

Parish Council Notice Boards

The Parish Council has several notice boards (St George V Playing Fields, Abbey Road, The Avenue Play Park, and North Terrace playing field), which the Parish Council would like to see being made more use of.

At the moment, they are only really used for official Parish Council notices, but we would like local community groups to be able use them to advertise their activities as well.

While we will not allow commercial or political advertising, we hope that local groups will take the opportunity to let the community know about events and activities that they can be involved with.

Clearly space is limited, so we ask for no bigger than an A5 sheet, and we will remove anything that is past its advertised date.

If you wish to know more, please contact the Parish Clerk (see below).



Parish Councillors List and How to Contact the Council

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2018 Spring Newsletter

King George V Playing Fields Pavilion

Residents may have noticed some damage to the roof of the Pavilion late last year caused by vandalism (the culprit was well known to the police who dealt with the issue effectively).



While the repairs were being done, we realised that there were more extensive problems with the roof than just the vandalism damage, and that some serious work will need to be done.

The building is old and the weight of the roof is tending to push out the walls.

At the moment things are stable, but the situation cannot be left for too long.

The Council has therefore decided to have the roof replaced later this year. We shall take the opportunity to put in proper roof insulation at the same time, which should save heating costs in the future.

This will be a major project for us, and a major expense. While we have some reserves that we can use, we shall also be applying for external grants to help fund the project.

All being well, we shall then have a much better building for all its users and we will be able to make it available to a much wider range of community use than is possible at the moment.

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Commemorating The Great War



War Memorial at Durham Moor

Framwellgate Moor Parish Council is planning to commemorate the centenary of the Armistice at the end of the First World War, by enhancing the current war memorial on the Durham Moor site at the south end of the village.

Peter Dawson is co-ordinating the work on this project, so if you want more information or wish to get involved please contact him by e-mail: peterdawson@uwclub.net"

Remembering The Fallen - Can your Family History help?

As part of this project, Peter Dawson is trying to compile a comprehensive list of those killed in the 1914-18 conflict and who were resident in our area at the time.

Once Peter has completed his task, the Parish Council wish to create panels listing the names to be erected at the war memorial.

While Peter can get many names from the existing memorials (St Aidan's Church and the Community Centre have overlapping lists), it may not be easy to get a complete list, which is why we are asking local residents to help.

So, if you have relatives or know of others that you believe were killed in the First World War and who came from Framwellgate Moor, Pity Me or Brasside, we would be really grateful if you would contact Peter to check that they are included in his list.

Peter may already have the information, but we want to do as much as possible to ensure that no-one is omitted who should be included.



Lists at St Aidan's Church & the Community Centre

Parish Precept - Council Tax for 2018-19

Every year the Parish Council raises what is called a precept on the council tax that is collected by the County Council. For the 2018-19 year starting on 1 April, the total amount will be £47,952, an increase of £3,581 on last year (+8.07%).

At a household level, the rise is 5.01% because there have been new houses in our area. For a band D property this amounts to an increase of £1.29 over the year or just under 2.5p per week.

The main reasons for the rise are a combination of inflationary pressures and a provision of £2,000 to start the Neighbourhood Plan process.

A Neighbourhood Plan for Framwellgate Moor Parish

The Parish Council has set up a Planning Subcommittee with a main task of looking at whether we should have a Neighbourhood Plan for our area. The idea of a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) is to provide planning policies for a local area that the planning authority (in our case the County Council) must take into account when deciding planning applications within that area.

Several areas in County Durham are already well down the line of producing a NP (you may have seen mention of one for the City Centre in the local press), and at least one (Newton Aycliffe) has been approved. So what is a Neighbourhood Plan? It is to be a collection of local policies that stand alongside and enhance the main County Plan, with the aim of adding real value to our local environment.

For instance, the County Plan will say roughly how many new houses should be built in the area. A NP cannot reduce that number, but it can suggest areas for development that the County Council overlooked, and it can ask for additional requirements to reduce environmental impacts that new developments may have.

The Newton Aycliffe plan is a really good example of what can be achieved. Look at the following web site to see what it is all about:

www.great-aycliffe.gov.uk/neighbourhood-plan

What next?

One of the most important things about a Neighbourhood Plan is that it **must** have the support of the local community. Indeed, the final draft must be approved in a local referendum before it can finally be adopted.

So we intend to do a major public consultation across the Parish Council area to find out whether you think it is a good idea and which issues you think are important. Such as

- What works really well in our area?
- What needs improving for our area?
- What things does our area lack?
- What opportunities are there for our area in the future?

We believe that most people have some views on questions like these and this consultation will be your chance to have your say about what is important for you and your family in the Framwellgate Moor Parish Council area.

Not everything can be included in a Neighbourhood Plan, but whatever your ideas are, they will provide a really good place to start when thinking about the future.

So do look out for the consultation when it drops through your letterbox in the coming weeks.

Make sure you have your say!