

Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council

(Incorporating Brookhouse, Carr, Slade Hooton and Newhall Hamlet)

News Update

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

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The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7pm Wednesday 9th December 2015 at the Village Hall, Firbeck Avenue, Laughton.

Events in Laughton

All Saints Church

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| Christmas Fayre | 5 th December | 2.00pm |
| Carols around the Tree with Maltby Brass Band | 12 th December | 7.00pm |
| Christingle Service | 13 th December | 4.00pm |
| Carol Service | 20 th December | 6.30pm |
| Crib Service | 24 th December | 6.00pm |
| Midnight mass | 24 th December | 11.30pm |
| Christmas Day | 25 th December | 9.00am |

Christmas Tree Festival - Church is open December 10th, 11th, 12th from 2:00 to 4:30 pm then 17th, 18th, 19th from 2:00 to 4:30 pm.

Regular Activities at the Laughton Village Hall

Village Hall Committee Members and Volunteers 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 with Village Hall activities.

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| Monday | Playgroup | 9.30am - 11.00am |
| | Karate | 7.00pm - 9.00pm |
| Tuesday | Bowling | 5.50pm - 7.30pm |
| Wednesday | Knit and Natter | 9.30am - 11.00am |
| | Keep Fit | 5.45pm - 6.45pm |
| Thursday | Playgroup | 9.30am - 11.00am |
| | Dancing | 7.30pm - 10.30pm |
| Sunday | Keep Fit | 9.30am - 10.30am |
| | Bowling | 3.00pm - 5.00pm |
| | Dancing | 7.30pm - 10.30pm |

Christmas Social - Friday 18th December 7.30pm

This will be an Entertainer with singing, dancing and a festive buffet. £5, pay on the door.

New Year's Eve - Bring your own food, contact Ken on 07528608039 to book a table, £4 per person.

Additional activities are starting in the New Year so please regularly look at the Parish Council Website for what is going on in the Village Hall.

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.

Allocation of the Precept

The precept is the amount of money each household pays every year to the Parish Council. In 2015/16 the total precept for Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish was £21,189. In recent years RMBC has awarded a grant to the Parish Council. In 2015/16 the grant was £2,536, giving a total income of £23,725. 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:

- Purchasing new items of street furniture.
- Providing small grants to local worthy causes.
- Maintenance Grants to All Saints' Church.
- Maintenance of Village Planters
- Maintenance of the Children's Playground and Recreational Ground.
- Repainting lines on the Village Hall Car Park.
- 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, though the Village Hall Management Committee cover the majority of the day-to-day expenditure through their valuable fund raising.

Further spending is planned this year to improve CCTV at the Village Hall and Recreational Ground to prevent vandalism and assist with child safety. The Village Hall Car Park will also shortly have a barrier fitted to the entrance to prevent unauthorised access at night.

Further spending is to be undertaken to improve the notice boards in the village with a new notice board to be erected on the corner of High Street and Hooton Lane. A notice board is being commissioned but will not be available until next year.

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.

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

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.

Defibrillator

Please remember that there is a 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. The Parish Council has currently applied for a grant to try and get further defibrillators for the Parish.

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 prepared accounts for both internal and external purposes 2014/15. The accounts are available on the Parish Council Website, address below.

School Parking in High Street, Laughton

The Parish Council, C of E school, Police and RMBC have been working together to try to get the cooperation of parents dropping off and picking up their children from school. Some parents have received penalty fines for irresponsible parking which we hope will act as deterrent. It's in everyone's best interest to be sensible about parking outside schools to ensure that no children are injured or an accident caused.

Trees and Bushes Obstructing Public Footpaths

If you have a hedge that forms the boundary to a public footpath or pavement you might need to look to see if it needs trimming. You are responsible for keeping it cut back so that it isn't likely to cause injury to passing pedestrians. It shouldn't take long to sort out. Anyone injured by your negligence could make a

claim against you for personal injury that could prove to be expensive.

Message From Severn Trent Water Authority

The Parish has been asked to bring to the attention of Parishioners the messages on the website of Severn Trent Water. There are no planned works on the sewers in our Parish over the next 2-3 years. Sewer flooding can be extremely unpleasant and stressful and this is being caused, in many cases by incorrect items being flushed down toilets. Adam Boucher, Service Delivery Network Manager for the area said 'Customers don't realise the problems that this can cause. Not only is it very unpleasant when sewage floods a home, it can be very costly for customers as we aren't responsible for sewer pipes within a property boundary'. Pipes are only a few centimeters wide and designed to take water, loo roll and human waste. Regularly problems are being caused by fats, oils, greases, nappies and sanitary items being flushed away.

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.

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. Following advertisement for the vacant seat, there was one applicant and he was accordingly co-opted, onto the council. Further elections will take place in 5 years.

Re-elected Councillors are:

Chairman

Trevor Stanway 01909 563418

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Vice Chairman

Peter Lilleker 07973 702753

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Simon Johnson 07960 257085

Judith Leaning 01909 564771

Robin Thrower 01909 567333

Gregory Price 01909 281547

New to the Parish Council is:

Paul Green 01909 568483

Clerk to the Council:

Caroline Havenhand: 01709 528823

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