Allerthorpe Parish Council

NEWSLETTER - FEB 2014

<u>Parish Council Meeting</u>: The next meetings of the Parish Council will be on 26th Mar 2014 and 21st May 2014 at 8:00pm and the Annual Parish Meeting will be on Wednesday 28th May.

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.

<u>The Parish Website</u>: <u>www.allerthorpe-pc.org.uk</u>

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

All Planning Applications for the Parish can be viewed at; www.allerthorpe-pc.org.uk/planning-applications.aspx

Local Bus Service: There has been quite a lot of feedback from a number of residents in surrounding villages regarding the proposals announced in the last newsletter and these are currently being considered by the ERYC. Commencement date is still not known at this time.

<u>Telephone Box</u>: The K6 Telephone Kiosk in Main Street which has been designated Grade II listed building status by English Heritage is no longer being supported by BT. The phone in the kiosk only accepts incoming calls and despite prolonged efforts by the Parish Council they will no longer maintain it.

The Parish Council believe we are very fortunate that the kiosk is listed as many other villages are rapidly losing these distinctive icons from their streetscape. We are now looking at the cost of adopting the kiosk and long term maintenance. Suggestions as to a future useful purpose are welcomed.

<u>Neighbourhood Plan</u>: We have now received a copy of the Consultation comments and it is pleasing to see the great support being given by those consulted. Humber Archaeology, Wolds Weighton Ward Councillors, Natural England, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and The Environment Agency, to name a few.

We expect to have the area approved by the Council's Cabinet on 28 January 2014 and endorsed at Full Council on 19 February 2014 and will continue to keep residents appraised on progress through this Newsletter

<u>Traffic Calming</u>: It is very encouraging to see that many more residents are parking on the roadway and not on the grass verge in Main Street.

This is not only saving the grass from deteriorating in this prolonged wet period but also helping to slow traffic as it passes through the Village. Thank you!

<u>Calling local farmers and landowners:</u> Nature conservation charity, the RSPB, would love to hear from local farmers and land managers in who are interested in helping nature thrive on their land.

The Yorkshire Wolds and Coast is one of the best places for wildlife in the UK and has huge potential to provide even more homes for important farmland birds, as well as other animals from butterflies and bees to hares and hedgehogs.

As a result, RSPB conservation advisor Chris Tomson is offering free advice and support to anyone in the area who wants to manage their land in a more wildlife-friendly way.

As well as advice, the RSPB is also offering farmers in the Yorkshire Wolds and Coast area free farmland bird surveys. These stock takes will show what wildlife makes its home on a farm and, when repeated at a later date, will reveal how a farmer's efforts are producing real results for wildlife.

Farmers interested in chatting to Chris about giving nature a home on their land can call him on 07900 164 601 or email him at chris.tomson@rspb.org.uk.