

## Ingleby Arncliffe Parish Council

**NEIGHBOURHOOD Watch:** Several properties in surrounding villages have been broken into.

Thieves used implements left lying around to break windows etc. The police have advised not to leave anything lying around and also leave a light on when leaving your property empty even for a short while.

**Recreation Area:** This has had its annual inspection at the cost of £55. It was suggested that more bark chippings are applied. This is to be done when there will be a volunteer work party on Sunday, November 15 from 10.00am to cut hedges and do some general tidying up. Volunteers please.

**Parking at War Memorial:** This has become a nuisance again and damaging the area surrounding. No Parking Notices are to be put on the grass.

**Matters arising**

**Remembrance Sunday:** There will be a service of remembrance in All Saints Church at 9am followed by the Act of Remembrance at the war memorial at 10.00am. There will be tea/coffee & bacon butties served afterwards in the village hall from 10.30am to 11.30am.

Proceeds to be shared between the village hall and The Royal British Legion.

**Street Lighting:** A resident from Ingleby Cross was asking if the Parish Council (PC) could talk to HDC regarding the time the lights went out. HDC advised that he should speak to the PC about it. Councillor David Hugill said that there was no chance of HDC reversing the decision to cut lighting times. He suggested that the PC look into the possibility of a grant to install a few lights that come on if anyone is loitering around the area. Some lights do remain on overnight in areas where there needs to be visibility.

**Footpath Notices:** The PC received a letter from Andy Brown re Rights of Way. There is no change to our paths and our existing rights of way.

**Stokesley Community Plan:** We completed a questionnaire regarding this and what we would like to see in the future. The cycleway between Stokesley & Great Ayton is going ahead.

**Neighbourhood Plan:** Members of the PC had a good meeting with NYMNP and HDC. Although several villages have started, none of them have yet completed a plan.

As HDC are working on a new locality plan which will affect our area and cover a lot of the work we will need to complete, the parish council were advised to wait until this work is done before starting our own Neighbourhood Plan. This would be around March/April. Anyone wishing to help with the plan would be most welcome.

**Finance:** Money available to make the PC more transparent.

It was suggested that grants could be used to get the website up and running again.

**Planning:** Planning permission for an agricultural workers cottage at Cockbush Hall Farm.

There were no objections.

**Chairman:** The chairman of the Parish Council Les Sutton-Haigh resigned from the chair and from the PC due to extra commitments with voluntary work with junior footballers in Northallerton.

**Date of next meeting:** Thursday, November 19 at 7.30pm



## Pupils become gourmet chefs

**CHILDREN** at a Dales school received professional help to prepare and serve a gourmet three-course meal. Young chefs from Middleham Primary School spent the day at Fairhurst's Bistro in the Key Centre creating culinary delights for special guests. Having spent the previous month planning and preparing their meal, the children were assisted by bistro owners Sue and Guy Fairhurst. In preparation, Mrs Fairhurst took the children out forag-

ing and on a visit to Bolton Castle where they received a gift of wild boar, which was incorporated into the meal's main course. Prior to the big day the children had practised serving the regulars at the Key Centre's lunch club. The day's offerings commenced with a nettle soup taster, followed by a choice of vegetable soup or melon. Mains were chicken and leek pie, wild boar, and vegetarian autumn pie. Offerings for desert were either fresh fruit

salad or autumn crumble. The 58 invited guests included mayor of Middleham Tammi Tolhurst. They made a contribution of £425 to the school's chosen charity Mary's Meals, which provides meals abroad for children who would otherwise go hungry. Head Jo Dobbs said: "The donation combined with our harvest silent auction will be fund matched by the government, meaning the charity will receive £1,300. This will feed 107 children for a year."

## Forces hit back over lack of black officers

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TWO of the region's police forces have hit back after being criticised by the home secretary for not employing any black officers.

Durham and North Yorkshire police were among four in the country highlighted by Theresa May during a speech to the National Black Police Association on Thursday.

Latest Home Office figures show no British force has a black and minority ethnic representation in line with the local population and four forces – Durham, North Yorkshire, Cheshire and Dyfed-Powys – have no black officers.

Mrs May said: "Incredibly, four forces do not employ any black or black-British police officers at all, and female officers make up 28 per cent of all

police officers but 51 per cent of the total population.

"This comes on top of existing statistics showing that there are only two BME chief officers in England and Wales, and 11 forces have no BME officers above chief inspector rank.

"This is simply not good enough. I hope these figures will provide chief constables with the information they need to identify areas for improvement."

The report revealed that North Yorkshire has 15 officers from an ethnic minority, all of whom are male, while Durham has 20.

Durham Police's own figures show that the force has four officers described as mixed-white and black Caribbean, but none categorised as black or black British-Caribbean.

Durham Constabulary Dep-

uty Chief Constable Steve Watson said: "In sustaining our excellent service to our communities we absolutely embrace and recognise the talent and potential of a diverse workforce.

"We consistently challenge ourselves to ensure that we remain an inclusive, modern and forward-looking organisation."

North Yorkshire's Deputy Chief Constable Tim Madgwick said past recruitment campaigns had targeted minority groups, and had extended into neighbouring counties.

"We have also developed an action plan with the College of Policing to address the recruitment of ethnic minority officers in the future.

"Recruitment in North Yorkshire has several challenges including its small black population and the geographical size of the county."

## Newton le Willows Parish Council

THE Parish Council met on October 20 when four councillors, the clerk and two members of the public were present.

The suggestion of a system of traffic management under Station Road bridge had been rejected by NYCC, despite police support.

The clerk will write to the council again to ask that they reconsider the idea.

A report, identifying necessary improvements to footpaths in the area had been sent to the Rights of Way Officer at NYCC who had said that they would be investigated.

The proposal for a feasibility study for a renewable energy project had been approved and a grant of £18,400 will be made to the parish council.

Progress on the project will be discussed with the council's renewable energy consultant. No request had been made for an election to fill the vacancy on the council so the Parish Council is now free to co-opt a councillor.

Applications will be sought in the next issue of Newton News and a notice placed on village noticeboards. A job description for the forthcoming vacancy of parish council clerk had been circulated and an advert for the post will also be put in the November Newton News. Matters to be considered at the next meeting will include the Precept, the parish council vacancy, The Wheatshaf, the renewable energy project, the Lower Wensleydale Area Partnership and the Village Hall Trustee's report.

The next meetings will be held on Wednesday, November 25, and Tuesday, January 5, both at 6pm in the village hall.

## A1 bridges ready for demolition

EIGHT bridges crossing the A1 in North Yorkshire are set to be demolished as part of the Leeming to Barton motorway upgrade scheme.

The bridges to be demolished include Catterick South, Tunstall Road, Fort, Brompton South, Brompton North, the redundant Catterick Railway and Kneeton Hall.

A team of 40 people, including 30 staff from Shildon-based PTS Demolition & Dismantling and its network of suppliers and subcontractors, is expected to start work on the complex demolition project next year. All waste generated during the demolition process will be recycled.

The demolition of the bridges will enable the widening of the road, which is currently the narrowest section of the A1 between London and Edinburgh, to form a three-lane motorway, replacing the existing dual carriageway.

Dave Gauja, managing director of PTS, said the scheme is an unprecedented demolition project in the region.

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