



SHADWELL PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



2014

**There is a vacancy for a
Parish Councillor.**

**Please see within for further
details and how to apply**

Chairman's Report to the Annual Meeting Monday, 7 April 2014

The Parish Council had enjoyed the normal busy 12 months, involved in all aspects of Village Life, and representing the Parish on outside bodies and City Council Forums. The Parish Council is made up of 9 Councillors and our clerk, and meet 11 times a year. There is also a monthly Planning meeting, and a surgery at the Library and quarterly Finance meetings. Minutes are displayed on the noticeboard, on our website and published in Shadwell News. You should also receive the Quarterly Newsletter – and contact details are to be found in these publications.

During the last year, potholes have continued to be reported to the City Council. Some major resurfacing has taken place on Hobberley Lane and Holywell Lane, and also at the crossing of Wetherby Road and Coal Road.

We are sorting our replacement litter bins for the bus terminus and Village Green. Tree planting has continued around the Village. Problems with graffiti, fly tipping and vandalism have been experienced, reported to the police and action taken where possible. We continue to monitor and complain about the bus service. Dog fouling has become a very big problem with a huge number of complaints received. The LCC dog warden will be visiting the village over the coming months. Problems with parking around the school continue. We have explored various ways of dealing with this, but the issue will now become part of a city wide solution.

We introduced Severe Weather provision last year, and have worked hard on our contracts and taken on new contractors for the winter just ended. However, as we have experienced no snow we have not been able to test our new provisions. We have arranged drainage and fencing work to be carried out at Holywell Park.

Looking after the village environment is a big part of our work. Village Maintenance Contractors work on various sites, including the Shadwell Park estate, and one – namely John Ford – works with Shadwell in Bloom. We maintain the numerous public footpaths within the Parish under the Parish Paths Partnership scheme – funded entirely by Leeds City Council, but managed by the Parish Council. A lot of work is undertaken by the volunteers of SIB, and the Parish Council is exceedingly grateful for their contribution and commitment to the Village.

Small grants and donations have been awarded to the Village Hall, Horticultural Society, Tennis Club, History Society, Scout Hut, Shadwell News, and towards the Police Vehicle. A large grant was given to the Library. From this year onwards, an annual contribution will be given to the Village Hall, Recreational Centre and Scout Hut for building maintenance and upkeep. A substantial sum will go to the Horticultural Society to help with the costs of staging the 2015 show. There will be no increase in the Precept this year; in fact a small decrease will be seen.

We have received 16 Planning Applications over the last year, the most significant of these being the Social Club site. Here an application for 5 dwellings has now been approved.

There will be a rededication of the newly refurbished War Memorial along with the commemoration of World War 1 in early August. We continue to push for a new Conservation Area around the Holywell Lane triangle. Funds from the Diamond Jubilee celebration have been passed to the Parish Council for the provision of a permanent memorial; a walled flower bed, with plaque, at the school entrance

The Chairman thanked the support received from our Ward Councillors, with a personal thanks to the Parish Councillors and to Lesley Hoff – Parish Clerk – for her enthusiasm, hard work and commitment to the Council.

Yours sincerely

Debbie Potter
Chairman

Parish Council Vacancy

There is a vacancy for a Parish Councillor. To be eligible, you must be over 18 and a citizen of the Commonwealth, the European Community or the Republic of Ireland. You must also reside within three miles of Shadwell or have your principal place of work here.

A Parish Councillor is a volunteer, i.e. does not receive any payment for any work undertaken. You would be expected to attend the monthly full Council meetings plus be a member of one of the Council's committees – planning, which meets monthly or finance, which meets quarterly. There are also working groups and membership of external committees, which you may wish to join on behalf of the Council.

If you would like further details before applying, please contact the Chairman, Debbie Potter or me. Our contact details are at the end of this newsletter. To apply, either post in your 'CV', letting us know what you can bring to the Council and the Village or send an attachment to me by email or use the "Contact Us" on our website. Please include any relevant experience. The closing date is 30 June 2014 with interviews mid-July.

Forthcoming Events

Shadwell Primary School – Summer Fair

Saturday 12 July from 11.30am until 3pm

It is set to be even better than last year's - with the focus still on value for money. We have exciting things such as an exotic animal show, bouncy castles, the fire brigade, police dogs, beat the goalie, rugby challenge as well as all the other regular things.

We look forward to seeing you there!

John Macintyre

Hobberley Lane

The Parish Council met Leeds City Council Highways to review the situation in Hobberley Lane. Following fears expressed by local residents, it was agreed that a speed check will take place over the coming months. It appears that the lane is too narrow for the provision of a normal footway. The City Council would in any event require the footpath to be raised above the level of the highway and they would not be able to fund this. The Council will let us know their formal decision in the near future but the chances are that the exposed flags will be allowed to be reclaimed by nature.

News from the Clerk's desk

Two grant applications have been received this month. This is a quick reminder that grants to local organisations will be considered at the full Council meetings in March, June, September and December.

There have been more complaints about dog fouling, this time at Dan Quarry. As a general rule, responsible owners know to clear up after their dogs anywhere that is open to the air. This includes farmers' fields and Dan Quarry!

I have received no complaints about the 7s bus service for a while. I hope that this is because there have been no late or 'blobbed' buses. If you do have a problem with the bus service, please let me know so that I can report it. A parish councillor meets with representatives of First Leeds, Metro and Leeds City Council annually to try to make sure we have a reliable bus service.

Calling local community groups! The Skipton Big 160 Grassroots Giving has 161 pots of £500 up for grabs.

