

Newsletter from Irton Parish Council

August 2024



DEAR RESIDENTS

A meeting of the Irton Parish Council was held on 05 August, which was attended by Cllr Heather Phillips and Cllr David Jeffels of the North Yorkshire Council, for the purpose of forming a temporary quorum. This should have allowed us to proceed with the co-option of applicants for the vacant seats on the Council, and to continue with the regular business of the Council.

Notice of this meeting was posted on the Irton Parish Council notice board on 16 July, however, Cllr David Jeffels advised that sufficient notice of the meeting was not provided and therefore co-option of applicants could not proceed. A member of the public objected that such bureaucracy was not in the public interest, and a nearly unanimous show of hands by the public, in support of proceeding with the co-option, was to no effect.

Draft minutes of the 05 August meeting have been posted on the Irton Parish Council notice board. The next meeting of the Council has been scheduled for 16 September; however, a request has been made for an earlier meeting to complete the co-option process. Please check the notice board periodically for updates on this.

On a positive note, we have applications from three residents who are still willing to join the Council, and we continue to encourage applications for the fourth vacancy. As the parish clerk remains on indefinite leave, please contact me directly if you would like to receive an application form.

With kind regards, **Cllr John Luckock**, *Newsletter Editor* | **M:** 07814 891612 | **E:** jluckock@outlook.com

“Bureaucracy is the death of any achievement.”

- Albert Einstein -

Updates on Council Activities

Blind Entrances – Drive Carefully Signs: An initial proposal to NYC Highways was rejected over concerns surrounding insufficient verge width. A subsequent proposal was submitted with signage placed beneath the road names on Main Street and Porritt Lane. This proposal was also rejected.



Planning Application – Secure Dog Walking Park: Cllr John Luckock and Cllr Heather Phillips attended the NYC Planning Committee meeting on 11 July 2024. Both councillors presented the objections of the community regarding this application. By a majority vote of the NYC Planning Committee, the application was refused.

Frequency of Bus Service (East Yorkshire 128): Cllr Heather Phillips has advised that plans are in place to increase the frequency of the bus service, as part of a larger transportation scheme, and that this should take effect in the next one to two months.

Still on the Agenda

There are some important items still on the agenda for consideration once the Council resumes normal business:

New Website – To provide a welcoming environment for public participation, timely updates to keep the public informed of upcoming meetings and events, improved financial transparency on the budget and expenditures, and to provide useful information regarding community resources and services.

Publication of Supporting Documents – To publish supporting documents with meeting agendas in order to provide sufficient and timely information to members of the public ahead of council meetings. This would exclude matters that are identified as confidential.

Maintenance of Benches & Planter Boxes – Following up on the village walkabout on 13 April, to approve funding for jet-washing of all public benches, and for painting of wooden benches and planter boxes. A volunteer day will be organized to take care of the painting.

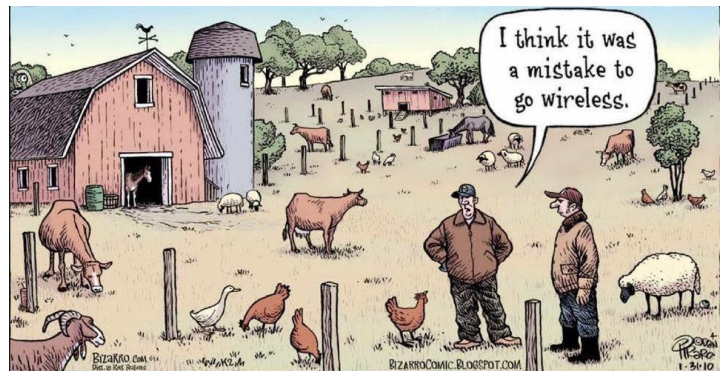
Congratulations



To our North Yorkshire athletes, and all of **TEAM GB**, for their outstanding performance at the 2024 Olympics in Paris. Team GB finished in seventh place with 14 Gold medals and a total count of 65 medals, the third highest behind the USA and China. Next up are the Paralympic Games, held from 28 August to 8 September.

Friendly Reminders & Something to Make You Laugh

- **Nettles** have been noticed protruding onto the pavement from overgrown hedgerows at the west end of Main Street. Please be careful when walking in this area, particularly with children.
- **Speeding** in the village continues to be a concern. Please drive with caution as there are more pedestrians and children playing outside during this period of nice weather.
- **Parking** on Main Street is creating difficulties for residents pulling out of their driveways. Please park your cars and work vehicles with consideration for others, and on your own driveways if possible.



Something to Contribute to the Newsletter?

If you have something you would like to have mentioned in the Newsletter, such as an upcoming event, fundraiser or simply something of interest, please email the Newsletter Editor. Items may be submitted up until 14 October, for the next Newsletter which will be published on 19 October.

We hope to see you at the next Council Meeting. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.