

## Welcome

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**Cllr Diane Osborne**  
**Parish Council**  
**Chair**

The Parish Council has produced this newsletter to keep villagers informed of current activities in the village.

It is intended to produce further newsletters on an intermittent basis in the future.

The Council tries hard to protect and support the interests of the local community and welcomes feedback – contact details for the Council are available overleaf.

The Council meets at least 4 times per year and all residents are welcome to attend.

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## Website

Please visit the Council website [www.gateforthpc.org.uk](http://www.gateforthpc.org.uk) for information about Council activities and Council minutes and documents. The website is updated on a regular basis.

# GATEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

## Newsletter – June 2018

### Village Green

The Village Green is currently the main priority for the Council. As well as it being formally designated as a Village Green the Council have freehold ownership. The Council have been working to ensure that there is clarity regarding responsibilities and rights on the Green so that it is protected for future generations.

It is responsible for maintenance including grass cutting. There will also be some safety works carried out on the trees. New planting boxes have been put in. Further are planned, and seats will be refurbished or replaced in the near future.

### Capital Funds

The Council have about £30,000 capital in a deposit account. These funds can only be used to provide new or enhanced facilities in the Village and cannot be used to pay for day to day costs or maintenance. The Council wants to ensure that this funding is used effectively and would welcome any ideas from residents – please email the clerk on [gateforthpc@gmail.com](mailto:gateforthpc@gmail.com). Comments received before 2<sup>nd</sup> July will be considered at the next Council meeting.

### Lighting in the Village

There have been suggestions that some lighting be provided in the village. Any provision would need to be funded and possibly also maintained by the Parish Council. Please email the Clerk with your comments on this suggestion at [gateforthpc@gmail.com](mailto:gateforthpc@gmail.com)

### Defibrillator Training

A defibrillator has been installed in the Bus Shelter. This has been registered with Yorkshire Ambulance Service, and in the event of an emergency users can phone 999 when they will be advised of the access code and talked through how to use the equipment. To enhance its usefulness it is recommended by the Ambulance Service that a number of local residents receive training in its use. If this is of interest to you please email the Clerk on [gateforthpc@gmail.com](mailto:gateforthpc@gmail.com). Training would be funded by the Council

## Contact Us

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## Speeding

The Council has discussed speeding through the Village with North Yorkshire County Council. They now have a policy whereby concerns of this nature need to be reported through an organisation known as the "95 Alive Partnership" who will carry out surveys and consider whether action is needed. Speeding was reported last year and monitored but the report was that no action could be taken.

Further details are available on <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/speed-limits-speeding-and-road-safety-concerns>. Whilst the Parish Council can pursue these requests for action can be made by individuals with any future action dependent on evidence from a variety of sources.

## Litter

Selby DC have offered to provide equipment for a litter pick in the village. If you are interested in joining in please contact the Clerk on [gateforthpc@gmail.com](mailto:gateforthpc@gmail.com)

## Parish Portal

North Yorkshire County Council have established an online reporting system for use by Parish Councils for highway issues. If you would like anything reporting please contact the Clerk including as much detail as possible including the exact location.

It has recently been used to report the poor state of the highway in Landing Road and North Yorkshire County Council have confirmed that it will be repaired within 90 days.

## Parish Clerk

The Council's Clerk, Jeremy Sherlock joined the Council last summer. He has worked in the Parish Council sector since 2011, with previous experience mainly in Local Government. Originally from Merseyside (and a lifelong Everton supporter), he has lived in Brayton in 2009. The Clerk is employed for limited hours but will respond to emails and voicemails as quickly as possible.

