

Scaleby News

Welcome to the Spring 2022 Edition of the Newsletter & Annual Report brought to you by Scaleby Parish Council

LITTER PICK

The Parish Council is hosting a community litter pick on Sunday 24th April at 2pm. Residents are invited to join us to collect safety equipment and register at the Village Hall, before working in pairs or small teams on verges deemed safe. We will provide refreshments for the volunteers following the event. If you are unable to join us on Sunday 24th, we hope to hold another event on Sunday 18th September.



ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

We would like to invite you to our Annual Parish Meeting - where you can come along and raise any matters about our parish that you would like the Council to consider. The meeting will take place in Scaleby Village Hall on:

Wednesday 18th May 2021

at 7.30pm

The meeting is an opportunity for you to raise questions and provide feedback to us, outside a Council meeting. We would urge you to come along and have your say.

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT

I'm delighted to have the privilege to write this report for the first time as Chairman having assumed the position from Linda Thompson. I am pleased that Linda decided to remain on the council as it means that her considerable knowledge and experience of parish matters are not lost. It would be remiss of me not to give all our thanks for her many years of enthusiasm and endeavor to the council. We have also welcomed Sandy Brown and look forward to working with him.

We decided to revert to three days again for the Summer play scheme. It was a great success, with all the places filled. We intend to retain the format for the forthcoming year.

Given that Covid 19 has reduced much of our activities, we decided not to increase the parish precept, so it will remain the same as last year.

The state of our roads continue to be a cause for concern, but there have been some minor repairs and maintenance work carried out and we continue to report problems. Fortunately, fly-tipping seems to have reduced, but we remain vigilant. However, despite requesting several highways improvement projects, we have yet to hear anything. We are also aware that Cumbria County Council Highways department is facing a £50 million reduction in funding over the next five years, but be assured that we will continue to press hard for repairs and improvements.

We have continued to review planning applications, but activity has been light, with a total of only four new applications in the year

As usual, we have continued to support the Great Air Ambulance charity with a £100 donation and we continue to support the Village Hall with financial donations too.

It is encouraging to see initiatives being put forward by parishioners. Of particular note is the Community Book Swap cabinet at the village hall, the suggestion of native wildflower plants to improve various verges within the parish and the siting of two benches, with one more being requested, which is to be considered in the new Council year. Concern has been rightly raised over speeding vehicles on the parish roads. There has already been an initial limited speed check carried out by the county Road Safety Team. Whilst we await definitive results we are seeking the presence of the Road Safety Team at the council Annual Meeting on 18th May. Please do keep a lookout for information on notice boards.

It will not have gone unnoticed that 2022 is the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen. The village hall committee will be taking the lead in the parish celebrations with the parish committee giving support; please see the outline programme later in this newsletter. Once again, please keep an eye on notice boards for details of celebration activities.

Finally, I would like to express my thanks to the councillors for their invaluable contribution, to Sarah Kyle, our Clerk, for her continued support and advice and also to City Councillor David Shepherd and City/County Councillor John Mallinson. We also remember City Councillor Val Tarbitt who sadly died this year.

George McGarr, Chairman. April 2022

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

Please remember that until the official agenda is placed on the noticeboards and website (three clear working days in advance) then all meetings below are subject to change.

Meetings are provisionally scheduled to take place on:

Wednesday 18th May - Wednesday 20th July

Wednesday 21st September - Wednesday 16th November

Wednesday 18th January - Wednesday 15th March

All meetings will take place at 7.30pm, unless otherwise indicated.

CUMBERLAND COUNCIL

There is to be a new unitary authority, to replace Carlisle City Council and Cumbria County Council, from April 2023. If you are interested in finding out more, please visit <https://newcouncilsforcumbria.info/> Elections for the new shadow Council will be taking place in May 2022.



PLAY DAYS

We are delighted to let you know that we will be providing three summer play days again this year, in conjunction with Cumbria Community Development Team. More information will be available when the dates are set - please keep a watch on our Facebook page and on the noticeboards for dates and booking information.

FLY TIPPING

We are aware of increased fly-tipping in the parish; please either report such occurrences directly to Highways or please get in touch with one of the Councillors to report (contact details on the back page).

JOB VACANCY

Further to the intended resignation of our current Clerk, Scaleby Parish Council seeks a confident person with an interest in the local community for the post of Clerk, from 20th July.

The Clerk is responsible for managing the Council's day to day business, providing advice, and implementing decisions. The Clerk is also the councils Responsible Financial Officer. Applicants will need to be computer literate, able to prepare council agendas and record minutes, be familiar with book keeping / financial procedures and be able to correspond with external organisations on behalf of the Council. Working hours are 16 per month. With the exception of meetings attendance, the post holder will be expected to work from home and will be provided with a laptop. The Council meets in the evening on the third Wednesday of alternate months, with other meetings being called as required. Formal training and plenty of help and advice will be available. Salary £10.21 per hour (in accordance with nationally agreed scales).

For an informal discussion, and job description, please contact the Chairman, Cllr George McGarr on 01228 675132 or email George@scaleby.org.uk An application form is available to download from our website; applications should be sent, marked "Private and confidential", to The Chairman, Scaleby Parish Council, High Hill Cottage, Scaleby, Carlisle, CA6 4LW, no later than 15th June 2022.

ACCOUNTS

We have provided for you a summary of our unaudited accounts for the year later in this newsletter. All of our accounting information is published on our website.

Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee

This year Her Majesty The Queen has become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee.



To mark The Queen's historic 70-year reign, 2022 will see Platinum Jubilee celebrations throughout the UK and Commonwealth. In particular, an announcement was made to extend the bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 4th June 2022 to provide an opportunity for us to come together to celebrate this historic event. Work has already started by the planting of trees between the church and Barclose, but the main events are planned for the long bank holiday weekend. Current planning in outline is:

- ◆ Thursday 2nd June - Lighting of the beacon, with BBQ, Fireworks and Pop up Pub
- ◆ Friday 3rd June - National Thanksgiving Day
- ◆ Saturday 4th June - Village Hall Open Day with displays of crafts, photographs, floral display, local art, quiz, local walking guides, cake competition and much more.
- ◆ Sunday 5th June - Street Party / Resident Gathering Day

We would love you to be part of the celebrations in whatever way possible, perhaps by being part of the planning team, or putting on a display for the Village Hall open day or even volunteering to assist in the other Parish activities. Your support in any way would be most welcome, so if you can possibly contribute, then please do get in touch with George on 01228 675132 or Terry on 01228 675314 as soon as possible so that a final programme can be put together.

Accounts Summary

2020/21		2021/22
Income		
£5,400	Precept and CTRS Grant	£5,400
£600	Grants/Other income	£590
£0	Newsletter Advertising	£0
£0	Play Day Income	£0
£0	VAT reclaimed	£0
£6,000	TOTAL	£5,990
Expenditure		
£576	Administration & Maintenance	£547
£98	Newsletter	£277
£0	Projects	£2,337
£2,184	Clerks Salary & Reimbursements	£2,217
£351	Insurance	£355
£0	VAT incurred	£165
£800	Donations/Grants	£662
£4,009	TOTAL	£6,560
Summary		
£7,778	Balance Brought Forward	£9,769
£6,000	Add receipts	£5,990
£4,009	Less payments	£6,560
£9,769	Balance at 31 March	£9,199
G McGarr	S Kyle	
Chairman	Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer	

Parish Councillors, your Clerk & Useful Contacts



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