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# Earswick Parish Newsletter

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## Parish Council Precept

Residents will have recently received their council tax bills for 2022/23 so this seems a good opportunity to write about the Parish precept.

The Parish precept is the council tax that the billing authority (City of York Council) collects on behalf of the Parish Council. The precept is calculated as part of the Parish Council's budget. It is the difference between the Parish Council's expenditure and its estimated income. Parish Councils do not receive any direct funding from central government and so the precept is an important part of the Parish Council's income.

At the Parish Council's meeting held in November 2021 it was agreed to set the precept at £26,342 for 2022/23. The percentage increase for Earswick Parish Council listed on your council tax bill refers to the increase paid by the council tax payer not the increase in the overall precept amount requested by the Parish Council.

For a particular Band of property (A-H) the precept amount is calculated as the precept divided by the tax base (the number of properties in that Band in the Parish as calculated by the City of York Council). For a Band G property this equates to £1.90 per week.

This much needed income allows the Parish Council to provide local residents with numerous services throughout the village such as salt bins, grass cutting, maintenance of the 30 acres of open space, trees and benches and helps to support and maintain local amenities such as the village hall, the community garden, the tennis courts, childrens' play area and the sports field.

The precept was not increased last year as many residents income had been affected by the pandemic however the Parish Council had no choice this year as the level of the precept did not cover the amount that is spent in the year with the difference being made up from our reserves.

All matters of expenditure are discussed at the Parish Council meetings which members of the public are welcome to attend and the agendas and minutes can be found on the Parish Council website: www.earswick.org

Copies of the Council's budgets and year-end accounts can be requested from the Parish Clerk.

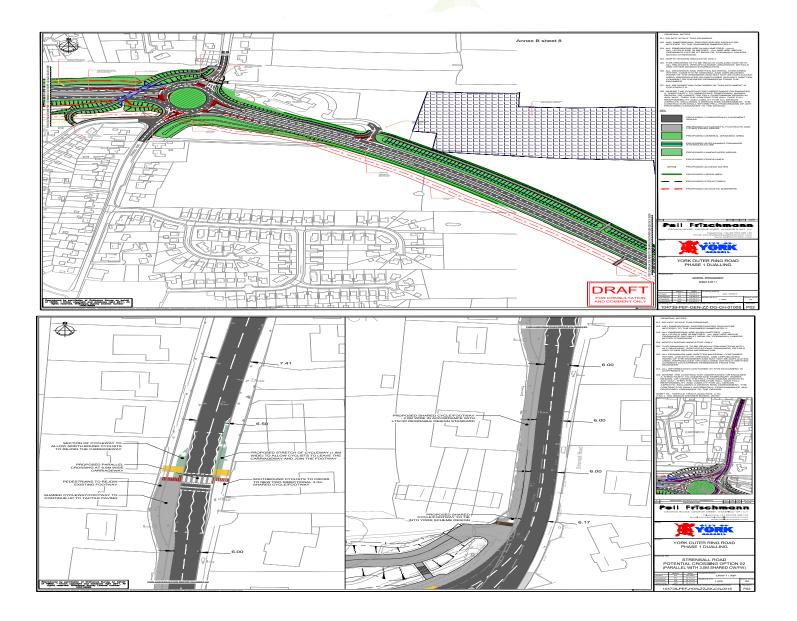
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## YORK OUTER RING ROAD UPDATE

As residents will be aware from previous newsletters, City of York Council (CYC) are proposing to construct a dual carriageway along the A1237 York Outer Ring Road between the A19 Shipton Road roundabout and Little Hopgrove junctions. The scheme includes the provision of a new road bridge over the River Foss that together with the expanded carriageway will be constructed on the Earswick side of the existing road. The work will include the re-construction of the Earswick roundabout and an underpass from Earswick to Huntington. A cycle/pedestrian crossing will also be constructed on Strensall Road approximately midway between the Ring Road roundabout and the mini roundabout near The Village junction.

CYC are aiming to submit their plans for approval in late April/early May. Find out more at www.earswick.org or www.york.gov.uk/YORR

Construction drawings of the proposed changes to the Earswick roundabout and the new crossing on Strensall Road are shown below. If residents have any concerns or queries regarding these works or wish to see larger scale maps please contact the Parish Clerk.



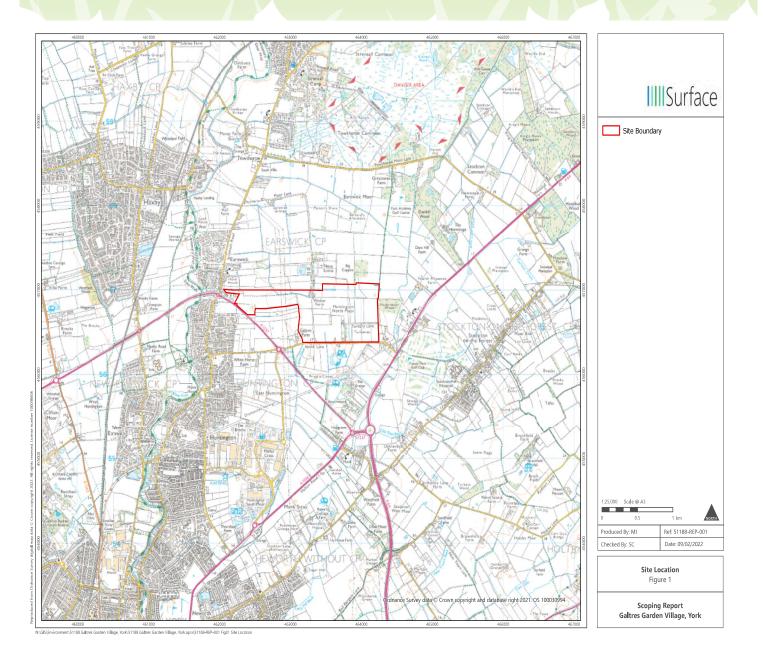
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## Galtres Garden Village

Galtres Garden Development Company are intending to submit a planning application to City of York Council to develop land to the north of North Lane, Huntington.

