

Hayfield Parish Council Newsletter

Autumn 2011

This is the first newsletter of the new Parish Council which was elected in May this year. We hope you will find it interesting and informative. If there is anything you think is missing, please let us know and we will try to include it in the next newsletter.

Editors: Acting Clerk Sally Fuller and Councillor Keith Bevins

Hayfield Parish Web-site

The Parish Council will shortly have its own web-site at www.hayfield-pc.gov.uk. It will start small but will hopefully develop into something that will add to the life of the village. Keep an eye on the Parish notice board for details of when the site will go live.

Parish Finances

Since the election it has become obvious that Hayfield Parish Council is short of money. We are still looking into why this has happened and what it means but cutbacks are unavoidable. The Parish Council are sorry to let Gardeners Iain Thompson and Andy Mycock go for this reason and would like to thank them for all their hard work and support. The Council wish them well for the future. Please watch the Parish notice boards and the new web-site for details of what is happening.

Heritage Centre Project

At the 4th August Parish Council Meeting, the Council decided not to progress the Kinder Trespass Heritage Project.

This was decided because:

- The proposed toilet extension onto land at Dungeon Brow was deemed to need planning permission, was found to be on Common Land and an application to designate the area as a Village Green had also been submitted thus greatly delaying or preventing any development. The grant funding had to be spent by September this year.
- The Council needed to provide £6000 to complete the proposed development which the Council could not afford.
- Although most people were happy for the development of a Heritage Centre, most objections centred on the use of the building at Dungeon Brow for this purpose.

The Council proposed that, subject to the approval of the grant providers, that the project be transferred to the Heritage Project Steering Group who hoped to progress the project and find alternative accommodation for the project. However, the terms and conditions attached to the grants meant that this was not an option and this resulted in the grants being repaid or withdrawn. This also meant the Council could no longer employ Mrs Jo Kent as Project Coordinator. The Council would like to thank Mrs Jo Kent for the sterling work she did.

The Independent Steering Group is now seeking to progress the project without Parish Council involvement and the Parish Council wish them every success in their endeavours.

Bank Vale Football Field

The Parish Council has been trying to purchase the Bank Vale Football field from the Church of England who currently owns the land. The plan is then that Hayfield Football Club could develop the field into a Community Sports Club. There have been a lot of delays with this plan, mainly down to legal problems surrounding the deeds to the land. Hayfield Parish Council is committed to this plan and will do everything that it can to bring it to a successful conclusion.

BMX Pump Track

A group of BMX enthusiasts are developing plans to build a proper BMX Pump Track close to the skate park on the recreation ground. (Pump Tracks are small bike tracks usually made with a banked corner (berm) at each end and joined by a succession of ups and downs.) The plans are at an early stage at the moment but the Council have agreed in principle to support the project and resolved to call a public consultation meeting to discuss the matter. It is hoped that this will take place in November – watch the noticeboard for further details or get in touch with the group at: email: hayfield pumptrack@hotmail.com. Facebook : Hayfield Pumptrack. Copies of the plans so far can be seen in the Parish Office.

Christmas Tree

You may have heard that the Council had the idea of putting Christmas lights in the big tree between the end of St Matthew's and the river. It was hoped that this would save money over the cost of buying and disposing of a tree in Memorial Square each year. But the estimated cost of setting the lights in the tree is higher than expected (£2000+) and it looks like the Council does not have the money to do this, this year. However several residents have offered to contribute skills and materials for free which may make this possible after all. If not, a tree will be placed in Memorial Square as usual.

Hayfield Elections

At the elections held in May, 8 Councillors were elected onto the Council for Hayfield Town Ward. No one stood for election in Hayfield West Ward. High Peak Borough Council decided these vacant seats should be filled by co-option. Councillor Kathleen Waterhouse and Councillor Phil Chapman were subsequently co-opted. Following a resignation on the Council, a further election on 6th October was called for Hayfield Town Ward. The election was uncontested and Councillor Olivia Dudley was elected.

The Parish Council Office is open on: Tuesdays 10.00 – 12.00am
Thursdays 10.00 – 12.00am

The Office is generally open during working hours and the public are welcome to visit at any time. However, if you wish to guarantee someone being there, please visit within the hours advertised.

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