

Clapham cum Newby Parish Council News

The parish council met on 27th October and 24th November.

Simon Peach from Clapham Hyperfast gave a presentation outlining the progress made by the broadband project. The core route for high speed fibre optic cable serving Mewith and Keasden has been laid. Work will start next year on the route into Clapham and Newby. The estimated cost of the project is £144,000, to date £124,000 of funds have been pledged and work is proceeding ahead of budget. More volunteers are needed to raise funds for contractors and materials, map out and lay the Clapham and Newby routes and complete the Keasden and Mewith spurs. If you are interested in accessing faster broadband and/or volunteering, please go to www.claphamhyperfast.net for more information.

Craven District Council funding for Settle Area Swimming Pool is to end in April 2016. The parish council believes the pool delivers a vital, value for money service that benefits the health and well-being of the local community. It has written to Julian Smith MP and all Craven District Councillors in the local area to urge them to campaign for the pool to continue to receive the revenue funding it needs to stay open. In a show of support, the council has doubled its annual donation to the pool from £100 to £200.

There have been many drainage issues this month with the recent heavy rains. If you wish to report any blocked drains please contact the Clerk (details below) or North Yorkshire County Council Highways department directly by calling 08458 727374 or emailing Area5.Skipton@northyorks.gov.uk

The parish council has agreed a budget for 2016-17. The annual precept has been set at £7835. Please contact the clerk if you would like to see details of the council's planned expenditure for the next financial year.

The following planning proposals are still pending:

- C/18/65P: full planning permission for erection of two bedroomed bungalow, Old Mason's Yard, Clapham
- 18/2015/16216 external alterations to existing premises and erection of a new detached dwelling associated with the cafe premises, former Little Chef, Henbusk Lane, Newby
- 18/2015/16232 Conversion of Adjoining Barn Section to Dwelling House. Part Demolition of Attached Lean-to Shippon to Form Additional On-Site Parking, The Laithe, Lower Hardacre, Bentham
- 18/2015/16278 Change Of Use Of Derelict Former Church Hall To Form A Camping Barn, Temperance Hall, Keasden

For more information on the work of the parish council please click on the 'parish council information' link at www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk. The parish council meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month except August and December. Meetings take place in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer

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