



AIRMYN PARISH COUNCIL

LATEST NEWS

JANUARY 2023

CHAIR'S INTRODUCTION:

I hope all Airmyn parishioners had a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

You may well be wondering why you have received this publication from Airmyn Parish Council? You may recall that in the article included in the Airmyn News in October 2022, the parish council gave a commitment that it would communicate and engage more frequently with its residents. This we have tried to do via the Airmyn News and our Facebook page. However, the council was conscious that it could be seen as dominating the Airmyn News, which is an excellent and informative community publication. Therefore, after consulting with Mrs Queijo and the editorial team at the Airmyn News, the parish council agreed to produce and distribute to every household a parish council specific publication in the month of January (no Airmyn News was scheduled for publication in January).

I think it is fair to say that the last six months on the parish council have been quite eventful. There have been five councillor resignations during that time and a period where the council was not quorate. Fortunately, five residents applied and were subsequently co-opted onto the council. For information, your Airmyn Parish Councillors are included within this newsletter. There are even photographs to allow you to familiarise yourself with your representatives.

Despite only being in place for five months, the current crop of parish councillors, in my personal opinion, are possessed of a remarkable and diverse range of experience, skills and aptitudes which, collectively, make Airmyn Parish Council an effective and dynamic organisation which is starting to do much good for the residents of Airmyn in many different aspects of village life.

However, all the parish councillors have been co-opted onto the council. Parish Councils are permitted to exercise the power to co-opt a person onto the Council to fill a casual vacancy when the requirements to hold an election have not been met (i.e. the vacancy has been the subject of a public notice and less than 10 registered electors have requested an election by a deadline date specified by East Riding of Yorkshire Council Returning Officer). I firmly believe that the ideal objective is for every parish and town councillor to be elected by way of receiving the most votes at an election. This gives the council a mandate to say they have been elected by, and empowered to make decisions on behalf of the local residents.

A separate article is included on the forthcoming election.

We have now completed our budget setting for 2023-24 and despite a very challenging economic climate we are pleased that we were able to balance our budget. This means that Airmyn taxpayers will not see an increase to the proportion of their Council Tax collected for Airmyn over the next year. An article on the budget is included within this newsletter.

The parish council is looking to re-establish community events within the parish. This year, the Kings Coronation will be celebrated, as well as Bonfire Night. Airmyn is blessed to have a fantastic village hall in the heart of its community. Consequently, the council is, in association with Airmyn Community Association, exploring the possibility of community events being held from the Memorial Hall. Further details will follow in due course.

We hope you find this newsletter interesting and informative.

Matthew Nundy

Chair, Airmyn Parish Council



Do you want to make a difference to your community and be a voice for the residents of Airmyn parish?

Are **you** passionate about improving the lives of those living in the village? Why not become a Councillor and join Airmyn Parish Council.

Councillors are people who give their time to serve others and get involved with issues concerning the village. As a local councillor you can become a voice for your community and make real change. Local councillor responsibilities fall into three main categories:

- Decision-making
- Monitoring
- Getting involved locally

Local councillors attend to local needs of residents, local groups and businesses, make decisions on local services, collaborate with East Riding of Yorkshire Council to adhere to local needs, and progress vital projects to invest in the future of the community.

In the past Airmyn Parish Council has partnered with the community to organise the Jubilee Celebrations, maintain the play area, coordinated support for residents during the pandemic, initiated improvements in the village as well as advocating to East Riding of Yorkshire Council about transport issues, housing concerns and much more. Why not get involved? There are currently two positions vacant on the Parish Council.

On 4th May 2023 there will be elections to elect the new Parish Council and you could stand and join the Parish Council!

Do you know someone who cares about their local community? Why not encourage them to stand for election on 4th May 2023.

To be a Parish Councillor you must:

1. Be a British Citizen or Citizen of the Commonwealth or European Union
2. Be 18 years or older on the day you are nominated for election.
3. For the whole 12 months prior to nomination for election you have been either an elector of the parish and either occupy or rent/own premises in the parish or reside within 3 miles of the boundary of the parish or have your principal or only place of work in the area.

You can obtain a nomination paper from the Parish Office or the Elections Office at East Riding of Yorkshire Council. You will need to find two people to nominate you.

If you have any questions about what being a Councillor involves, what the Parish Council does or any questions about the nomination process please contact the Clerk on 01405 947117 , email airmynpc@gmail.com or come into the Parish Office.

Welcome to Kirsten

Airmyn Parish Council are very pleased to welcome Kirsten Staward as our newest Parish Councillor. This brings the number of councillors up to seven, but there are still two vacancies, so please contact airmynpc@gmail.com if you are interested in joining us, or feel free to contact any of your friendly, neighbourhood councillors directly.

