

Newsletter from Irton Parish Council

October 2024



DEAR RESIDENTS

I am pleased to inform you that following our meeting of September 16th, we have three new Councillors and are now able to continue with the normal business of the Council. Please join me in welcoming Cllrs Charlene Joyce, Shelley Luckock and Denise Palmer-Jenkinson. There is still one vacancy remaining for Councillor and we encourage residents to apply. Another significant change is that our new website is now online at:

irtonparishcouncil.org.uk

Email: clerk@irtonparishcouncil.co.uk

The Newsletter will now be posted on the website and will also be available by email. If you have not signed up yet for this service, you may do so on the website. Hand delivery will now be discontinued except for those that have requested it. If you do not have computer access and would like to receive a hand delivered copy of the Newsletter, please contact me at 07814 891612.

I hope you enjoy the new website, and this Newsletter, and look forward to seeing you at our next Council Meeting on **Monday, November 18th**. All residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

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

“Perseverance, secret of all triumphs.”

- Victor Hugo -

About Our New Website

We hope that our new website is welcoming, encourages community involvement, and provides up to date information about the administration of our Council. The website is optimised for viewing with a smartphone, in addition to the use of a computer. Some of the new features include:

Newsletter - available online or sign up to receive a copy by email.

Councillors - full details of all Councillors so you can contact them easily.

Meetings - full listing of meeting dates so you can plan in advance to attend.

Agendas - available online with **Supporting Documents** or sign up to receive a copy by email.

Governance - all documents, policies, and procedures up to date and available online.

Finance - improved transparency including **Budget and Reserves**.

Community Resources - useful information and web links, including the latest local **Police Report**.

The website will be continually evolving. Visit the website at irtonparishcouncil.org.uk and let us know what you think. Comments and suggestions are always welcome.

We Are Hiring

The Council is hiring for the role of **Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer**. This is a part-time position of 20 hours per month, working from home except for attendance at Council meetings, with a pay rate of £15/hour. A detailed job posting is available on the Council Notice Board and our website. Residents are encouraged to apply by submitting a Cover Letter and CV by email to clerk@irtonparishcouncil.co.uk. Applications are being accepted until Friday, October 25th.

What We Are Working On

Hedges Trimming - There are several areas in the village where hedges, weeds and roots are protruding onto the pavement, making it difficult for pedestrians. Notices will be provided to the property owners kindly requesting assistance to resolve this issue. Update to be provided at our next Council meeting.

Litter Bin on Ayton Road Layby - We have contacted North Yorkshire Council requesting a litter bin be placed in the layby. We may have to pay for the installation and waste collection service, which we will take into consideration when developing the budget for next year. Update to be provided at our next Council meeting.

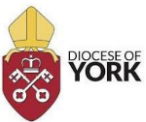
Public Benches and Planters - We are receiving quotes for pressure washing the public benches, ahead of our plan to water seal the wooden benches and paint the planter boxes. An update to be provided at the next Council meeting, with an increase in the approved budget for this maintenance.

2025-2026 Budget - The draft budget will be prepared and presented for approval at our meeting in January. We are seeking input from residents for new items to be considered, such as a civic pride "village centerpiece" project. Please attend our next Council meeting or contact one of the Councillors if you have any suggestions.

Congratulations



To all our North Yorkshire athletes, and all of **TEAM GB**, for their outstanding performance at the 2024 Paralympics in Paris. Team GB finished in second place behind China, with 49 Gold medals and a total count of 124 medals.



To **Reverend Claire Soderman** upon her Collation and Induction at St Martin's Church, Seamer on Monday 7th October. Welcome to the community!

Friendly Reminders & Something to Make You Laugh

- **Drive Carefully** in the village and be aware of blind entrances.
- **Pick Up After Your Dog** and use the waste bins provided.
- **Wear Visible Clothing** at night when walking on village roads.

Something to Contribute to the Newsletter?

Items may be submitted up until December 9th, for the next Newsletter which will be published on December 14th.

