

**Cllr Diane  
Osborne**

**Parish Council  
Chair**

Welcome to the latest Parish Council newsletter. This has been a strange time for everyone and hopefully things will get back to more like normality soon. The Council has tried to maintain “business as usual” as much as was possible, and this has included the Council’s first Zoom meeting.

If you have any comments on this newsletter, or wish to make raise other issues with the Council – please email them to [gateforthpc@gmail.com](mailto:gateforthpc@gmail.com).

# **GATEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Newsletter – July 2020**

### **Coronavirus**

Hopefully, we are starting to move freely in our ‘bubbles’ and able to see more of our family. Although each week the rules are changing, we still face uncertain times, keeping fingers crossed that what we have experienced will be a fading memory. However, if anyone is struggling with isolation, or feeling vulnerable in their home, or simply need practical help, please contact myself or another Councillor, we will be happy to help in whatever way we can.

Selby Police are notifying everyone via their Facebook page of scam telephone calls, text messages, emails or even someone at your door. Please be vigilant as these scams look authentic. If you have any doubt, please ring your bank, utilities provider directly or contact myself, Diane, on 07803 277780 and I will be happy to help to see if they are genuine.

If any resident is seeking further help and support North Yorkshire County Council have information and contacts for support groups through their website (<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/help-you-during-coronavirus-covid-19>) or by phoning 01609 780780.

### **Litter pick**

A further litter pick will be held in the near future. This will be arranged in line with the covid-19 rules at that time. Gloves, bin bags and litter picks are provided by the Council. Any parishioner who wishes to participate should contact the Clerk by emailing [gateforthpc@gmail.com](mailto:gateforthpc@gmail.com). A date and arrangements for the litter pick will be sent to all volunteers. The Council will also support and have registered for the Great British September Clean organised by Keep Britain Tidy which will be held between 11<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> September. If interest, please email [gateforthpc@gmail.com](mailto:gateforthpc@gmail.com). The date will also be on the website and Facebook page.

### **Shooting**

The Parish Council have received comments on a number of occasions about shooting in the Parish. Gateforth has been managed as a shooting estate for many years. The shooting season runs from

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September to February, but most start from November each year. We have requested that signs are erected to indicate shooting in that area.

## CCTV

Some nearby villages have installed CCTV cameras as a crime prevention measure. This has been explored by the Council as an option for Gateforth. To provide proper coverage in the village would be expensive due to the numbers of roads that would need to be covered, and at the moment it is felt to be not cost effective in what is a low crime area. The Police have advised that individual CCTV cameras are likely to be a better option.

The Council would welcome views of residents with regard to the provision of CCTV in the village as this issue will be kept under review. Please contact the Clerk by emailing [gateforthpc@gmail.com](mailto:gateforthpc@gmail.com).

## New dog waste bins

Dog fouling continues to be an issue. To assist responsible dog owners the Parish Council has ordered 2 new dog waste bins, one in Hillam Road and one on Landing Road. As a reminder bagged dog waste can also be disposed of in the general waste bins in the village. This will mean that the village has a good coverage of dog waste bins, which gives every opportunity for all dog owners to dispose of their pet's waste.

## Phone Box

A number of volunteers will be painting and repairing the village phone box in the near future. Once this work is complete its future use can be considered, such as use as a book bank.

## Parish Council Clerk

The current Council Clerk, Jeremy Sherlock, will be leaving the Council at the end of July, following a relocation. Jeremy said "I am pleased to have been able to make a contribution to Gateforth. I enjoyed working with a group of enthusiastic Councillors who have the interests of the village at heart. I wish you all well in the future".

Graham Earnshaw has been appointed as Clerk and will start in post before the end of July.