

Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council

(Incorporating Brookhouse, Carr, Slade Hooton and Newhall)

News Update

News for the Parishioners of Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish

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The Annual Meeting of Laughton Parish Council will be held at 7pm Wednesday 20th May 2015 at the Village Hall, Firbeck Avenue, Laughton. The Annual meeting will be followed immediately afterwards by an Ordinary Meeting.

Events in Laughton

All Saints' Church Summer Garden Party will start at 2pm Saturday 4th July at the Church School.

Laughton Playground, Firbeck Avenue

At 10 am on Saturday 23rd May 2015 children, supervised by parents, are invited to care for their playground by raking and fluffing-up the CushionFall that provides a soft-landing around the play equipment.

The playground continues to be a great success and attracts many users. The Parish Council pays to have it inspected monthly and wear and tear repairs are commissioned immediately to safeguard children using the equipment.

Heart Attack!

The Yorkshire Ambulance Service is attending Laughton Village Hall, at 7pm on Wednesday 10 June 2015 to provide a familiarisation session on how to use the Public Access Defibrillator that has been newly installed outside the Village Hall. It's the big shiny cabinet with a green light on!

When receiving a 999 call Yorkshire Ambulance Service will assess the patient's condition and may give out the access code to the Defibrillator Cabinet if appropriate.

No formal training is required to use the defibrillator as the machine itself gives spoken instructions and decides if a shock is required.

Regular Activities at the Laughton Village Hall

Village Hall Committee Members urgently required!

Please contact Ann Mitchell on 01909 519694 or the Clerk to the Parish Council if you can spare a couple of hours, or so, a month to help run the Village Hall.

Monday	Toddlers' Playgroup 9:30am -11:00am Karate 7:00pm
Tuesday	Bowling 5:30pm - 7:30pm
Wednesday	Knit, stitch and Natter 9:30am - 11:30am
Thursday	Toddlers' Playgroup 9:30am -11:00am Dance Club 7:30pm -10:30pm.
Friday	Vacant
Saturday	Vacant
Sunday	Bowling 3:00pm -5:00pm Dance Club 7:30 pm -10:30pm

The Recreation Ground is home to Laughton Boys Football Club.

All Saints' Church Tower Trips

The Bell Ringers meet on Friday evenings between 7.00pm and 8.15pm to practice and provide demonstrations to anyone interested. If you would like to join the team or are simply interested in seeing the bells in action, please contact Simon or Karen Johnson on 01909 561886.

Lonely? Or just want to Meet Up for a Chat?

Why not try the Knit, Stich and Natter group at the Village Hall? You don't have to knit or stich to natter! Contact: Janet 518846
£2 gets you tea, cake.... and a natter!

Brookhouse and Carr Litter Picking Days

Community groups from Brookhouse and Carr recently carried out Litter Picks in and around their hamlets. Residents in Laughton carry out litter picks on an ad-hoc basis throughout the year. RMBC provide pickers, bags and bag hoops and remove the rubbish bags free of charge. If you would like to organise a litter pick in your area or wish to help please contact the Clerk to the Parish Council.

Allocation of the Precept

The precept is the amount of money each household pays every year to the Parish Council. In 2014/15 the total precept for Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish was £20,448. In recent years RMBC has awarded a grant to the Parish Council. In 2014/15 the grant was £2,536, giving a total income of £22,984. In 2014 RMBC announced that the grant is to be phased out over three years. This equates to a reduction in funding of about 11%.

Recent spending in the Parish includes:

- Purchase and Installation of a Public Access Defibrillator.
- Subsidising the allotments on St John's Road
- Administration costs for the running of the Parish Council including the Clerk's salary, although none of our Councillors receive any payment for their duties.
- Upkeep of the Village Hall, including the replacement of the hot water and central heating system, though the Village Hall Management Committee cover the majority of the day-to-day expenditure through their valuable fund raising.
- Purchasing new items of street furniture.
- Providing small grants to local worthy causes.
- Maintenance Grants to All Saints' Church. Maintenance of the village planters.
- Maintenance of the children's playground

Despite the reduction in funding recently announced, the Parish Council aims to continue to allocate a proportion of the precept to Village Associations in the parish, namely Brookhouse, Carr (including Newhall) and Slade Hooton (including Roche Abbey) to fund worthwhile projects. The money can be spent on a variety of worthwhile projects approved by the Parish Council. If you have any suggestions as to how you would like to see this money spent, please contact your Village Association or the Clerk to the Council.

