

A communication from your local Conservative councillors

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Welcome to our first newsletter of 2019.

This year will be an interesting year in national politics with Brexit on the horizon. Whatever happens nationally, we will continue to work hard for South Hunsley Ward on **local** issues. We will continue to speak on behalf of our residents, fighting for what is important to YOU. Please contact us if you have any concerns on local issues.

We are proud to have the chance to represent YOU once again at the local elections on Thursday 2nd May.
We hope that you will give us your support.

Summer of trauma for our residents

The summer of 2018 will be remembered by many of you for its long hot days giving the seemingly rare opportunity to enjoy some outdoor living. But for residents of Brickyard Cottages in North Ferriby it will be remembered for the two occasions that their properties flooded yet again after heavy but short-lived summer storms—traumatic for our residents and frustrating for us after we had been instrumental in achieving over £2m worth of flood mitigation works in recent years.



But previous experiences told both the homeowners and ourselves that the amount of rainfall should not have led to flooding of the properties and so we were keen to pursue the reason for the flooding with both the Council (ERYC) and Yorkshire Water. We were supported in the search for answers by both North Ferriby Parish Council and David Davis MP. It has subsequently transpired that the flooding was caused by the failure of two assets of Yorkshire Water which together meant that the volume of water that accumulated under the railway bridge did not start to drain away until the cottages had flooded. We are gratified that Yorkshire Water has acknowledged full liability for the incidents and is compensating affected residents, including fitting flood protection measures to each individual property. We have insisted that YW puts the area around the properties on a regular maintenance programme to keep their assets clear of debris and functioning correctly, and a flood incident report has now been produced to ensure that all lessons learnt have been put into practice.

As ward councillors we were also saddened by the death by fire of a resident of Newton Thorpe Close, Swanland. We knew that the incident was witnessed by neighbours so we sought the assistance of the Emergency Planning team at ERYC. Without hesitation both Humberside Fire & Rescue and Red Cross community support officers were asked to visit residents to lend support and to give any advice needed. Our thoughts remain with the family, friends and neighbours of the deceased gentleman.

Melton news update

Firstly, we can report that St Modwen plc is no longer the owner of **Melton Fields**. The site was acquired in November by Wykeland Group Ltd which already owns the successful MeltonWest development. Wykeland has confirmed that it will develop the site in accordance with the East Riding Local Plan, business not houses.

Welton Parish and North Ferriby Parish residents will be aware of the **multiple waste applications** for Gibson Lane, Melton that could potentially impact on all of our villages. Those planning applications came to ERYC Planning Committee in January and we were pleased to speak in support of our residents and on behalf of our parish councils. All of the waste related planning applications that were submitted in 2018 are now deferred for The Planning Inspectorate to give an opinion on whether an Environmental Impact Assessment should be requested to take account of the potential cumulative impact—this opinion was requested by North Ferriby Parish Council. Also, because of significant concerns raised by ourselves at the planning meeting, committee members have requested a visit to waste handling sites where a similar number of waste processes are dealt with. We will continue to fight these applications.



We have raised with ERYC the issue of mud on the pavement in Gibson Lane which has been deposited there by the large number of trucks exiting sites without washing their wheels. The state of the pavement was deplorable but we were pleased that ERYC undertook a clean-up operation on the following working day and has had a word with the main instigator of the problem on our behalf. If this continues we ask residents to contact us so that we can request further action.

Junction improvements on A164

We know that residents in all of our villages will be keen to see improvements to the junction of Great Gutter Lane and the A164.

Detailed design on the A164/Great Gutter Lane/Riplingham Road roundabouts scheme is now complete, and vegetation site clearance has commenced before the nesting season starts. This will be followed by the main scheme works, which will start towards the end of March with an estimated completion date of December.

No doubt this will cause some disruption to our travel plans but it has to be worth it to get rid of the junction in its current form.

A63 road safety

A tragic accident on the A63 near to South Hunsley School over the festive period will for certain raise concerns with parents in Welton whose children use the footpath alongside the carriageway to get to school. The accident is under Police investigation but we have made enquiries and there is nothing about the incident that indicates any additional hazard for pedestrians on the footway.

We also raised the need for the safety of our young people using the footpath to be born in mind by Highways England when they considered removing all lighting columns on the A63 from North Cave to the City centre. David Davis MP has also added his concerns on this issue. We are pleased that these plans have now been dropped.

Listening to your needs

One of our less mobile residents in North Ferriby contacted us about the lack of dropped kerbs in the village. We are pleased that this is now being addressed.



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Working for our residents



Melton: (see picture) We requested that graffiti be removed from the underpass. Also, that safety railings be replaced above the tunnel. This has been done but at some cost. South Hunsley School has raised the safety and cost implications of such vandalism with its students but we ask that parents and carers also discuss this with their young people.

North Ferriby: We have asked that Highways Officers consider safety aspects at the Nunburnholme Avenue crossroads. We have witnessed and also received reports of drivers travelling south failing to appreciate that they should give way. We are asking for a Give Way sign. Thankfully there have been no accidents recorded there but that gives it low priority for funding. If you have experienced an accident or a near miss we would like to hear your experience. Please contact us with details.

School Places: The number of new homes that are being built, or which will be built in the future, are of concern to families with children in our villages. We asked for a meeting with officers to look at the likely demand on our schools and we were pleased to receive assurances that, with the level of new homes that are currently in the planning stage, there will be sufficient places in both primary and secondary schools to meet demand. There may be some difficulties if children move into the area mid way through primary or secondary phase, but the normal transition rounds can accommodate all children and young people in the catchment areas that put their local school as their first choice.

Welton: We continue to make representation to try to secure the adoption of the roads on the Welton Grange development.



Dog Fouling

There has been an increase in dog fouling over the last months.
Please remember to clean up after your dogs.

Update on Swanland surgery

We, along with our councillor colleagues in Willerby, are extremely disappointed that the decision has been made to progress to a Full Business Case that will mean the pending closure of the surgeries in both Swanland and Willerby. Whilst supportive of the need to provide 21st century facilities to meet the clinical needs of patients and to expand capacity to meet the growing demand, we remain of the view that patients in both villages would be better served with the retention of a small facility in each to enable initial consultations to be undertaken closer to home for our residents.

We remain particularly concerned for the frail elderly that do not have their own transport and for whom a trip to Anlaby may be a barrier to seeking early, timely help with their conditions. We are concerned that this could result in conditions escalating and our residents putting additional pressure on the acute and ambulance services and making their own recovery more difficult.

We continue to make our case and have asked to work alongside the practice to ensure that good access to services for Swanland residents is maintained.



Tour de Yorkshire comes to the Ward

What brilliant news that the Tour de Yorkshire will come through all of our villages on Thursday 2nd May, Welton, Melton, North Ferriby and then on to Swanland. Look out for details on your parish council website to see how to make this a community event.

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- Join as a Member (£25 per year, or £5 per year if you are 22 or under)* (Cheques payable to 'Haltemprice & Howden Conservative Association' please)
- Make a Donation
- Renew my Membership of the Conservative Party

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Title <input type="text"/>	Date of birth	Home no <input type="text"/>	
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Address <input type="text"/>		Have you been a Member before <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
		Signature <input type="text"/>	

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO GET INVOLVED?

- Display a poster at election time
- Deliver leaflets
- Help with stuffing envelopes
- Attend social events
- Buy draw tickets
- Attend Party Conference
- Join a Social Action project
- Vote by post
- Stand for Council
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