Zone should contact Dawn Clarkson at City of York Council Tel 01904 551562 or email dawn.clarkson@york.gov.uk

Fly Tipping

Many people would say that the worst thing about the local environment is littering. It costs local authorities more than half a billion pounds each year to clear up litter with an estimated 25 million tons dropped every year. Most of this consists of food and drink packaging. Every weekend 1.3 million piece of rubbish are dropped on our motorways and the deaths of many animals, both domestic and wild, are caused by their ingestion of carelessly deposited waste.

Illegally depositing waste on land is commonly known as fly-tipping and it's a form of anti social behaviour that spoils our local environment and reduces our civic pride.

On-the-spot fines of £75 can be issued for littering and if you see fly tipping or littering taking place locally note all the information that you can including car registrations, make and model, date and time and report it to the police and/or the City Council. Littering on stations should be reported direct to the train operator (also see the table below).

If you see large scale fly-tipping taking place (i.e. waste loaded lorries or large drums of waste) then take the details and contact the Environment Agency.

Litter attracts more litter so please do your bit to help and rid our lovely parish of the menace of fly-tipping.

Here are details of organisations that you can contact:

| Organisation | Responsible for | How to contact |
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| Unitary Authorities (e.g. York City Council) | Public land and roads | 01904 551551 or ycc@york.gov.uk also www.cpre.org.uk/campaigns/stop-the-drop |
| Highways Agency | Major trunk roads / motorways | Information line 08457 50 40 30 |
| Network Rail | All land between the tracks up to 100 metres from the ends of the station platforms | Your local train operator or National Rail Helpline 08457 11 41 11 |
| Environment Agency | Hazardous waste and large scale fly tipping | Environment Agency 0800 80 70 60 |
| National Trust | Trust owned land and property | Head Office 01793 817 400 |
| Forestry Commission | Land managed by Forest Enterprise, England | Information on www.forestry.gov.uk |
| National Park Authority | Land within National Park boundaries | Information on www.nationalparks.gov.uk/contactus |

Your Local Post Office

Don't forget that our local Post Office offers much more than just postal services.

Travel Insurance & Currency Exchange (Euros available on demand other currencies before mid-day next working day), Send & Receive Moneygrams inland and overseas.

Savings, Car Tax, Banking in association with Alliance & Leicester, Lloyds TSB, Barclays, Cahoot, Smile & Co-op

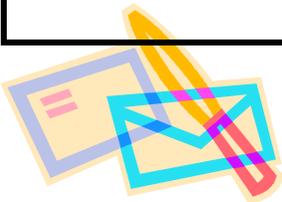
National Savings - Including Premium Bonds and Children's Bonus Bonds

Bill Payment Services for BT, British Gas, NPower, TalkTalk and many more (a small charge applies in some cases)

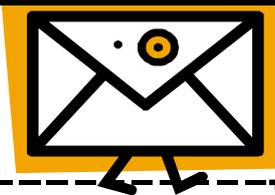
Greeting Cards, Stationery, Confectionery, Newspapers and Magazines

Your Parish Councillors

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| Cllr John Pannell (Chairman) [Redacted] | Cllr Vivien Crabb [Redacted] | Cllr Rae Youngman |
| Cllr Peter Hawkins (Vice Chairman) | Cllr Ted Kendall | Cllr Kathie Brydson [Redacted] |
| Cllr Kate Richardson | Cllr Stuart Robson [Redacted] | Cllr Eddie Allen |
| Parish Clerk: James Mackman | | |



We welcome your comments and concerns.
The Chairman will respond to all your letters and e-mails



Please send us your thoughts:

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| Age |
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You can hand this slip into the Library, the Post Office or Barker's the Butcher

I would like to see the following facilities for young people in Poppleton: *(insert your suggestions and age if under 18)*

I would like Upper Poppleton Parish Council to consider:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____