INTRODUCING YOUR COUNCILLORS...



Councillor Carl Goddard



Councillor Andy Jackson

Vice-Chair



Councillor Ruth Lowe



Councillor StJohn Meyers



Councillor Matthew Nundy

Chair



Councillor Kirsten Staward



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The scoop of the day...



Please clean up
after your dog

Dog Fouling

It has been brought to the attention of the parish council that there has been an increase in dog fouling throughout the village. Please can all parishioners and visitors ensure that they clean up after their dog(s) and continue to keep our pavements and green spaces safe and pleasant for the whole community to enjoy? Dog waste can be disposed of in the black ERYC bins along the high street. If you would like to report an offender, please ring the dog warden. Tel: (01482) 393939 or contact the streetscene team to report a littering offence or to report a full litter bin. Tel: (01482) 393939 Reports can also be made through the council's website at www.eastriding.gov.uk.



Footpath Works

Airmyn Parish Council are aware of the deterioration of the footpath surface in the far kissing-gate at the Clock Tower entrance to the riverbank. The issue was raised with ERYC at the beginning of December 2022 and will be followed up in January 2023, to ensure suitable action is taken.



Airmyn Neighbourhood Watch:

The next meeting will be held on Monday 30th January at 7pm, upstairs in Airmyn Memorial Hall.

Come along to meet the team, new members welcome.

Community Speed Watch Update:



Airmyn continues to be a member of Community Speed Watch, an initiative introduced by the Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner. Community Speed Watch allows residents, particularly those in rural communities, to become police-trained volunteers monitoring vehicle speeds in their communities, with the aim of changing the behaviour of some road users who drive above the speed limit through small towns and villages.

Airmyn is fortunate to have 12 trained volunteers, who can regularly be seen in various locations in the village monitoring the speed of passing vehicles. The Parish Council wishes to place on record its thanks to the twelve volunteers for enforcing the speed limit in the village.

Statistics collated by the volunteers reinforce the perception that some motorists do speed through the village, with one motorist recorded travelling at 49 mph.

The Parish Council is aware that residents who live at 'White City' are understandably concerned about the speed of vehicles passing their homes. Our Parish Clerk has been in dialogue with Humberside Police, seeking permission to include 'White City' in the Community Speed Watch programme. However, the council was informed that Community Speed Watch can only operate in areas with a speed limit of 30 mph or 40 mph. Whilst this is disappointing, the Parish Council will continue to liaise with Humberside Police to explore options to ensure the speed limit on the road is monitored and enforced (where necessary).

Defibrillators:

Airmyn is fortunate to have three defibrillators in the village; two at the Memorial Hall and one at the residential home on the High Street.

A defibrillator (or AED) is a device that gives high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest and can help to save a life. After a cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) and defibrillation reduces someone's chance of survival by 10 per cent.

No formal training is necessary for using them. In the event of an emergency **CALL 999**, if you do not already know where the defibrillator is located, the ambulance service will direct you. The defibrillator itself is a fully mobile unit, which is kept inside a heated cabinet to ensure that it is kept in full working order. Remove the defibrillator from the cabinet. When the defibrillator is opened, full instructions are given, both spoken and with diagrams.

Do not worry, it will not allow you to hurt the patient, but you may save a life!

For more information on Public Access Defibrillators please click on the British Heart Foundation link <https://www.bhf.org.uk/how-you-can-help/how-to-save-a-life/defibrillators>

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...The devices are inspected regularly by local resident Sylvia Scott to ensure that, if the need arises, they are working perfectly. The parish council has, following advice from Mrs Scott, purchased new pads to ensure that they are fit for purpose. The parish council thanks Mrs Scott for her diligence in monitoring the defibrillators.

The parish council, in 2022, funded a defibrillator training session for local residents. If there is enough interest, the council would happily provide another training course for parishioners.



What is the precept and how is it calculated?

The process of calculating how much of our Council tax is allocated to the local council (in our case Airmyn Parish Council) may not be obvious.

There are essentially two parts: the local council sets a budget (which is only lawful when approval is voted for by a majority of Councillors), and the rating authority – in our case East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) – assesses the 'tax base figure', which is the quantity of properties in the parish contributing the equivalent of Band D Council Tax contributions.

The parish council and the Parish Clerk (who is our Financial Officer) gather together estimates for items such as suggestions from local residents and councillors, legal requirements, recent experiences, proposed new projects, anticipated necessary maintenance, as well as estimated of both earmarked and general reserves. We then use the previous year's budget and spending and our best estimates of what else is anticipated, to propose a budget for the following year.

