Newsletter from Irton Parish Council

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DEAR RESIDENTS

This is the first issue of a **Newsletter** from your parish council, and we hope it will provide you with useful information in between the bimonthly parish council meetings.

We hope to include updates on council activities, current issues, upcoming events, volunteer opportunities, and items from residents that you wish to share within the community. Please feel free to email me to submit any items you have (Birthdays, Anniversaries, Accomplishments, Fundraisers, Advice, Concerns, Points of Interest, Etc.). Pictures are most welcome. Our publication schedule for this council year (2024-2025) will be as follows:

Issue	Deadline for Submissions	Publication Date
Jun 2024	Mon, 10 June 2024	Sat, 15 June 2024
Aug 2024	Mon, 12 August 2024	Sat, 17 August 2024
Oct 2024	Mon, 14 October 2024	Sat, 19 October 2024
Dec 2024	Mon, 09 December 2024	Sat, 14 December 2024
Feb 2025	Mon, 10 February 2025	Sat, 15 February 2025

Going forward, the Newsletter will be posted on our website at (**irton.parish-council.com**). If you wish to receive the Newsletter by email, please send me an email with your consent as indicated below:

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We hope you enjoy the Newsletter!

With kind regards,

Cllr. John Luckock

Newsletter Editor

Are you interested in becoming a Councillor?

There are currently **two vacancies** on the parish council and your participation would be much appreciated. This is a wonderful opportunity to volunteer and to influence positive change within the community. The process (called "co-option") is simple. Just complete the application form and a decision will be made at the next council meeting. Application forms are available by emailing the clerk or one of your councillors.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." - Helen Keller

Updates on Council Activities

Financial Budget: With the start of the new fiscal year, commencing 01 April 2024, a budget has been approved in the amount of £10,120. It was agreed to keep the precept, the amount collected as a portion of your council tax, unchanged from last year. This will leave a deficit of £1,010 which is to be made up from our previous year end reserves of approximately £12,500.

Drive Carefully Initiative: To address the ongoing concern of residents, a plan to install "Please Drive Carefully" signs at three locations within the village was presented to NYC Highways in January. The plan was rejected, with comments. A revised proposal has been submitted and includes an alternate option to locate the signage below street name signs rather than on speed limit signs. A further update should be available at the next council meeting.

Parish Council Website: We have started the process of updating the parish council website to provide more detailed information about the council and to encourage greater public participation at meetings. We also plan to include some community information such as parish history, local services, and useful phone numbers. Please email Cllr Luckock if you have items you would like to contribute (history, photos, local businesses, etc.).

Upcoming Events



Coffee & Warm Room (across from St Martin's Church, Seamer)

All are welcome to stop by and enjoy the hot drinks, soup, and sandwiches. This is a great opportunity to socialise with others in the community and to share common interests. Thank you to Marlene Parnell and the other volunteers for organising this.

Parish Walkabout (Saturday, 13 April 2024, 10.00am at the Ayton Road layby)

Please join us for this walkabout to inspect the condition of our council assets (benches, planter boxes, etc.). This will provide the basis for our summer maintenance activities which we hope you will also participate in.

Next Council Meeting (Monday, 20 May 2024, 7.00pm, Seamer and Irton Memorial Hall)

Please join us at this upcoming council meeting. Your input on issues is important. There is time allocated for the public to ask questions regarding items on the agenda. If you would like to have an item added to the agenda, please contact the clerk or a councillor no later than 14 days prior to the meeting date.

A Friendly Reminder

Many of us are dog owners and it's great to see people out enjoying a walk with their canine friends. For the enjoyment of all, please be sure to "pick-up" after your dog and dispose of waste in the designated bins.