

Heaton-with-Oxcliffe Parish Council Newsletter

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What has your Parish Council been doing?

The Parish Council has had a busy 2019 so far. In January it organised a community litter pick in which 20 volunteers aged 4-76 years collected 30 bags of rubbish in 2 hours.

More recently Council Members and residents on Grosvenor Park set to on clear up of the

pond area on the housing estate. This small band of hardy people cleared an amazing amount of vegetation and growth in just a couple of hours and the results are staggering. The parish council were grateful to Lancaster City Council and the Connecting Communities for the loan of equipment, mucking in on the day and for quickly removing all the cut brambles and branches and litter.

In addition to all this activity the parish council responds to City and County consultations, sometimes quite forcefully, where we think this is warranted! Most notably, consultation on Household Waste Re-cycling centre at Salt Ayre; local Air Pollution, the Lancaster District Local Plan and the sale of the Mellishaw Park Traveller Site.



The parish council has regularly monitored and reported such matters as fly-tipping, abandoned vehicles, re-occurring parking violations and potholes and obstructions in the local roads.



All year round our Lengthsman carries out a range of ground-maintenance activities throughout the parish. These include clearing vegetation, pruning, planting and repairing fences and maintaining the area around the Parish stocks and the Parish map on Ovangle Road.

What does your parish council do? The parish council works at the most local level of local government. Each year it has public money at its disposal to spend on a range of local services as defined by law.

All residents are welcome to attend parish council meetings which are normally held on the third Thursday of each month (excluding August) at Grosvenor Park Primary School



We seek to act in the interests of local people, provide services, deal with residents' enquiries, requests and complaints and aim to achieve value for money in everything that we do. To help inform our decision-making we are carrying out a survey of resident's views – this is to ensure that we are focussing our efforts on the things that matter to you.

You will find a copy of the survey with this Newsletter. We would encourage you to complete this online following the link on our website at www.heatonwithoxcliffepc.org.uk or, if you prefer, you can post a copy to the Parish Clerk at the address shown at the top of this Newsletter.

How to report a community issue: If you want to report a community issue or problem, you need to direct it to the right Council. You can report numerous problems and concerns to **Lancaster City Council's** 'Streetscene' service You can report a 'street scene' problem such as fly-tipping, graffiti, dog fouling, litter and bins to the Council online at: https://www.lancaster.gov.uk/forms/ShowForm.asp?fm_fid=228. Tell them your contact details and the location, nature and extent of the problem supported by one or more photographs if you have them.

Faults on roads, pavements, cycle paths, public right of ways, street lighting, traffic lights or flooding incidents can be reported online to **Lancashire County Council's** Highways service 'Report It'. Recently revamped to make reporting easier, the system displays a map showing existing issues and their status enabling you to check whether to proceed with the report. You can upload photographs to support your issue:

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/roadsparking-and-travel/report-it/> If you have an issue but don't know whom to contact, please email the Parish Clerk for advice and support.

Parish Clerk Vacancy: The Parish Clerk carries out a range of administrative tasks including preparing agenda, taking minutes, dealing with correspondence and liaising with organisations, contractors and Lancaster City and Lancashire County Councils.

The Parish Clerk will provide advice to the parish council to ensure it acts within its powers. As Responsible Financial Officer, the Parish Clerk will manage the parish council's accounts and ensure that financial administration complies with best practice and the law. There will be a requirement to attend parish council meetings with all other work being carried out flexibly from home. Candidates must be computer literate and have internet access. Good communication skills are essential, as are organisational skills and attention to detail.

Training will be available. Salary is based on 8 hours work per week and will be calculated pro rata according to the National Joint Council Rates and be within the range SCP 5 – 17 (£9.77 - £12.39 per hour). Expenses will be paid.

Closing date for receipt of applications will be **January 22nd 2020**.

Further information and application form is available from **Bob Bailey, Parish Clerk email:** clerk@heatonwithoxcliffepc.org ;

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