

Boston Spa Parish Council

Monthly Bulletin

September 2011

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.

Crime in Boston Spa



Police Officers have noted a rise in house burglaries in Boston Spa over the summer months, with garages and sheds being the most popular targets. Arrests have been made in the pursuit of the perpetrators but the police have urged all of us to ensure that our outside storage areas are made secure to deter these criminals.

Street Lighting

The street lighting sub committee of the Parish Council is going to meet with the City Council and street lighting contractors to finalise the placement of the standard street lights chosen by the residents of Boston Spa following the recent public consultation exercise by the Parish Council.

Neighbourhood plan

Parish councillors are meeting with other local Parish Councils to investigate the procedure for formulating a neighbourhood plan in line with proposals set out in the localism bill presently going through parliament.

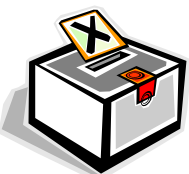


Riverside land and woods

The riverside path has been tidied up and the benches will receive some repair work. There are some dead overhanging branches on the riverside path found during a recent risk assessment that need attention and a tree surgeon will be employed to ensure that these are made safe.



New Parish Councillor



Tim Baker has been elected as a Parish Councillor following an uncontested election. As there was only one candidate for the election there have been no costs incurred by the Parish Council.

Youth Care in Boston

Local youth workers from the area continue to meet up with the police and the Parish Councillors to discuss improvements for the services for our young people in Boston Spa. The youth club at the children's centre is due to re-open on Tuesday evenings in late September and a new youth worker has begun at St Mary's Church. 'Teen Challenge' and the King's Church are going to operate a mobile youth service for young people in the area in the coming months. There are lots of places for our young people to access, so please encourage your teenage family members to use all the fantastic facilities that are available.



Changes to Parish Boundaries

Boston Spa Parish Council is currently in discussion with Bramham Parish Council and Clifford Parish Council to decide on the position of the boundaries where some anomalies occur e.g. Lonsdale Meadows and the East boundary with Bramham. No decision on any changes has been made as yet.



Streetscene

Parish councillors and local residents are planning to meet with our new locality manager from Leeds City Council to discuss the improvements necessary for our litter collection, blocked gullies and bin services.



Church Fields



Taylor Wimpey have commissioned Durham University to begin archaeological surveys in preparation for the commencement of building work as set out in the planning agreement. Agreement has also been reached about the plans for drainage from the site. Parish Councillors and members of a community liaison group will be meeting Taylor Wimpey throughout the development.

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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