All applications are online and you can enter on <http://www.skiptonbig160.co.uk/apply-for-funding/application-form/>.

To make sure your group is eligible, visit <http://www.skiptonbig160.co.uk/apply-for-funding/criteria-for-applicants/>

As you know this is a fantastic opportunity for community groups to get involved with, not just because of the money itself, but also from the raised profile of being involved. Keep your eye on the website for more stories from some of the winners last year on how they've spent their funding to help inspire you.

BUDGET

	Budget 2013/14	Budget 2014/15
Staff Salaries	5500	5500
Village Maintenance Contractors	4500	4500
Village Plant/Baskets	3000	3500
Village Flowerbed Watering	510	500
Loan Repayment	3380	3380
Grants/Donations	1500	1500
Sub Total	18390	18880
Services		
Clerk's utilities	240	240
Admin/Copying (inc Petty Cash)	800	800
Subs/Books/Training fees	750	1000
Allotments	300	300
Room Hire	450	450
Insurance	550	550
Website Maintenance	250	500
Audit Fees	400	400
Village Maintenance Supplies	1500	1500
IT Equipment	300	300
Councillors' Travelling Costs	150	150
Press and media	400	400
Sub Total	6090	6840
Public Works		
War Memorial	2000	--
Neighbourhood Plan		Reserve
Library	3000	3000
Snow Clearing	1000	1000
Village Facilities Maintenance:		
Village Hall		500
Recreational Centre		500
Scout Hut		500
Scout Hut Roof	1500	--
Horticultural Society*	--	1500
Sub Total	7500	7000
Total	31980	32720
<i>Precept</i>	30000	30000
<i>Spending from Reserve</i>	710	2720
<i>Outstanding Liabilities</i>	11000	2500
<i>For reserve from precept</i>	15000	15000
Amount in reserve	12561	16053

'Our overall budget has increased slightly this year. Residents will however have seen a slight reduction in their Council Tax Bill relating to the Shadwell Parish Precept. This is due to a grant from the City Council to offset cuts in Council Tax Support for those in receipt of benefits. So the overall bill per property has reduced.

This year we have increased our financial support for Village plants and baskets.

We have slightly increased our budget for the website. Increasingly residents prefer to contact us and find out information via this route so it is important we keep the site as up to date and useable as possible.

Following our grant last year to restore the village War Memorial in time for the Centenary of WW1 this year we have allocated funds for the maintenance of our three village community buildings, as well as continuing our support for Shadwell Independent Library and Arts Centre.

We finally received and paid the bill for the street lights on Main Street which we had painted black with Victorian style embellishments when the City Council replaced them, so they would be more in keeping with the heritage of the village.

Our minimum reserve figure was reached a couple of years ago (half of our precept) and we now have additional funds (additional reserve) on top of this in the bank for future projects as they arise.'

World War 1 Commemoration and Rededication of the War Memorial

A service will be held at St Pauls Church on Sunday, 3 August at 4 pm to commemorate the start of World War One. This will be followed by the rededication of the recently renovated War Memorial. All residents are invited to attend the service.

Meetings for next 3 months

Full Council (7.30pm)	14 July 2014 8 September 2014
Planning (7pm)	14 July 2014 11 August 2014 8 September 2014
Finance (7.30pm)	28 July 2014

All meetings are held at the Recreational Centre

Your Shadwell Parish Councillors will be holding a surgery once a month in the library. If you have any concerns or just want a chat please come along.

Surgeries for the next 3 months	5 July 2014 2 August 2014 6 September 2014
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Councillors and contact details

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At the Annual Parish meeting, the issue of **traffic calming** was again raised. The Parish Council was requested to look into the possibility of having this reduced, removed, or altered. Previous requests to the City Council to review the situation in Shadwell have come to nothing. In order to add weight to any argument presented to the Council, we would ask you to complete the attached questionnaire and return it by 31st July 2014.

Please email your replies to clerk@shadwell-parish-council.org or use questionnaire facility on our website www.shadwell-parish-council.org or post to –

Lesley Hoff (Clerk)
Shadwell Parish Council
2 Parklands Crescent
Bramhope
Leeds
LS16 9AQ

Or hand in at the Post Office

Your name (optional)

Post Code

House Number

1. Do you think that Traffic Calming measures are required in Shadwell Yes / No*

2. Do you think the traffic calming measures presently in Shadwell adequately deal with speeding issues Yes / No*

3. If no, do you have any comments how this could be achieved?

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Thinking about the 4 speed bumps from Temperance Cottage to the shops:-

Question 4:

Do you think there are:- a) too many
b) too few
c) about right

5. How many would you consider the right number?

6. Do you find the profile of the present speed bumps:

a) too severe
b) too shallow
c) about right

7. Many residents feel the bumps should have a gap in the middle of the road. Do you agree with this comment? Yes / No*

Comments:

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Thinking about the 2 speed platforms approaching the library at the Former Social Club and at Cricketers View

Question 8

Do you think these are a) too many
b) too few
c) about right

Comments.....
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Question 9

Thinking about the school area, would you support a 20 mph speed restriction Yes / No*

Further

Comments.....
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Thinking about the area from the Village Hall to Shadwell Bridge (Coal Road), in this section there is only one speed platform at the junction of Ash Hill Lane

Question10

Do you think this is a) too many
b) too few
c) about right

If you think there should be more in this section where would place these?.....
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General

Question 11

Would you support Speed Restriction Signs at either end of the village which light up to warn motorists of the speed limit, such as those in Collingham? Yes / No*

Would you support chicanes allowing single lanes? Yes / No*