

## Welcome

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### Cllr Diane Osborne Parish Council Chair

Welcome to the latest Parish Council newsletter. I would like to give a warm welcome to our new Councillors, Gordon McGlone and Andrew Collier.

The Council is always looking for ideas on how it can support village activities and facilities. Any suggestions would be welcome – please email them to [gateforthpc@gmail.com](mailto:gateforthpc@gmail.com).

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## Website

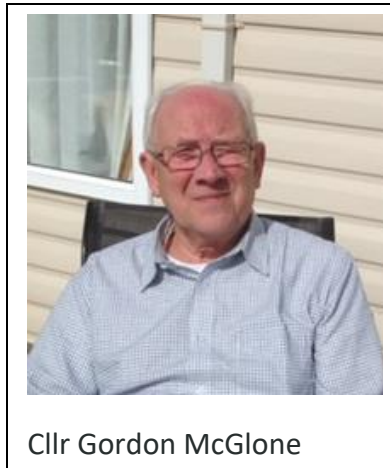
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# GATEFORTH PARISH COUNCIL

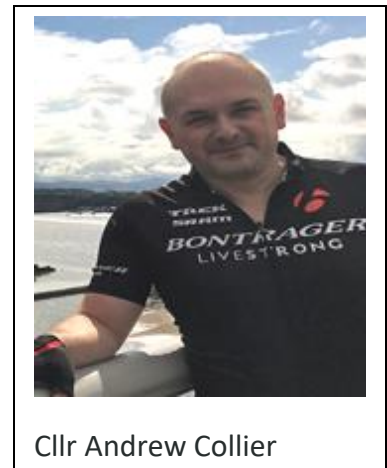
## Newsletter – March 2020

### New Councillors

The Council has recently co-opted 2 Councillors, Gordon McGlone and Andrew Collier. Gordon is a relatively new resident, but has been involved in community activity elsewhere and was keen to get involved in village activities. Andrew has been involved in village activity in the past and was keen to take a more proactive role. The Parish Council now has its full complement of Councillors with these appointments.



Cllr Gordon McGlone



Cllr Andrew Collier

### Litterpick



The Council is supporting the national “Great British Spring Clean” campaign. A further village litterpick is planned for Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April at 11:00am. Can volunteers please meet at the Bus Shelter.

### Picnic on The Green 2020

It is proposed to hold a “Picnic on the Green” in Summer 2020. Can anyone interested in helping organise or run this event email the Chair ([dosborne.gpc@gmail.com](mailto:dosborne.gpc@gmail.com)) or post on the Village Facebook page. Further

## Contact Us

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information will be posted on the Gateforth Village Facebook page and Parish Council website, and a poster will be put up in the bus shelter.

## Dog Fouling

The Council continues to receive complaints about dog fouling which affects not only you and your children, but also visitors to the village. For example the Council has received a letter from a local Disability Group raising a number of issues including dog fouling. They have commented "Thankfully most of us wouldn't dream of leaving dog mess behind. Fouling of public areas by dog faeces has serious public health impacts. Not only that, it creates a terrible nuisance to all residents, but particularly those with disabilities. For those with sight loss, mobility issues, or using wheelchairs and mobility scooters, avoiding dog litter can be impossible and create horrible situations for people. Please think of others and clean up after your dog."

## Phone Box

The village phone box needs some repair and painting before being put to use by village. Cllr Gordon McGlone has offered to head up the project but is looking for a couple of DIY volunteers to help him. The work will not start until summer but if you are interested please contact Gordon on 228925 or call at Laithe House to see him.

We would also welcome some ideas as to what the box can be used for: a library has been suggested but you may have other ideas. Just let us know – email ideas to the Clerk at [gateforthpc@gmail.com](mailto:gateforthpc@gmail.com).

## Bus Services

North Yorkshire County Council are receiving funding to improve local bus services, and the Parish Council have responded to a consultation. The Council have suggested enhancing the once a week 496 service, and that consideration be given to the provision of a service to the new Gateforth Park development.

## Newsletter Delivery

To reduce printing costs and delivery time the Council would like to deliver future Newsletter electronically. If you are happy to receive it in this way please email the Clerk at [gateforthpc@gmail.com](mailto:gateforthpc@gmail.com).