

# **Heworth Without Parish Council** NEWSLETTER

#### September 2017

## Take the weight off



Do you think more seating is needed in **Heworth Without** Parish? If so, you're not alone. In response to the last newsletter, some residents called

for benches to be installed around the parish using the budget awarded from City of York Council. In addition, over 75 residents have signed a petition requesting a bench be installed at the bus stop on Ashley Park Bridge. The petition comes in response to local concerns about the difficulties people who have restricted mobility or health issues may experience when standing to wait for buses. The Council has responded to this local demand and a bench will be installed soon. If you feel more public seating is required, please contact the Parish Council (see below) highlighting where you feel it would be most useful.

# **Big Spring Clean Event** 2017

Volunteers, including members of the Parish Council, took part in



5th March 2017. A total of ten bags of litter was collected from the roads and hedgerows within the parish. Some of the volunteers are pictured here.

## Park life

Annual maintenance has recently been carried out at the park, and new signs fitted to help ensure the





enjoyable place for everyone. You might have also noticed that a new see-saw was installed in April. If you or your family use the park,

don't hesitate to tell the Parish Council about any ideas you may have or any problems you encounter.

#### Parking at the park

Did you know that there are two parking spaces at the front of Heworth Without Community Centre for people using the play park? For the safety of children using the park, visitors are asked to use these spaces and not park cars on the pavement in front of the park gates.

### Apply for an allotment today

Since the last newsletter, when residents were invited to apply for allotments, a number have now been snapped up. Plots remain, however, and so don't hesitate to



contact the Parish Council to reserve your space, or simply find out more.

#### Goaaaaal.... posts!

Footballers playing at Hopgrove Playing Fields on Malton Road finished the 2017 season with brand new goal posts, part-funded by Heworth Without Parish Council.

Keep up to date at www.heworthwithout.org.uk. To contact Heworth Without Parish Council, please contact the Clerk to the Council by email to clerk.hwpc@gmail.com or telephone 07410 976367. The Council meets on the third Monday each month at the Heworth Without Community Centre, 34 Applecroft Road, York YO31 0HG. If you have a matter you would like the Council to discuss, please come along – no need to pre-book, just turn up for 7pm.

#### Over to you...

The Council is currently exploring a range of matters with a view to improving services for residents, including local bus services, planting trees and improving access to Jubilee Wood. Feedback from residents is welcomed, and anyone wanting to raise a specific issue can attend a council meeting. Views are invited on the following issues:

#### End of World War I Centenary

Next year will mark the centenary of the end of the First World War when acts of remembrance will be held across the world. The Council would like to know whether residents feel that the centenary be marked in Heworth Without Parish. Should there be an event or exhibition to honour any individuals from the Parish who were active on the front line or who may have demonstrated commitment to the cause in other ways? Should a tree be planted, a memorial erected or an event organised? Please tell us what you think.

#### A dirty business

We're a nation of animal lovers and increasing numbers of people are now dog owners. Most owners are very responsible, ensuring that they pick up after their dogs. Unfortunately, this can't be said for all owners, and dog mess on pavements is not only unpleasant, but can also present a health hazard.

The Council welcomes your suggestions on how to tackle this problem, but more importantly, residents are encouraged to report any instances of dog fouling you see. Reports can be made direct to City of York Council via their website (www.york.gov.uk).

#### Uneven footpaths and roads

There have been some improvements made to footways on Stockton Lane recently. If there are any areas of foot or roadway close to your home which you think require attention, please let the Parish Council know. The Council will then formulate a list of areas requiring attention for the next Ward Committee meeting.

## **Council news**

In January 2017 Councillor Roger Cook joined Heworth Without Parish Council. Now retired, Councillor Cook has extensive experience in plant health matters and will contribute to environmental issues such as maintaining the Stray Road



### A stone's throw away

Did you know that there is a wealth of services available just outside the parish, in Tang Hall? Tang Hall Community Centre is a hub for the local community offering a community café, Zumba and yoga classes, advice sessions and 'crafternoons' amongst other groups and activities. To find out more visit the website at

www.THCCentre.co.uk.



Wildflower Meadow and Jubilee Wood. Welcome Roger!

## Commitment to Human Rights

On 24 April 2017, the Lord Mayor of York declared York as the first human rights city in the UK. This demonstrates a clear commitment to treating everyone equally, with fairness, dignity and respect and City of York Council is committed to work towards this objective. Heworth Without Parish Council upholds the Lord Mayor's commitment

made on behalf of the City, and is pleased to confirm that it too upholds these principles, striving to champion the Parish and make it vibrant, diverse, fair and safe for everyone.



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