Allerthorpe Parish Council

NEWSLETTER - FEBRUARY 2017

<u>Parish Council Meeting</u>: The next meetings of the Parish Council will be on Monday 27th March 2017 and Monday 22nd May 2017 at 8:00pm in the Village Hall.

Members of the Public & Press are welcome at meetings of Allerthorpe Parish Council. <u>Public</u> 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.

Parish Council Vacancy: A casual vacancy for a Parish Councillor still exists. Would you like to be co-opted onto the Parish Council? Please write to the Chairman or the Clerk expressing your interest. It would be useful, but not compulsory, if you could provide the Council in advance with a short C.V. or a few notes about yourself, your experience or anything that you feel will help the Council make its decision.

It is really important that we fill casual vacancies on the Parish Council quickly to ensure that the residents of the Parish are fully and properly represented. If a Parish Council is not functional, its roles and responsibilities could be absorbed by an adjoining council, and residents will then have little or no control over what their Precept is spent on.

<u>Parish Clerk</u>: The Parish Council are pleased to announce that we have recruited Jane Summerbell to the position of part-time Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer to Allerthorpe Parish Council.

Jane is a resident of Waplington and we welcome her to the Parish Council

Shale Gas Extraction: The Parish council continues to monitor progress on the fracking front and are conscious that the two opposing sides are poles apart and consistently quoting facts and myths in support of their own argument. We also know that some weeks ago, East Riding Councillors attended a day-long seminar at County Hall and heard presentations from all parties, including Cuadrilla and The Environment Agency to try to get better informed on this very contentious issue.

The full ER Council recently passed a motion which basically stated that ERYC will not support any fracking (or other) proposal that could have a clear detrimental impact on the community. This was approved by every councillor who attended that meeting except one and as yet they have not received any such application and when they do receive an application it will be dealt with on its own merits, as in the case of all planning applications.

The PC is still exploring options that carry a balanced view that we can present at the Parish Meeting in May. It is also felt that we should not ignore the wider impact on our community caused by any associated vehicular traffic, noise and other pollutants should this be approved and take place in adjoining Parishes.

The Parish Website: www.allerthorpe-pc.org.uk

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