

# Fulford Parish News

## Riverbank Picnic Area Improvements Ongoing

Walkers will note some work going on down by the river side beyond Landing Lane. This area is designated as a Village Green and is managed by the Parish Council for the benefit of the public. The Parish Council is providing some new steps down to the water's edge to enable anglers and others to get there

without causing erosion of the bank. This is an important site for the tansy plant and the rare tansy beetles that live on them. The Parish Council is also installing some low fencing to discourage trampling of the tansy.



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**N**ew Mechanised Gates at Fulford Cemetery As part of an ongoing programme of refurbishment, the Parish Council has recently installed electric gates at the entrance to the Cemetery on Fordlands Road. The gates have been designed to emulate the original gates whilst providing a more secure entrance that also assists Blue Badge holders by providing the option to request access .

## Ward Councillor Update

The Fulford & Heslington Ward Committee has new funding available for important local projects in the community. A small amount of ward funding can to great effect improve a local area and it is important that ward funding is used to benefit a variety of groups in the community.

Together with match funding from Fulford Parish Council, Ward Committee funding has been used to make many local improvements in Fulford, such as the improvements to Fulford Social Hall and Fulford Village Green.

If residents have ideas on how funding can be best spent to benefit a local community group or improve the local area, then please do get in touch with the local councillor. Keith can be reached via [cllr.kaspden@york.gov.uk](mailto:cllr.kaspden@york.gov.uk).



Local Ward Funding Improves the Floor for Fulford Scout Group



## Playground Renovation for School Lane

Recently the Parish Council installed new equipment on School Lane field after receiving a grant of £17,000 from City of York council. The Parish Council was able to match fund this and install several new items which have proved to be very popular, including a zip wire, a climbing net and a basket swing which had come out top in the public consultation with local children.



The 60 year old slide had been due to be scrapped as part of the renovation. However, following appeals from the public, it has been retained and has been repainted by the Fulford Cubs.

## Local Elections



The next local elections for City of York Council and Fulford Parish Council are on:

**Thursday 2 May 2019**

## Annual Parish Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 14th May 2019 at 7pm** at Fulford Social Hall on School Lane. This is an opportunity for you to put forward any ideas you may have for future community projects, to hear what the Parish Council has done over the past year and to have your say on the community matters that are important to you.

Fulford Parish Council currently consists of up to 11 local people elected or co-opted to represent parishioners at the first level of local government. The Parish Council aims to provide and maintain community facilities, represent parishioners' rights and views to other authorities and guide the development of the village to the benefit of the residents whilst preserving its historic character.

**If you wish to stand as a candidate for Fulford Parish Council, more information on the elections can be found at [www.york.gov.uk/info/20035/elections/841/elections\\_in\\_york](http://www.york.gov.uk/info/20035/elections/841/elections_in_york)**



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**P**lanning The Parish Council is a statutory consultee for planning applications in Fulford although it is the City of York Council that decides the outcomes. Any residents who wish to raise issues regarding planning applications are urged to contact the Clerk or to attend the relevant meetings if they wish to make representations.



**G**ermany Beck Construction of houses in Phase 1 is continuing at a fast pace and the Parish Council looks forward to welcoming all the new residents in due course.

Permission was recently granted to make multiple changes to the reserved matters plans under the guise of a non-material application. The layout changes resulted in some houses moving closer to existing properties as well as loss of landscaping and areas of public open space. The Parish Council therefore applied to the High Court for permission to challenge the approval of the changes by judicial review. Permission was initially refused but an appeal against this judgment has been lodged, the outcome of which is awaited.

Persimmon's marketing suite has been built on green belt land and the car-park (which is supposed to be for residents' use) has been appropriated. Although this breach of planning control was reported to City of York Council in September last year, the use of the building is continuing.

**New junction:** The junction has been in operation for many months but some residents have expressed safety concerns, especially for cyclists. In addition some problems have been reported for vehicles exiting onto the A19 from the Fordlands Road direction. It is hoped that a yellow box will be put in place in the near future, which should prevent A19 traffic from blocking the exit

**N**ew developments The proposals from developers, which are not included in the Council's Local Plan, for a large business park next to the Designer Outlet and an extension to the Outlet itself would potentially have a huge impact on Fulford. Any future planning applications will be carefully considered

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**P**lease contact the Parish Council to let it know your views and report any concerns you may have so that the issues can be reported and hopefully resolved!

**Wifi** The Social Hall Switches On! Wifi is now available to all users of the social hall on request. This broadband gives reliable connectivity and provides exciting opportunities for groups to expand and further develop their activities.

The installation of wifi is the latest part of an on-going programme of refurbishment to this popular community venue.

The heating system is to be upgraded in April. The work will increase its efficiency as well as introducing the benefit of being able to control it remotely.

Extensive damp-proofing works have been carried out. This included the installation of a damp proofing system, removal and repairs to plaster and the necessary re-decorating.

In the past year the wash rooms have undergone improvements and new, more efficient hand dryers have been installed.

Plans are in place to install courtesy lighting onto the outside of the building.

**Fulford Social Hall can be booked for your events.**

The large hall and smaller meeting room, with kitchens and disabled access, are well used by a variety of groups.

There are booking slots available, both for one-off meetings or for regular events.



For further information/bookings, please contact Stuart or Kerrie at Cemetery Lodge:  
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