

## Clapham cum Newby Parish Council News

The parish council met on 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

Eight years after the first plans were submitted, Craven District Council has granted the final permissions needed for McConnell Homes Ltd to build 22 homes on the former Dalesview Garage site. The parish council was pleased to learn that housing development will not have an electronic entrance gate.

The broadband project continues to make excellent progress. The core route has been laid, the telecommunications cabinet at Keasden has gone live and more ducting and fibre is being installed. The parish council expressed their thanks to all involved but particularly Ian Jones and Simon Peach for their hard work and perseverance in getting the project to this stage.

Parish Caretaker, Pete Everson, has started to restore a (non-drinking) water supply to the ornamental fountain in Clapham. The feature has also been cleaned giving it a new lease of life.

You may be well aware that Craven District Council funding for Settle Area Swimming Pool is to end. Three years ago the pool received £31,000, this year £16,000 and from March 2016 it will receive nothing. Staff and trustees are working hard to bridge the gap but the removal of CDC funding will have a massive impact on the pool and leaves its future uncertain. The pool serves all sections of the community in North Craven regardless of age, ability and fitness and even provides GP referred hydrotherapy sessions. It delivers a vital, value for money service that benefits the health and well-being of the local community. The parish council believes it merits financial support from Craven District Council and will be writing to local district councillors, the CEO of Craven District Council and Julian Smith MP to urge them to support continued funding for the pool.

The parish council audit for 2014-15 is complete. Auditors are satisfied that accounts and procedures are being kept in accordance with proper practices. You can view the 2014-15 annual return on the Clapham notice board, the council's webpage or by contacting the Clerk (details below).

Investigations continue into the possibility of obtaining a community defibrillator. As part of this project, we need to recruit a group of volunteers to be trained in CPR. If you are interested then please contact the Clerk, Gillian Muir, on [claphamclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:claphamclerk@btinternet.com) or 51775. The proposal to have a defibrillator has evolved from the development of a Community Emergency Plan. The first draft of the plan should be ready in the next few weeks.

The following planning approvals were noted:

- 18/2015/15634: Reserved matters application (appearance, scale and landscaping) pursuant of outline planning application 18/2012/13161, Former Dalesview Garage site, Old road, Clapham

- 18/2015/16014 Application to discharge condition no.3 of planning approval referenced 18/2014/15065 concerning materials to be used in external finish, Old Manor House, the Green, Clapham
- 18/2015/16094 Proposed extension of agricultural building, Tewitt Hall Farm, Newby

The following application was noted as refused:

- C/18/615C full planning permission for replacement of uPVC glass conservatory with stone built and natural slate roofed lean-to garden room, Deighton House, Riverside, Clapham

The following proposals are still pending:

- C/18/65P: full planning permission for erection of two bedroomed bungalow, Old Mason's Yard, Clapham

For more information on the work of the parish council please click on the 'parish council information' link at [www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk](http://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.

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