

## **BICKERSTAFFE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2007**

#### **YOUR PARISH COUNCIL**

Bickerstaffe Parish Council publish a quarterly newsletter which will provide news about the business of the council and associated activities of local interest.

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**HIGHWAYS NEWS**

**ORMSKIRK BYPASS – PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

Lancashire County Council has drawn up plans for the bypass and the proposals were exhibited at the Civic Hall, Westhead Village Hall and the Clock Tower, Ormskirk Town Centre during early to mid- August. The public were invited to view the plans and make comments on a questionnaire which had to be returned by 31<sup>st</sup> August 07.

A bypass of Ormskirk was first proposed in the 1970's as part of an improvement of the A59 Liverpool to Preston. Various proposals for the bypass were subsequently considered and the scheme was in and out of Government Road Programmes.

In the early 1990's preliminary designs of alternative routes were carried out by the Highways Agency and public consultation on these alternatives was held in 1993. Following this, the preferred route was announced by the Secretary of State in 1996, and was protected from development. However following the 1998 Trunk Road Review, the Government abandoned the scheme. That said the County Council still considered the scheme to be high priority and it was included in the Local Transport Plan.

There have been some minor amendments to the route from the Highways Agency's scheme, and the proposed standard of the bypass has been reduced from dual carriageway to single carriageway. Following the consultation process, mentioned above, Lancashire County Council intend to submit a planning application for the revised scheme in November 2007.

Bickerstaffe Parish Council will have the Ormskirk Bypass proposal on the agenda for their next meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007. Further news with regard to this major project will be included in future parish council newsletters.

**THE BICKERSTAFFE GATEWAY**

The parish councillors were very encouraged to hear about a scheme at Junction 3 of the M58 involving the provision of extensive areas of the tree, shrub and bulb planting around the bridge over the motorway and the roundabout at Four Lane Ends. The parish councillors were also particularly interested in the 'Gateway Signage' and the parish clerk has written to West Lancs District Council requesting that the name 'Bickerstaffe' is included the signage design.

## **BICKERSTAFFE ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB**

Bickerstaffe AFC have produced a Development Plan which over three year period focuses on an expansion of football activity and the development of associated facilities. The Development Plan will be presented to the Parish Council at their next meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September 07.

## **BICKERSTAFFE MUSIC FESTIVAL**

The Parish Field was the venue of the third Music Festival on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2007. Despite adverse weather conditions leading up to the event, which resulted in last minute changes to the layout of the festival facilities, the event was a huge success. Over 300 people attended the event which commenced at 12.00 noon and finished at 12.00 midnight.

## **BICKERSTAFFE PENSIONERS SOCIAL FUND**

The Parish Council have financially supported the Bickerstaffe Pensioners Social Fund for a number of years. This year the fund organisers arranged a 'day trip to Llandudno on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> August. Over 120 pensioners travelled to Llandudno on three coaches and they enjoyed a wonderful day out.

The coaches left Bickerstaffe at 9.30am and returned at 7.45pm. The 'daytrippers' had over 6 hours in Llandudno which was concluded by having tea in the impressive Conference Centre. The Parish Council was represented by Councillors Kath Fairhurst and Gladys Gardiner together with Arthur Gore the Parish Clerk

## **QUALITY STATUS**

The Parish Councillors will consider a progress report towards meeting the requirements of the 'Quality Parish Council' scheme at their next meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> September 2007.

A number of key developments have been taken forward since the decision was taken almost twelve months ago to work towards the quality standards. The developments include :-

- the production of an Annual Report
- the production of a quarterly Newsletter
- the establishment of surgeries
- the establishment of a Parish Council Website in conjunction with Holy Trinity Church
- the Parish Clerk working towards the Certificate in Local Council Administration (see separate report in this newsletter).

## **PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS AND SURGERIES**

The remaining Parish Council Meetings for 2007/2008 are as follows:-  
10<sup>th</sup> September 2007, 12 November 2007, 14<sup>th</sup> January 2008 and 10<sup>th</sup> March 2008.  
The meetings will commence at 7.45pm and will be held in the Four Lane Ends Mission, Skelmersdale Road, Bickerstaffe. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

The remaining Parish Council Surgeries for 2007/2008 are as follows:-

- 8<sup>th</sup> October 2007 to be held at commencing 7.30pm until 8.30pm.
- 11th February 2008 commencing at 7.30pm until 8.30pm. Venue will be announced in the November 2007 Newsletter.
- 14<sup>th</sup> April 2008 commencing at 7.30pm until 8.30pm. Venue will be announced in the February 2008 newsletter.

## **CERTIFICATE IN LOCAL COUNCIL ADMINISTRATION (CiLCA)**

A mandatory element of the Quality Parish Council Scheme is that the Parish Clerk must obtain the Certificate in Local Council Administration. A key aspect of the Parish Council working towards Quality Status was the agreement with Arthur Gore that he would commence a course of study towards achieving CiLCA which is accredited by Gloucestershire University.

Arthur attended a series of tutorials over a period of 12 months which were Preston based, and he has now submitted his draft portfolio to his tutors. Following their appraisal the portfolio will then be submitted to Gloucestershire University. Hopefully Arthur will have achieved his 'goal' by the time the November Newsletter is published. The course of study is unit based with a total of 25 units. The units are grouped and focus on the following:-

Roles and Responsibilities  
Law (Local Government)  
Administrative Procedures  
Finance (Local Government)  
Planning ( Local and National Government)  
Community Relationship

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