For 2023-24 this process was considered by the council at an extra-ordinary meeting in December 2022. The entire budget was scrutinised line item by line item, culminating in the parish council agreeing the budget, which is included below.

For 2023-24, our budget included an expenditure of £26,303. This is slightly over the 2022-23 budget of £26,250. However, to ensure that there was a zero percent increase on the council tax council submitted to ERYC, the Clerk submitted a precept requirement of £26,250 (the balance between the precept requirement and the proposed budget will be met from our parish council reserves).

Meanwhile ERYC calculate the number of houses in Airmyn Parish and adjust them firstly to get the equivalent number of Band D dwellings. There is a UK fixed ratio of Council Tax payable in ratio to those for the average, Band D dwelling – ranging from 67% of a Band D for the least valuable Band A up to 200% for the most valuable Band H. Then ERYC make adjustments, subtracting for those exempt or paying reduced Council Tax. Obviously this is a best estimate for the year to come.

For 2023-24, ERYC set the tax base for Airmyn Parish as 297.7 Band D equivalents. This tax base figure was released by ERYC just before our December extra-ordinary Parish Council meeting so it was not until then that we could know the rate per household.

The parish council agreed, for the second year running, to a zero percent increase on the council tax. Therefore, local residents will continue to pay £87.94 per annum for a Band D property in the parish.

However, we may all see our council tax bills increase due to East Riding of Yorkshire Council, Humberside Fire and Rescue Service and the Police and Crime Commissioner (who collectively with Airmyn Parish Council make up the council tax bill) potentially agreeing an increase in their respective precept.

Precept Calculations:

	2023/24 budget	NOTES FOR ACTUAL COSTS
Insurance Premium	£1,000.00	Airmyn Parish Council insurance premium (2022-23 cost £996.77)
Insurance excess	£250.00	
Xmas Tree	£100.00	
Drainage Rates	£5.00	Internal Drainage Board rates (drainage)
Grass Cutting	£6,000.00	(£5,778 grass cutting for 2022-23 with CountryWide) *
Play Area		
Inspection/upgrades/repairs	£2,000.00	Annual Inspection £179.50
Trees	£3,000.00	Forestry works (tree report by Countrywide 6 monthly tree survey due 2024)
ERYC lighting (village/clocktower)	£1,000.00	Village & Clocktower charges (car park lighting currently ACA @ £154.26)
Memberships / Subscriptions	£500.00	£35 Data Protection / £427.81 ERNLLCA
Mobile phone/internet/landline	£400.00	pre-2021 mobile phone only (internet/landline added 2021)
Clerk Salary	£7,000.00	
Stationery	£300.00	
Audit (internal & external)	£550.00	Internal Audit (Bosmans) £175 / External Audit (PKF Littlejohn) £360
Website/Tech Support	£350.00	Domain renewals / Hosting / McAfee renewal / Microsoft renewal
Office equipment	£500.00	Photocopier/Printer Lease (£97.65/qtr + usage @ approx £20/qtr)
Hire of hall for APC mtgs (annual charge)	£200.00	
Defibrillator	£200.00	Replacement pads, supplies
Contingency	£500.00	
Airmyn News	£100.00	Annual donation
NEW / SUGGESTED		
Annual Waste Collection	£300.00	
APC Meetings / Events	£1,500.00	To include King Charles III Coronation & bonfire (request resident suggestions also)
Memorial Garden	£200.00	To include upkeep / maintenance
Scribe Accounting System	£348.00	Accounts Software system
Total Proposed Spend for 2023-24	£26,303.00	<p>*The parish council informed ERYC that its precept claim for 2023-24 was £26,250.</p> <p>*The balance between the precept submission and the proposed spend will be met from parish council reserves (thus ensuring a zero per cent increase on the Airmyn Parish council tax)</p>

PLAY AREA IMPROVEMENTS:



Airmyn boasts a beautiful playing field and associated grounds that is open to all. It includes a picturesque dog walk and the children's' play area. The play area has been designed to be inspiring and inclusive for all, which does not segregate by age or ability, welcomes nature in and creates a social hub for the village. Airmyn Parish Council strives to maintain all our facilities to a high standard.

Airmyn park attracts many visitors, not only from Airmyn but surrounding villages and towns. Consequently, there has been some wear and tear to the play area, especially the areas to the sides of the slides. Therefore, the parish council has agreed to instruct a

contractor to install a bonded rubber mulch to the sides of the slides to cover the erosion as it provides a tested surface, can flow up and over mounds and gives a natural aesthetic. The type of material to be used can be seen from the photo above. Continued...