A plan of the extent of the development is shown below.

The proposed development is expected to comprise around 1,700 dwellings, open space, a country park, a primary school, community facilities and local retail units. Whilst the main entry points to the development are off North Lane there will be a pedestrian access from Strensall Road, Earswick. Further details can be found on the CYC planning portal reference: 22/00417/EIASP



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Coffee Mornings continue to be held each month in the Village Hall – normally on the first Monday between 10.30 and 12.00. They are relaxed and informal events hosted by members of the Parish Council and various residents. It's a chance to chat to a neighbour you may not have seen lately or a chance to meet residents from other parts of the village. Trying to put the world to rights for an hour over a cuppa is a real "feel good" factor – however short- lived!!

If you would like a lift to the Coffee Morning in the Village Hall please do get in touch with any member of the Parish Council.

Residents continue to be generous and recently have given donations to the Disasters Emergency Committee appeal for Ukraine (£140).

As ever, we welcome residents who have not been before and there is no obligation to attend every month – it is not a "club"!!

## Neighbourhood Watch

Tony Murphy and his wife Linda have taken over coordinating the Earswick Neighbourhood Watch Scheme from Kate Pace, who has left the village.

Tony and Linda have managed to get access to the national system and are now logged as the new coordinators for Earswick. If you haven't joined the national autom and used like to use on do this at users approach are used.



national system and would like to you can do this at <u>www.ourwatch.org.uk</u>. Once you have requested to join Tony and Linda can approve you as a member.

Tony and Linda live at 114, Strensall Road and can be contacted on 01904 762381.

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This year, Her Majesty The Queen becomes the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee. The Parish Council is encouraging local street communities within the village to celebrate this historic event over the "extended" weekend of Thursday 2 to Sunday 5 June 2022.

City of York Council (CYC) has launched a new page of their website with advice and guidance on ways to celebrate.

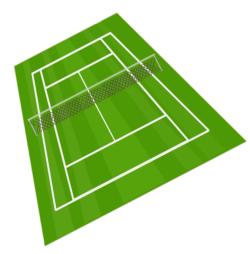
If you would like to plan a street party you will need to complete a simple form to let them know about your plans. This can be accessed at

www.york.gov.uk/YorkCelebratesJubilee

## Community Garden

Work will commence in early spring to tidy up and weed the flower borders with a view to re-opening the garden as soon as possible. Help in the garden is always welcome, no experience necessary! Contact any member of the Parish Council for details or just turn up on the first Friday of the month to meet up with other volunteers.





### Tennis Courts

Membership is open to all residents at a cost of £30 per household per year and a limited number of non-residents at £55 per year. The membership year starts on the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Application forms are available from the Earswick Parish Clerk or via the Parish Council website.

The tennis courts are a wonderful asset to the village but the cost of maintenance is beginning to outstrip the income generated from subscriptions. So if you want to see the courts maintained at the current high standard don't delay, sign up today!!!!!

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### PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

### Annual Meeting of the Parish

The Annual Meeting of the Parish will take place on Monday 30th May 2022 at 7.30pm in Earswick Village Hall.

This is not a meeting of the Parish Council but a meeting of residents to allow everyone the opportunity to raise any subject that affects the parish and which they may wish to discuss, debate and potentially influence.

Items for inclusion on the agenda must be submitted to <u>earswickclerk@aol.com</u> by 5pm on the 13th May 2022.

### Parish Council Meeting Dates in 2022

16<sup>th</sup> May, 11<sup>th</sup> July, 12<sup>th</sup> September,

21<sup>st</sup> November.

All Council meetings take place in the Village Hall at 7.30pm and are open to the public.

A public participation session also takes place between 7.15 - 7.30pm.

The Parish Council would like to express their sincere thanks to Joanne Fisher who has retired as Parish Clerk after 10 years.

#### Parish Councillors

Cllr Derek Jones – Chairman, 41 Earswick Chase – Tel: 01904 767767

Cllr Sian Wiseman – Vice Chairman, 10 Shilton Garth Close – Tel: 01904 761010

Cllr Pat Leveson – 9 Shilton Garth Close – Tel: 01904 764344

Cllr Gill Offler – 26, Stablers Walk – Tel: 01904 760898

Cllr Andrew Bell - 3, Lock House Lane – Tel: 01904 764189

Cllr Eleanor Dowsett – 10, Rowley Court – Tel: 07714827748

### Parish Clerk

Barry O'Connor – 36, The Village – Tel: 01904 766024

#### Parish Council Agendas/Minutes

The Parish Council displays the agendas before a meeting, and also publishes them along with minutes on the Council's web site. We will continue to do this but if you would **like** us to email them to you then simply ask the Clerk to add you to a mailing list.