

THORNTON IN CRAVEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

This has been a strange and challenging year for everyone and we're not through it yet. The Parish Council has been conducting their meetings by remote Zoom conferencing but would like to encourage residents to attend the monthly meetings to catch up with news from around the village, especially as the annual Public Meeting did not go ahead this year. If you are able to access Zoom on your laptop, tablet or phone, the link to the meetings can be found at the top of the agenda which is placed on the website and Parish Council Facebook page in the week before the meeting and on the public notice in the village noticeboard.

Tree Planting

To help the environment it was decided to plant up to 600 trees on the common land outside the village. Following discussions with nearby residents the planting will go ahead in the next month or two. The cost of the trees has been very kindly donated by residents Neil & Michelle Roe at Herriotts Hotel in Skipton. The Parish Council would like to thank Neil & Michelle for their sponsorship which will not only buy the trees but pay for their maintenance for the next three years. The trees will be a mix of native trees, shrubs and bushes.

Plaque to Covid 19 victims

Originally it was agreed to place plaques, paid for by donors, on the trees at the common land but due to difficulties with access and the remoteness of the site, four wild cherry trees (not for human consumption) will be planted in Morrison's Meadow and one plaque will be placed on a stone plinth making it easier for residents to view.

Street Lighting and Slow Down Signs

The Parish Council is in the process of changing the old SON street lighting lanterns to energy saving LED lanterns. We are also replacing the few old concrete columns that remain. New black steel columns cost in the region of £2,000 and just to replace the lanterns is in the region of £200-300 but with changing one or two a year progress is being made. Also, we are looking to site a VAS (vehicle activation sign) on the Main Road and on Church Road as we know that speeding traffic is a continuing concern. The old VAS no longer works, the new one will also collect speed data. Partly funded by a grant from the PFCC the shortfall will be made up from the Parish Council through the Precept.



Village Hall

It is unfortunate that, following the refurbishment of the Village Hall, it has had to be closed for most of this year. Work has continued to be carried out to make improvements in the hall including the downstairs toilet and storage area. Many of the events planned; village litter pick, Easter egg rolling and the Village bonfire have had to be cancelled but hopefully they will be back bigger and better next year.

Sensory Garden



Grants from Cllr Mulligan and Cllr Pringle have enabled work to be carried out on a sensory garden in the courtyard of Thornton Hill Nursing Home for the enjoyment of the residents who, due to COVID, have not had visits from their relatives. In the past, the nursing home has worked closely with the school and churches in the village, and when visiting is once again allowed, some kind of open event will be held. Special thanks to Karen Davell for the hard work in creating this lovely space.



Thank You

Finally the Parish Council would like to thank residents who have volunteered during the pandemic to help their neighbours through these difficult times. Please stay safe and follow government guidelines so we can all be together when things improve.

Wishing all residents a happy, safe and peaceful Christmas and see you all in 2021.

Thornton in Craven Parish Council