

Speeding

The North Yorkshire Police and Crime Commissioner has introduced a pilot programme called Community Speed Watch. The aim is to deter drivers from speeding in 30-40 mph zones, to improve the quality of life for residents.

The Parish Council has received a copy of the information about this initiative. It is also available to view online where you can ask the Speed Watch team questions.

Website :

CommunitySpeedWatch@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Pumping Station at Conyers Ings:

Yorkshire Water has reported that a new pump has been installed and a spare one ordered. Residents had expressed concern at the number of occasions the tanks had to be emptied.

Information for dog owners: The council has received two reports of incidents where dogs were not kept under proper control by their owners. The law changed in 2014 to make it an offence if you do not keep your dog under control. This does not just apply to public spaces but also on private property. For more detailed information please consult the RSPCA website .

Congratulations to Mrs E Sleightholme Winner of the silver cup for the Best Kept Garden Competition 2014

Volunteers Needed !!!



The Parish Council would be pleased to receive any offers of help with the maintenance of the tubs around the village. Individuals, groups, or businesses willing to sponsor a tub please contact the Clerk

Thank You

To Mr Ron Bilton for volunteering to restore the Churchill Plaque on Garth End Road. He has done an excellent job.



If you would like to contribute to or advertise in the newsletter please contact The Clerk to the Council.



Parish of West Ayton Newsletter Spring 2015

You are invited to :

West Ayton Annual Parish Assembly

Friday May 22nd 7pm at :
Methodist Chapel Rooms

Speakers:
Planning Officers from Scarborough Council

The Planning Officers have agreed to speak about the Local Development Plan and explain the process of bringing forward policy and then using it when considering planning applications.

It is important to note that the planning officers may introduce key criteria they consider when determining a planning application. Their brief does not cover specific planning applications.

The Chairman of the Parish Council will chair the meeting and reports will be received from all organisations in the village.

May 7th Elections:

The elections for your representatives at Parish, Borough, County and National level will all take place on this day.

Your vote is very important!!!

The present parish council will stand down. There are seven places available for parish councillors. If you feel you would like to become a parish councillor



The Parish Council meets at the library on the 2nd Monday of the month.

The agenda is published on the Library noticeboard and the council website.

There is a Public Open Forum on each agenda where residents can speak or ask questions directly of the Council

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You can also approach one of the councillors who will pass on your information or concerns directly to the clerk for consideration by

Parish Updates

The Precept:

When your Council Tax is collected the Parish Council receive a sum of money called the Precept. The amount of the precept is determined by the Parish Council and in West Ayton has not been increased for a number of years.

Last year, NYCC made substantial financial cuts in funding towards the Management of open spaces. Our reserves have also been depleted and need to be built back up in case of emergency.

You will find on your Council Tax information that we have had to increase The Precept by £2.88 per year per Council Tax Payer. It is effectively just over fifty pence per week. Please note that because the original amount was so small it will be recorded as an increase of 11.4%

Open Space Management:

The Parish Council have had to explore ways of reducing costs as we still have to maintain and manage open spaces. We have agreed to reduce the number of cuts from eight to six per year. We will leave the large grass areas on the Mill green and the weir to grow and encourage wildflowers to thrive. Pathways will be cut to the seats.

This is a trial and will be reviewed as the summer progresses.

Parish Council Grant Allocations 2015

The council has agreed the following grants:

East & West Ayton Playing Fields Association	£500
Ayton Village Hall Committee	£500
Ayton Ladies Choir	£50
Ayton Jubilee Committee	£300
Ayton Youth Club	£150
Derwent Valley Bridge Community	
Library	£500

Thomas Farside Trust

Originally formed in 1713. Thomas Farside a landowner left money in his will to provide a school and teacher for boys from West Ayton and Hutton Buscel who showed ability

The trust as it exists now was formed in 1997. The aim is to help local students with the cost of education. There are five trustees who on receipt of an application will determine if the criteria are met:

1. Open to students 18-25 years old.
2. Students receive one donation in a year.
3. If no applicants, monies carried forward.
4. Trust advertised 8 weeks before 1/10.15
- 5 Trustees meet in October.

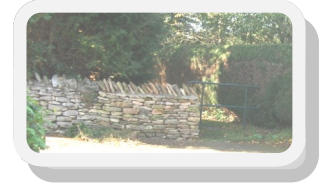
The award of is made within 4-6 weeks.

Creation agreement for Public Right of Way and Land Registry

Five pieces of land owned by the council have been registered with the Land Registry. As a result of creation agreement between WAPC and NYCC in July 2014 Beech Lane is now registered as Public Footpath No:30.22/3T in the Parish of West Ayton.



The fencing has been replaced on the Cinder path.



In memory of

Councillor Michael Jay-Hanmer.

The family have donated a seat which is located opposite the library. The Parish Council have treated the seat with preservative, and it has been secured to



Ayton Castle



Work on this phase of the castle is almost finished. English Heritage and Scarborough Borough Council have funded work on the top and bottom to make it safe and fitted a new iron grill door. They have also levelled the area around the building.

The Friends of Ayton Castle hope to be successful in a bid to obtain funding for work on the corners. Once complete it will be safe for humans and animals and will no longer require a fence.

Ayton Jubilee Committee 2014

Formed to provide events for the villages of East and West Ayton the committee would like to thank the following for their support and fundraising:

West Ayton Parish Council
East Ayton Parish Council
SPAR shop
North Yorkshire Moors National Parks
Scarborough Borough Council

With support from the above and many individuals the committee has achieved the following this year.:

Service of Remembrance for the first world war.
Exhibition which focused on the sixteen men who died from the two villages
Cleaning and renovation of the War Memorial.
Music Hall Evening.
Firework Display
Children's Christmas Party.

Stephen Garbutt will give a more detailed