

## Allerthorpe Parish Council

### NEWSLETTER - APR 2014

**Parish Council Meeting:** The next meetings of the Parish Council will be on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2014 and 28<sup>th</sup> Jul at 8:00pm and the Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at 8:00pm.

*Members of the Public & Press are welcome at meetings of Allerthorpe Parish Council. Public Participation will commence prior to the start of the full council meeting when members of the public can raise questions or make statements to the Parish Council about any issues they may have. Because we are restricted to only 10 minutes, the public are encouraged to use this facility as an opportunity to raise issues rather than to seek resolution and in most cases the council will need to make referrals before being able to provide researched answers.*

**Local Bus Service:** The new 195 bus service, which replaces the 199 Service, is expected to be in place by early May and the new Timetable will be published on the Bus Stop and the Village Hall notice board.

**Community IT Opportunity:** The Residents at Barmby Moor have recently undertaken a trial whereby the local pub has become a centre for computer training and use through high speed internet connection. Some funding is available for equipment from the ERYC for a similar trial. This could be a good opportunity to both socialise and take advantage of some IT training and high speed connectivity. Please let us know in the usual way, if this is something that would interest you and you would use.

**Parish Precept:** The Parish Council is pleased to announce that it has been able to hold the 2014/15 Precept adopted in 2012/13 for a third consecutive year.

**YORSwitch:** This is an ongoing scheme to ensure you are getting the best energy deal on the market. All you have to do is register your interest and others will do all the work. More information can be found at [www.hwrcc.org.uk](http://www.hwrcc.org.uk) or call 01430-430904

**No Cold Calling Zone:** The PC has been asked to consider the establishment of a No Cold Calling Zone in the Village and this will

be discussed at the next Parish Meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> May 2014. It is worthy of note however that these zones are generally established in areas where residents suffer from the nuisance and criminal consequence of rogue traders knocking at doors uninvited.

A No Cold Calling Zone is a designated area where the resident community declare they no longer wish to accept traders calling at their homes without an appointment. It is not designed to prevent politicians from canvassing for elections, religious groups from calling, market research from being undertaken or to prevent legitimate charity collections.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Our application to have the Parish boundary designated as the boundary of our Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the full East Riding Council on the 19th February. Over the coming quarter our next step will be to issue a questionnaire to all residents and businesses in the Parish, together with statutory consultees, to seek everyone's views on how we wish the parish to develop in the future. We encourage everyone to respond.

**Broadband Petition:** BT has declined to upgrade many rural area Exchanges on the grounds that it is "not commercially viable". This means that many residents have poor or restricted internet access which means that distance learning, e-commerce, and online applications for the Universal Credit are difficult if not impossible. BT should not be allowed to abuse their monopoly position by putting their profits before the provision of a reliable telephone and internet service.

Please go to <http://epetitions.direct.gov.uk/petitions/48922> to sign the petition. This closes on 17<sup>th</sup> April

**The Parish Website:** [www.allerthorpe-pc.org.uk](http://www.allerthorpe-pc.org.uk)

The website is updated regularly as new information is received.

If you would like to have anything included on the website, Please contact us through the 'Contact us' page; [www.allerthorpe-pc.org.uk/contact-us.aspx](http://www.allerthorpe-pc.org.uk/contact-us.aspx)

All Planning Applications for the Parish can be viewed at; [www.allerthorpe-pc.org.uk/planning-applications.aspx](http://www.allerthorpe-pc.org.uk/planning-applications.aspx)