

FRAMWELLGATE MOOR

PARISH COUNCIL

NEWSLETTER – 2016

Welcome to our 2016 Newsletter

Stop Press!!!!

The Parish Council is delighted to announce that its major plans to refurbish its Pavilion Building in Front Street are expected to be completed very shortly.

The Pavilion Building development that is being partially funded with grants from the Area Action Partnership (AAP) and Awards for all (A4A) is progressing well with the main building works on schedule for completion by the end of the year. Final redecoration of the refurbished areas will be completed in January 2017.

Access to the pavilion has been improved by the widening of the paths to the building. Ramps and steps to the greenside have been constructed to allow access for wheelchair users and a new accessible toilet including facilities for baby change has been installed.

Unfortunately during the course of the works a problem was discovered with the roof of the building that, while at the moment structurally stable, needs to be rectified before widened doors can be fitted so there will be hopefully a short delay in making the building fully accessible to wheelchairs. It is anticipated that works to the roof will be included in the works sanctioned for early 2017.

The main facilities in the pavilion have been updated with a new fitted kitchen, new showers in the main changing rooms and a new separate changing room for referees. New toilets have been installed in the changing rooms and the main pavilion.

The cost of development is approximately £40,000 with the AAP contributing £16,400 and A4A £8,100. The Parish Council intend to promote the use of the pavilion for hire and that it will encourage local community groups to take advantage of the improved facilities and shortly when the problem of the roof is rectified and new main door installed it will be fully accessible to all.

Other “One Off” Projects

Christmas Tree Lighting, Last year the Christmas display was a disappointment. The lighting strings were damaged by high winds combined with some vandal damage to the underground supply cable. The underground cable has been repaired and through the generosity of funding by our local County Councillors replacement, more resilient, lights have been purchased and installed. Switch on date is planned for 1st December 2016.

Memorial Garden, The memorial and the land around it are now the responsibility of the Parish Council through an agreement with the County Council. The Council are developing proposals for additional plaques/panels to recognise local service men and woman who lost their lives serving since the 1914 -18 world war.

Playing Fields The Parish Council commissioned during the year a comprehensive H&S survey of the equipment and play areas. The repairs and actions highlighted in the report are being scheduled and will be implemented as soon as is practicable.

Hudspeth Avenue leased play area has overhanging trees to two boundaries that require removing, and it is the intention of the Parish Council to resolve this problem in 2017.

Newcastle/ North Terrace play area has had new notices fitted around site prohibiting use by dogs and the Parish Council are investigating how this site can be developed for use by children and/or the local scout group or any other community group involving children. It is hoped comprehensive plans for area can be developed in 2017 and any ideas for what these plans could be will be welcomed.

Abbey Road play area The parish Council are looking at organising boundary fence repairs and reclaiming overgrown land around the boundaries. Repairs to play equipment highlighted on the H&S survey noted above are being scheduled. The addition of one bench to entrance area was carried out earlier this year.

Brasside play area has been substantially upgraded by funding raised by local County Councillors and the Parish Council through grant applications. Land drainage has been significantly improved and new play equipment installed in stage 1 of this project. A stage 2 application is underway to install additional play equipment, secure boundaries and install new signage. Maintenance/lease responsibility handover to parish from D.C.C has not yet been completed to date.

Durham Area Action Partnership (AAP)

This organisation has various grants regimes and full details of allocations during 2015-16 and 2016-17 can be found on the website as follows:

www.durham.gov.uk/durhamaap

Or contact the AAP team on 0191 301 8871

Framwellgate Moor Primary School

This school has its own comprehensive website and fuller details of their activities can be found on their website as follows:

www.framprimary.durham.sch.uk

St Aidan's Church Hall

This hall is available for hire on a number of days/ evenings at a very reasonable rate.

To make a booking please contact:-

Mrs Muriel Smith Tel : 0191 3843125

Photographic History

The Parish Council would welcome any unseen photographs of village life which could be featured in future Newsletters and displayed on our webpage.

Update on Framwellgate Moor Youth and Community Centre

Look out for their website at: www.fmyca.org.uk, and visit them on Facebook for details of activities.

FRAMWELLGATE MOOR YOUTH AND COMMUNITY CENTRE

Plans to make the Centre more user friendly and energy efficient have continued. A second Hall has now has its suspended ceiling with insulation. LED energy efficient lights have now been installed in all the main halls. In addition solar panels have been installed adding to our green credentials while taking advantage of a free source of renewable energy.