...The cost of the repair will be met from the parish council's reserves and not passed on to Airmyn parishioners.

Further discussions are being held with the contractor to improve and enhance the area surrounding the trampoline. The council will keep you informed of further developments to the playing fields and associated areas.

Trees have also been planted within the play area to, over time, provide shade to families who use the park.

Despite the parish council's efforts to maintain the playing fields and associated areas, there have been examples of vandalism to equipment within the facility, particularly litter bins, fences and the football goal posts. Due to the severity of the vandalism to the goalposts, they have been locked together as they have been risk assessed as being dangerous. It is extremely disappointing that such a well-used facility and valuable asset can be vandalised in such a mindless way.

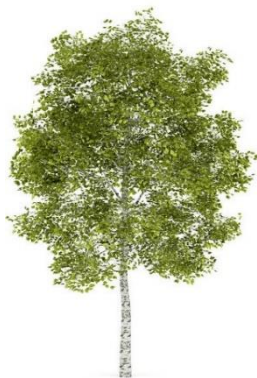
TREE PLANTING – MEMORIAL PLAYING FIELD:

A few additions have been planted in field including: 4 silver birch within the from the sunshine when they have

Along the Eastern boundary of the dog will add more beautiful autumnal colours

Additionally, along that same length of in gaps.

And lastly, adjacent to the Community Eucalyptus that will add to the splendid



recent weeks in various parts of the playing children's play area to provide a little respite matured.

walk we have planted 3 fabulous Acers that in the future.

the field we have planted 3 more Oaks to fill

orchard, we have planted a feature autumn colours we already enjoy.

AIRMYN COMMUNITY ORCHARD AND PICNIC AREA:



Residents who are familiar with our playing field will know the area to the west of the dog walk boundary fence that was dedicated as a Jubilee celebration and is planted with 10 sturdy oak saplings (one of which originated from the late Queens Estate in Sandringham). Photo of Queen Elizabeth II planting an oak tree for her Jubilee Wood.



In recent years this area has been largely unused and not maintained but now we are breathing new life into it by revealing 4 fruit trees that were planted many years ago but were largely hidden from view by nettles, thistles and Himalayan balsam and which have now been opened up and extended by a further 6 heritage mixed apple/pear trees along with 5 more blackcurrant bushes. We intend to maintain the grass area in future and install 3 picnic bench tables (along with a couple of other benches along the southern boundary fence) and an appropriate number of waste bins. It is also hoped that we can improve the surface as during winter months it is quite muddy.

“GREAT OAKS FROM SMALL ACORNS GROW”



Airmyn Parish Council

KINGS CORONATION PARTY IN THE PARK SUNDAY 7TH MAY 2023

VOLUNTEERS

NEEDED



Our intention is to hold an introductory session Wednesday 22nd February, 7pm, George Dales Room, upstairs at the Memorial Hall. Come spend an hour or so helping to generate ideas and possibly assist with the organisation and delivery of an event.

If you would like to be involved in some way, please contact our Clerk

Alison Hirst airmynpc@gmail.com Tel: 01405 947117 Office Hours:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday 10am to 3pm - OR -

Clr Ruth Lowe lowe.ruth@yahoo.co.uk



Airmyn Parish Council
looking after your community

Airmyn Parish Council meet on the **second Wednesday of the month**, upstairs in the Memorial Hall.

Next meeting to be held on

[Wednesday 8th February at 7pm](#)

Members of the public Welcome



CALL FOR LOCAL ARTISTIC TALENT

"Are there any budding artists or photographers in Airmyn? Many residents remarked on the watercolour painting of Airmyn Clocktower in the December Newsletter and we'd like to carry this as a regular festive feature so grab your brushes, paints, easels and camera's and send us your creations. Open to all age groups!" Please contact the Clerk for more details.

AIRMYN EMERGENCY TEAM:

The Parish Council would like to look into resurrecting the Emergency Plan Team.

In the event of an emergency, the team are an invaluable resource for our village to coordinate help for vulnerable members of our community and liaise with emergency services.

Whether it may be flooding as we saw in 2015, motorway closures or the more recent Covid-19 lockdown crisis, an Emergency Team of volunteers is an asset to our village.

Please get in touch with the APC Clerk if you would be willing to get involved, or if you have previously volunteered and have an 'Emergency Box' in your care.

FLOODING:

The Parish Council are aware of the problem with flooding at Boothferry Bridge roundabout when there is heavy rainfall.

This was raised by councillors in November and has since been reported to the Highways Maintenance team and discussed again in January.

