



# Addingham Parish Council

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## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2016

### A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR



It is a while since we published a newsletter, and we have a lot to tell you about our work in recent months. Last year was a particularly busy time for the village, as, aside from the annual

events traditionally celebrated, we welcomed the Tour de Yorkshire (and a special visitor) in May, following on from the huge success of The Tour de France in 2014. We continue to provide a full range of services that matter in our community – allotments, recreation facilities, public toilets, street cleansing and village maintenance – as well as support for the many groups and voluntary organisations active in the village. We have also participated in initial consultations on the Local Plan and started the process of preparing our own Neighbourhood Plan.

I would like to extend a thank you to all who helped those affected by the December floods. It is at times such as these that the “can do” spirit of our community truly shines through. We have already carried out some initial work to investigate problems (see overleaf) and we will be meeting the agencies involved – Bradford MDC, Yorkshire Water and the Environment Agency shortly. We will keep you updated. In the meantime, please do tell us if you have any problems to report or stories to share.

### NEW PROJECTS

Extra toilets and storage facilities are being planned for use by people using the MUGA and we are in discussions regarding the refurbishment of the Library/Old School room.

Also following on from the success of the Tour De France and Tour De Yorkshire, we are working with Bradford Council to arrange to have “The Ducks” on Main Street made into a permanent fixture.

### MEET YOUR COUNCIL

The Parish Council is made up of 11 councillors, all of whom are unpaid community representatives, elected every 4 years. You can talk to any of the councillors about any issues affecting the village – their phone numbers are listed overleaf, and you’ll also find their pictures

(to help you put faces to names!) on our website: [www.addingham-pc.gov.uk](http://www.addingham-pc.gov.uk).

The Parish Council can also be contacted by emailing the Clerk:

[clerk@addingham-pc.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@addingham-pc.gov.uk)

### WHAT WE DO

The Council meets on a monthly basis, usually on the third Wednesday, in the School House (above the library), and also works through a number of specialist committees – watch out for meeting times and agenda posted on our website and on the village noticeboards. All the meetings are open to the public.

At the meetings, we plan and organise services, deal with ongoing issues and work closely with other community groups for the general welfare of the village and its surroundings. The parish clerk is largely responsible for implementing the decisions taken by the Council, and a number of councillors are active in helping to maintain and repair Council-owned land and buildings. We also employ the village lengthsman and the caretaker of the School Room.

A full list of our services can be found on our website.

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At our December meeting, we said goodbye to our outgoing Clerk, Michelle Holland. Chair, Catherine Coates, said, *"I would like to recognise the massive contribution that Michelle Holland has made to the work of the parish council these past years. She has been a real asset to the village, and will be missed by all of us."*

Michelle is replaced as Clerk by Jane Markham.



As a first step in helping to investigate the recent floods, councillors spent a damp Sunday morning inspecting the beck and culverts in the village to assess what needs to be done to clear them of debris.

## CHRISTMAS LIGHTS SWITCH-ON!

In spite of the wet weather, we had a good turnout for our Christmas Lights Switch-on in November.



## DATES FOR THE DIARY

2 March – Planning Committee  
16 March – Full Council

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