

# Boston Spa Parish Council

## Monthly Bulletin

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For more details about the work of the Parish Council please go to the website where you can find minutes from Parish Council meetings and lots of useful information about the village of Boston Spa.

### Engage



We really do want to hear from you on any topic which is of concern. To make that easier we have created a page on the Parish Council website to allow **YOU**, the residents and friends of Boston Spa, to join in the discussions on any subject raised or to submit any topics that may be burning in your mind and which might benefit from some public airing. Please go to the Parish Council website to get in touch. ([www.bostonspapc.org.uk](http://www.bostonspapc.org.uk))

### Street Lighting

The results of the recent public consultation about lighting the High Street in Boston Spa revealed the majority wish for standard lighting to be carried on through the village in line with work done by the lighting contractors already. The Parish Council has informed Leeds City Council of the decision and will now liaise with the Council to discuss implementation of lighting plans.

### Farmers' Market



The Farmers' Market in Millennium Gardens continues to be popular although reducing demand has caused some traders to stop appearing, however the market vendors and other traders in Boston Spa still need your help. Boston Spa is fortunate to have a wide range of shops and services but these need the support of local people to remain viable in these difficult economic times. So "**think local**" first when you shop and come down and enjoy the Farmers' Market on the second Friday of each month between 9:00 to 12:00, next market day is August 12th.

### Riverside land and woods

Work continues along the riverside by the group of volunteers. Recent work has included the removal of the Himalayan Balsam which is invading in many areas. Further planned work is to trim the upper footpath and to make repairs to the bank near the bridge where there is some erosion. Benches have been repaired and further work is planned to install further benches.

The environment agency has now completed the new fencing around the Fish Pass and are working on the Fish Counter which should give information about the species and numbers passing up and down.



## Neighbourhood plan

A neighbourhood plan is to be formulated focusing on Boston Spa in the future with the involvement of the local community. The Parish Council is investigating how to proceed with this plan in the light of changes to Local Government regulation under the impending new Localism Bill that is currently going through parliament.



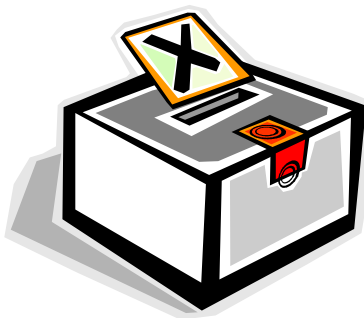
## Church Fields

Representatives from Taylor Woodrow Wimpey attended the Parish Council meeting in June to discuss the plans for impending work on the development. A community liaison group is being established to meet up at regular intervals to discuss the implementation of the 153 house scheme and the Parish Council will be meeting representatives of the developers to discuss drainage from the site as set out in the planning agreement.

## Wickham Avenue

At a Parish Meeting, a resident asked about the area of land at Wickham Avenue that needs to be tidied up. Parish and Ward Councillors have assessed the site and a plan to tidy this land is being organised. There may be an opportunity in the future to utilise this land in conjunction with land at the Deepdale site, once the demolition of the former Youth Building is complete, to fund the development of the West Wing of the Deepdale Community Centre and this will be discussed at future Parish Council meetings.

## Parish Council Vacancy



Residents have called for an election to fill the vacancy for a Parish Councillor in Boston Spa. The election will be held on August 25th 2011. Leeds City Council is currently preparing for nomination packs to be sent out to those interested in the position. Please contact the electoral services at Leeds City Council if you wish to be considered as a candidate. Unfortunately, the election costs a minimum of £3,500 and possibly more depending on the number of candidates on the ballot paper and this cost will have to be added to next year's

precept as the cost has to be funded by Boston Spa residents.

## Winnow Lane

Following long negotiation with Leeds City Council by the Parish Council a gate has been put across the entrance to Winnow Lane to prevent the problems with fly-tipping that we have had in the past.

*This newsletter has been produced in response to feedback about information regarding the work of the Parish Council. The minutes of each Parish Council meeting are agreed as an accurate record at each subsequent meeting and will appear on the website and the information boards after these meetings.*

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