

Village News



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Winter 2011

The parish council wishes all residents and friends of North Ferriby a very merry Christmas and a happy, healthy and peaceful 2012

Winter Weather

This time last year we were knee-deep in snow in one of the worst winters in many years. Fingers crossed that we will continue with the mild weather that has been a recent feature. If we do get snow and ice this year please understand that it is very difficult for the Parish Council to fight the elements, however we are better placed to combat the situation much quicker this year.

We still have grit stock-piled from last winter and have installed two new grit boxes. We increased our budget by £2000 to ensure that we can respond immediately if we need to purchase grit or pay for clearing roads and footpaths and submitted a bid to ERYC's Community Grant Scheme to supplement this money if necessary. We have arranged with Mark Richardson at Tithe Farm for his time in clearing roads if required and have drawn up a schedule of priority roads to keep the village moving. A most generous gesture last year came from one resident, Jim Hibbs of High Street, who purchased for us a grit spreader that can be used on footpaths when attached to the quad bike belonging to Tithe Farm. He considered that villagers should help each other out and contribute to village needs rather than rely on outside help which may not always be reliable. We are extremely grateful for this donation from Mr Hibbs.



We have updated our Emergency Plan but would still like to hear from any residents that would like a call from the Parish Council to check that they are okay and have everything they need. Please call Cllr John Pickering (634 355) if you wish to go on the list.

But YOU can help us - and yourselves too

Stock up with grit and rock salt for personal use now - stocks run out quickly when freezing temperatures arrive.

Avoid creating mountains of snow on footpaths or the road when you clear your drives.

Clear the snow on footpaths outside your property before it gets down trodden and turns to ice if you are able – you will only be liable for anyone falling if you have been reckless in your actions.

Use grit from the grit boxes on the footpaths and roads as required (but not on your land) and inform the Clerk if grit boxes near you get low.

Take care when driving as there may be pedestrians having to share the road with you, especially at school times

Talk to us if you have any concerns but accept our limitations as well! Check on elderly and vulnerable neighbours

Look at our website if the freeze lasts - we will post information about gritting and bin collections www.nferriby.info

Listen to Radio Humberside (95.9FM) or look at the ERYC website for school news

Lag your pipes and leave heating on low when away. Leave your loft door slightly ajar to prevent any water supplies in the roof space from freezing.

Village Hall News

Redevelopment

Following the incorporation of the surgery in the Village Hall, the Management Committee has had a steering group working on the initial stages of a further major redevelopment.

The aim is to develop the hall into a modern community centre, and the ideas have been guided by the views of users and other villagers, expressed through the Parish Plan questionnaire, public meetings and other feedback.

We will be holding an open day on **January 21st, 10 am to 12 noon** in the Village Hall to launch the project by explaining the thinking behind the plan and how we intend to proceed.



Fundraising

The Village Hall Trust has embarked on a new fundraising venture by registering with the "easyfundraising.org.uk" website. This means that every time Village Hall supporters make an on-line purchase via this website they will be putting a percentage of the purchase price into the coffers of our much-loved Hall at no cost to themselves, and helping to improve its financial position.

To support this cause you simply need to log on to <http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/northferribyvh> which will automatically select North Ferriby Village Hall Trust as your beneficiary, you then select the on-line retailer from whom you wish to make the purchase - there are thousands of them, just about anyone and everyone. A percentage of the purchase price will then be donated to the Village Hall.

Christmas is coming - buy all your Christmas presents, puddings and port in the comfort of your own home, and help this valued village institution at the same time.

Editor: note that there are other North Ferriby groups registered with easyfundraising including the Kids Club Cabin, the RDA, Primary School and Cricket Club. If you shop online it costs you nothing to support a village group or charity by going to the retailer via the easyfundraising website.

Playing Fields – Children’s Play Area

As reported the Playing Fields Committee together with the Parish Council arranged for the surface of the children’s play area at the playing fields to be replaced. Contractors have now completed the work including the complete removal and replacement of the existing surface. The new surface, which is soft and more substantial than the old surface, should improve the safety of users as it exceeds the minimum required standards.

At the time of writing work has started on replacing a large worn bearing on the children’s roundabout and hopefully this will have been completed by the time you read this. The Parish Council and the Playing Fields committee routinely arrange for the inspection and repair our play equipment to ensure that, despite the cost, it is safe for our young people to enjoy.