The Clerk has also reported the issue in the hope to add more pressure for Highways to take more effective corrective action.

OPEN ACCESS:

For many years walkers and dog walkers have enjoyed open access to the cricket field from the Percy Arms until 4/5 years ago the cricket team ceased and villagers were prevented from using this previously enjoyed open access (the attached map details the location/route in question). There are ways of ensuring open access is reinstated should sufficient members of the community wish your Parish Council to pursue such action, however, it can only be done if enough villagers are prepared to indicate their feelings by completing a form. For further information, please speak to any of the Parish Councillors (contact details can be found at [The Councillors \(airmynparishcouncil.org.uk\)](http://TheCouncillors.airmynparishcouncil.org.uk) or alternatively, contact the Clerk at airmynpc@gmail.com and a form will be delivered to you for completion

Path shown in red from Percy Arms car park, through the old cricket field and onto Parsons Lane.



Keeping you informed

Riverbank Stabilisation at Airmyn

November 2022

This newsletter provides you with key information and updates about the ongoing riverbank stabilisation work in Airmyn.

Reason for the works

The Environment Agency has identified the need to stabilise and protect the bank of the River Aire in front of the existing flood defences in Airmyn.

The stabilisation work will help to maintain the current standard of flood risk protection offered by the defence into the future.

The works

The works to stabilise the foreshore in Airmyn consist of driving a sheet pile into the toe of the riverbank to prevent slips of the riverbank, followed by the placement of stone on the riverbank itself to prevent future erosion. The stone will not be placed to the top of the riverbank, leaving the top of the riverbank bare and maintaining the existing intertidal mud habitat and biodiversity.

The image below shows a typical cross section of the works.



The initial plan was to carry out stabilisation work within the five areas along the riverbank in front of the existing flood defence in Airmyn.

Piling works on the five areas commenced in the summer, however, monitoring surveys have since confirmed the need to carry out the same process within the 4 in-fill areas as well. So, the full length of river stabilisation work will now take place along the full river frontage, as indicated by the red area in the plan below.



Alongside the stabilisation work, signs have been installed on the riverbank, identifying that there are underwater obstructions.

The lead Contractor on the project is BAM Nuttall and they will be using specialist suppliers to support delivery of the works.

Programme of works and duration

The approvals have now been granted to complete all of the works for the full length of the scheme. The aim is to now complete the piling works this year and commence placing

stone next year. Reinstatement will then conclude the works and the project should be completed on site by late spring 2023, which is a delay to allow for the additional works.

Working hours will continue to be restricted from 6am to 6pm, Monday to Friday. Work will be planned around the tide times and will only be carried out in daylight hours.

Methodology

Works will primarily be carried out by boat. This includes both the sheet piling and placement of protective stone. The original plan was to moor the boats in Airmyn during the week and return them to Google Docks at the weekend. Bootherry Bridge, however, is undergoing essential repair works, so the plan now is to keep the boats moored in Airmyn and reduce the river journeys as much as possible to avoid delays and disturbance to the bridge works. The boats will continue to be staffed 24 hours a day, including when not in use.

The compound was established in Airmyn in the summer and consists of a temporary road, crane pad and storage area, as well as welfare cabins and an office for the delivery team.

The compound location is outlined in red on the below image. The compound will have 24-hour security and other than personnel changeover, access to the compound will only be during the agreed working hours.



Impact during works

For the duration of the works the Public Right of Way (PROW), which runs along the existing flood defence (Airmyn footpath no. 4), will be diverted. This is to ensure the safety of members of the public whilst work is being carried out.

The PROW diversion will now need to extend to the end of the works next summer.

Access to the riverbank will continue to be restricted for the length of the closure. These restrictions will be in place for the duration of the works and includes those properties which have access directly to the riverbank. Details of the closure and diversion can be seen on the plan below:



Whilst most of the work will be carried out from the river, there will be some vehicle movements associated with the works. On occasion, this will include a mobile crane travelling to and from the site, to load materials onto the boats. There will also be some HGV deliveries, most significantly when the compound is being removed and reinstated next summer. This period will include a short time when traffic lights will be required to manage traffic flow along High Street.

Due to the nature of the works, there will be some noise and vibration from site activities but these will be measured and managed appropriately by the site team. A telephone number is available on the site signage, for anyone wishing to find out more or raise any concerns.

There will inevitably be some short-term visual impacts during the works. However, all areas will be reinstated afterwards.

Contact

If you require any further information, you can contact the Lower Aire Team by calling our general enquiries number 03708 506 506 or via emailing us at:

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