Antisocial Behaviour – New Law

People fly-tipping, allowing dogs to foul pavements or committing other antisocial behavior can be prosecuted under The Antisocial Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014. Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC) can also make protection orders for specific areas where antisocial behavior is prevalent. RMBC will prioritise their resources according to the number of reports they receive. Unfortunately multiple complaints received by the Parish Council count as a single complaint when the Parish Council passes them to RMBC. If you want clean pavements and fly tipping stopped please report incidents to Rotherham StreetPride (01709) 336003 and ask for the call reference number, so that they can understand the frequency of the problem and allocate resources to deal with offenders.

Allotments

If you would like to rent an allotment or become a member of the Allotment Society, which gives access to advantageous prices in the Allotment Shop, please contact the Clerk to the Council or Michelle, the Chairperson of the Allotment Committee, on 07774 699936

Police in the Community

After 30 years' service PC Shaun Rhodes, the designated Police Constable who covers our Parish, is to retire in May 2015.

Due to cuts in funding, Police Safer Neighbourhood Teams across South Yorkshire are to merge with 999 Response Teams. The reorganisation will allow the force to make savings at management levels whilst maintaining "Bobbies on the Beat". The non-emergency number 101 should be used to report the time, date, place and those involved, if known, of non-life threatening incidents or crimes already committed. In the event of an emergency or when a crime is in progress, please dial 999.

Urgent but non-emergency Health Advice

You should use the NHS 111 service if you urgently need medical help or advice but it's not a life-threatening situation. For emergencies continue to dial 999.

Minutes of Previous Meetings & Agendas

The minutes of our monthly meetings are available on the website. If you would like an agenda for a forthcoming meeting or further information on the work of the Parish Council, please contact the Clerk to the Council.

Audited accounts for year ending 31st March 2015

The Parish Council has prepared for both internal and external 2014/15. The accounts will be published on the Parish Noticeboard, Church Corner when approved by the Auditors.

Parking in High Street, Laughton

In January the Parish Council arranged a meeting between RMBC Highways and Parking Enforcement departments, All Saints' Church School, School Governors and the Parish Council to agree what could be done to alleviate the parking issues around school and on High Street.

A number of actions were agreed and carried out including a high visibility "parking awareness and enforcement week", organised by RMBC, during which advice was given and offenders of illegal parking were prosecuted.

Planning Applications

When the Parish Council passes on multiple objections, received from Parishioners, to RMBC Planning Department they are recorded as one objection. The planning process requires 5 objections before a public consultation is required. It is important that **you** express your comments directly to RMBC Development Control if you wish them to be taken into consideration.

Senior Citizen's Travel Passes

It is now possible to renew or replace your English National Concessionary Travel Scheme Pass on-line at <https://sypte.smartcitizen.net/replace.aspx> or search for ENCTS.

Parish Council Election

This year all 7 Councillors stood down as part of the election process. As only 6 nominations were received for the forthcoming election of Laughton Parish Council the election was uncontested and a vacant seat exists. If you feel that you would like to become involved in issues affecting the Parish and would like to be co-opted onto Laughton Parish Council please contact the Clerk to the Council.

Re-elected Councillors are:

Chairman

Trevor Stanway 01909 563418

E-mail: t.stanway@laughtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Vice Chairman

Peter Lilleker

E-mail: p.lilleker@laughtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Simon Johnson

Judith Leaning

New to the Parish Council are:

Gregory Price

Robin Thrower

Clerk to the Council:

Until 20th May 2015: 01909 564311

After 20th May 2015: 01709 528823

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