Despite several appeals, the Playing Field Committee has yet to secure a new Treasurer. It will be appreciated that, although the post does not involve a great deal of work, it makes it increasingly difficult for the committee to deliver benefits to residents without a Treasurer. We appeal again for some kind person, who is willing to devote an hour or two a month, to step forward and help.

East Riding Local Development Framework

Planning for new Homes & Jobs - Consultation on Core Strategy

East Riding Council has published its proposed strategy for development in the county for the next 17 years. The strategy will guide decision on planning applications, and will be accompanied by specific allocations of land for development in a further document currently under preparation.

A consultation exercise is being carried out and your views are invited. **The Core Strategy document can be consulted on the council's website or at customer service centres and libraries.**

The deadline for responses is Monday 19th December 2011. This is the last chance to comment before it goes to formal public examination next year. The strategy proposes that most development of new housing will be in the principal towns and larger rural villages. North Ferriby is not included in these, but is defined as one of several "hinterland villages" around Hull and Beverley.



No additional land will be allocated for new housing development in these areas unless proposed by Parish Councils, in order to protect the overriding priority for development and reconstruction in the main towns. However, the strategy does allow for small developments of up to five houses to be approved within the built areas of the villages provided they comply with conservation and design requirements. See the ERYC Planning web site at <http://eastriding.limehouse.co.uk/portal> or contact Forward Planning at County Hall, Beverley, telephone **01482 391739**.

Ferriby Festival 2012

Will be held from Wed. 30th May to Tues. 5th June in conjunction with the Diamond Jubilee celebrations. Contact: David Imrie 635 387 or Chris or Margaret Swindin **633 848**. More details in the next Newsletter.

Ferriby Co-op Store

Proposals have been announced to relocate the store to the rear of the car park at The Duke pub. A drop-in information session was held in late November and we hope that you saw posters that we arranged to have displayed in the village.

A formal planning application for the new 4000 sq ft store (double the existing store) has not yet been submitted to ERYC but we shall provide details on our website when an application is made.





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Our website is kept fully up to date with the latest Ferriby news and events. Keep an eye on Ferriby Diary - www.ferriby.info/ferribydiary.htm Local organisations are invited to send details of their events for inclusion on the website.

join our e-mail up-date list to receive notices by e-mailing:

web@nferriby.info

You may have noticed that our website has been showing a security warning in recent weeks. This is the second time this year that it has been hacked into and redirected to an unsafe site (this time in Russia!). Google and other search engines have displayed a warning, quite acceptably, though we do not believe that our website was unsafe in itself, but the website was taken down as a precaution. We have now resolved the situation and changed both the server provider and the domain name – please note it is now **www.nferriby.info** Hopefully this will avoid it happening again and our Webmaster, Graham Latter, has worked very hard on this for us and we are grateful for his time and effort.

Dates for your Diary

19th December – 7.30pm North Ferriby Parish Council meeting (change from the usual 4th Monday in the month)

Wednesday 21st December – 7.00pm Carols round the Lychgate with the Parish Council at All Saints Church. In the Church if weather poor, refreshments afterwards. Bring a torch or lantern

Police – Non-Emergency No. 101

The non-emergency number to contact Humberside Police is now **101**. You may wish to put this on your mobile phone or in your phone book. The old non-emergency number is disconnected. A call costs a maximum of 15p whatever the length of the call even from a mobile. In emergency you should still call **999**.

Family Safety

Christmas and times of recession can bring additional strains on families and it is a fact that there have been increases in incidences of domestic violence in the past couple of years. If you, or anyone you know, would like confidential advice about domestic violence ring **396 330**.

The protection of our children is a responsibility for all of us and if you have concerns about an infant, child or young person please ring the East Riding Council's Golden Number **395 500**.

North Ferriby Cricket Club

How would you like to resurrect your sporting career or even start from scratch? We are holding senior and junior nets at the South Hunsley Sports Centre for one hour a week on Sundays from 4.15pm, starting on the 8th of January. A grade 2 ECB qualified coach will be available to supervise the juniors and there are four nets, so there will be plenty of room.

ALL are welcome. Seniors £3 per session and juniors £2.

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