The local ASDA Living Store at the Arnison Centre supported us in an application to ASDA Foundation for £20,500 grant that was used to refurbish the Ladies Toilet in the Youth End and to construct a new Accessible Toilet.

Recently the local Co-op store that now occupies part of the old "Salutation" building has named us as one of the beneficiaries for community support. Funding equal to 1% of the value of "own brand" goods they sell in the store will go to local charities. Anyone who becomes a member can nominate which charity benefits. This offer also applies to CIS insurance sales and to the Co-op funeral service although we are not suggesting you die to help us.

The extensive future development of the building, which has planning consent, is a little ambitious in the current financial climate. Finding the £1.2 million required is a tall order and the Trustees have decided to concentrate on improving the existing facilities while continuing to seek funding opportunities for the bigger scheme. For those interested the plans are still available for viewing on our website www.FMYCA.org.uk and our Facebook Page.

We have now completed a full year since Asset Transfer from the County and the Centre continues to be well used and as a result the Centre remains financially viable and the prospects for the future positive. There is an open invitation for everyone unfamiliar with the Community Centre to call in or look on the webpage to see if any activities might be of interest. Any ideas for courses that you might like to see or perhaps run then talk to Terry, the Centre Manager on 01913863356.

PARISH CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE

The Parish council has under taken an improvement plan which is to further improve the facilities of the Pavilion building at the KGV beyond the bowling season, which is its principle purpose.

We have recognized the need to encourage further public use of this site, as Bowling has been in decline throughout the County area, due to the withdrawal of Durham County Council funding, as part of the central Government cut backs to Local authorities.

The Parish Council has always been responsible to fund and support the KGV, area including Maintenance of bowling, football and play area.

The Parish Council has made every effort to improve services, while keeping its precept static. This has been achieved by applying for external funding, and AAP, and County Council members local funding grants.

We have managed our income by installing energy efficient solar panels which have provided an income of £8081.50 since 2012 to 2016.

This income has been used to support the Parish vehicle / snow plough. Disability access toilets to the bowling area, and Pavilion building. Refurbish the kitchen, and improve the lighting, and reduce Anti- social behaviour.

In our next round of improvements, we would like to include the Memorial Garden at Framwellgate Moor, with a new public memorial listing of all those who lost their lives In all conflicts since the First World War 1914-1918.

The Parish Council will endeavour to complete this work in time for the 2018 Centenary of the end of that conflict.

The Parish Council would appreciate any help offered by residents of the Parish with this task, by assisting with compiling a complete list of All the Fallen.

Football Facilities 2016 /2017 Season King George V Playing Field

The Parish Council have agreed to hire the facilities to local teams, both male and female, who have matches on a Saturday and Sunday during the football season

Games are usually played at a weekend if you want to go along and support them.

The three teams currently using the field are:

Framwellgate Moor WMC, The Jovial Monk and the Framwellgate Moor under 14 girls

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS 2016 /2017

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Patricia M. Johnston Tel: 0191 4358781

The Parish Council would like to welcome Patricia Johnston on the Parish Council as a co-opted member following the resignation of Shaun Kennedy.

Patricia is a retired social worker who has lived in the area for several years. She is married and has a keen interest in voluntary work in the area.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS 2016-17

Meetings are held in the Pavilion Building in Front Street, Framwellgate Moor, on the first Wednesday of each month at 6.30pm, and there is a designated agenda item for public matters to be raised. Meetings this calendar year and next are:

November 2nd 2016	December 7th 2016
January 4th 2017	February 1st 2017
March 1st 2017	April 5th 2017
May 3rd 2017	June 7th 2017
July 5th 2017	September 6th 2017
October 4th 2017	November 1st 2017
December 6th 2017	

Councillors can be contacted, as shown above, at any time on Parish Matters.

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ARE INVITED
PLEASE COME ALONG AND SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PARISH COUNCIL**

If you would like to advertise in this newsletter, the next one will be produced during 2017. Please email any details of events to:

The Parish Clerk:

framwellgatemoorparishcouncil@yahoo.co.uk

Please note that this Newsletter and all future newsletters will also be incorporated in our new website but we will also ensure that paper copies will be delivered to everyone and will always be left in various outlets throughout the Parish.

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