

Ingleby, Arncliffe and Cross Parish Council

VENETIA Bell has been busy recruiting many people to help with the parish plan. A meeting of people interested will be held possibly in January, to take this forward.

The parish council is pleased that so many people have expressed an interest.

Agenda for meetings - There is a copy on the village notice boards but it is now being emailed to anyone who has the parish newsletter emailed to them.

The application for the new precept is to be submitted in January.

Housing - Amanda Madden from Hambleton District Council gave an update on the survey carried out to ascertain whether there was any requirement for affordable housing in the village.

A total of 150 questionnaires were distributed around the village. Sixty were returned.

Of these, 21 were identified with possible housing needs at this time. Ms Madden once again explained all the conditions relating to affordable housing. She an-

swered many questions from villagers present. The survey results will be circulated to all parish residents.

Diamond jubilee - There has been interest from various village organisations regarding the Queen's diamond jubilee next year. There will be more discussions in the New Year. The parish council feels that this occasion should be celebrated.

Parish website - Linda Smith, who had taken on the role of updating the website, has resigned as a parish councillor. The council would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in keeping the website up to date.

There is now a vacancy on the council if anyone is interested in applying.

Planning - Cherry Tree Cottage, Ingleby Cross: This was updated recently and the "Old Laundry" at the rear converted into a new dwelling with the proviso that it is occupied only by family members of whoever is living in Cherry Tree Cottage.

The owners are now seeking to change this into a completely separate dwelling

with its own driveway and garage.

The owners of Cherry Tree Cottage are applying to put in a driveway and single garage alongside the access to Dougall Cottage.

Arncliffe House: A new set of plans have been submitted by Richard Birch detailing the house as it is at present. He has built the house with planning permission but not as the plans that were originally passed.

He has now applied for permission to put in a bedroom and en-suite in the attic (already in place) and a sun room at the rear of the kitchen (foundations already in).

The original consent stated that the roofline must match existing properties, but is now about 5ft higher than surrounding properties.

The property is now a three-storey property, not two as in the original plans. It was felt that this was not acceptable.

Next meeting - Wednesday, January 18, at 7.30pm.

mation on... who, according to local legend, killed a serpent in its lair at Handale.

In 1830, a coffin was found with a sword and the words "Snake slayer" carved in the lid. The skeleton inside was holding a 4ft-long sword and is believed to be Scaw himself.

Barry Hearsey, the National Park Authority's building conservation officer, said: "Handale Abbey Walled Garden is a real hidden gem and I am delighted that we have been able to prevent the loss of this unique and important piece of local heritage."

"Thanks must go to George Blair, the owner, who has given his permission to create public access to the site and has also helped with the repair work."

