



1894-2014: Serving the Residents of Romanby for 120 years

Romanby Parish Council Newsletter

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From The Chairman



Welcome to the second issue of our newsletter, aimed at providing you with details of Parish Council activity that you might otherwise not be aware of. Much has been happening since our first issue, as you can see from the articles included in this newsletter.

Routine council business continues apace, including organisation and oversight of all the activities that help keep

our village a lovely place to live, and on top of that we are working on a variety of other initiatives.

We have at last begun work on our Parish office, which will provide for the first time, a proper community focus for Parish Council business for years to come.

We have successfully bid for funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to refurbish our War Memorial, and we have also this year created the wild flower meadow at the leisure park. In addition, we are working with

Northallerton Councillors on the creation of a Memorial Garden in the main town cemetery.

As always, if you see something here that you want to help with, or have any other issues/questions, then please contact us.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to extend Season's Greetings to everyone in our community, on behalf of all Parish Council members.

Stuart Bradnam

Romanby Parish Council Parks Committee Update

A busy six months in 'Parks' with many events planned and some not!

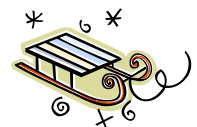
At Ainderby Road, Martin Dennis planted our wildflower meadow on Easter Saturday. Moist ground and warm spring weather got the seeds off and flowers appeared in late June. Throughout the summer the flowers developed. In September Mr Hill cut the grasses with his vintage Massey Ferguson. We will be doing further work here – more in the next newsletter and see our website for pictures.

Our contractors have been hard at work. The grass cutting team have finished for the winter; hedges have been cut and are now neat and tidy. New fences are in at Oak Tree Drive and Ainderby Road and we will soon be planting a hedge there. Our gardening and tree contractor is busy around the parks and with the trees. There is much tree work with damaged trees, including the Oak at Lees Lane, and the Limes on The Green being trimmed. In the winter we will be planting some new trees.

We continue to support sport in the parish, strengthening our ties with Northallerton Junior Football Club, who provide youth football (ages 5 – 14) at Ainderby Road, and Romanby FC (adults) who play on our ground at Broomfield Park.

Cllr Dave Rawson

(Chair—Parks)



Parish Council success with £10K Lottery Fund Bid for War Memorial & Garden restoration project

We are very excited to finally be able to announce the fantastic news that we have been successful, (following the submission of a business case proposal to the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF)), in bidding for £10,000 towards the refurbishment and restoration of our War memorial and gardens.

We submitted the bid as part of the HLF's "**First World War - Then and Now**" initiative, which provides funding for worthwhile national projects to mark the Centenary of the First World War.

Our project will enable residents in our Parish to come together to preserve the memories and heritage of the people who lived and died through the First (and Second) World War. The most visible and tangible part of the project, from a community perspective, will be the renovation and improvement work we plan to carry out on the War Memorial and garden area itself. The clock tower memorial and gardens have never had any significant refurbishment or improvement carried out on them since construction in the 1920s. The work will be sequenced (in outline) as follows over the next **2 years**:

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- Full professional clean and refurbishment of the memorial clock tower including re-pointing of all masonry work, and cleaning of memorial name areas.
- A new **community-designed** refurbished garden area (the Memorial Garden), including:
 - Planting of trees.
 - Installation of new benches/seating areas.
 - Relaying/refurbishment of all access and pathways within the garden to allow full community access to the open space.
 - Access landscaping, including replacement ironwork for access gates, in keeping with wheelchair/disabled access requirements.



-- Restoration of all lawn areas, and landscaping of garden/border areas.

In addition, we will be asking the community (including schools, groups, organisations) to help with the production of records that will tell the story of the men commemorated, and life in our village during the Great War. These will be available to all on the web, and will also be used as learning packs in our schools.

Plus a grant from the North of England Horticultural Society,



We have also successfully bid for £500 from the NEHS, which we are using to launch this entire project in the next few weeks with the planting of some new rose bushes at the entrance area of the memorial garden.

Our aim with this project is to create a tranquil and beautiful memorial garden and community space for use by all our parishioners, respectful of the memory of our fallen heroes, and preserved for future generations. We hope you will help us.

Stuart Bradnam - Chairman

Dave Rawson - Parks Chair



WE NEED YOUR HELP - PLEASE GET INVOLVED!

We need our community to help us with every aspect of this project. This includes:

Memorial Garden: Designing the new Memorial Garden, to improve access; create seating areas; new gates and paths; add new planting (trees, shrubs, flowers) and decorative materials; new signs /information boards...in fact, anything!

Historical research: Help to research the history of our fallen heroes, their families and village life, producing web resources and hard-copy learning materials for our schools and community.

If you can help, in any way with this fantastic project, please get in touch, and/or come to our **first public meeting at 7.30pm on 29th January 2015 at the Romanby WI Hall**

ROMANBY PARISH COUNCIL Meeting Dates:

16h December 2014—Romanby Primary School

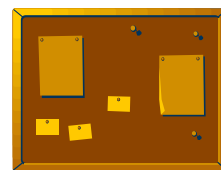
13th January 2015—Romanby Primary School

10th February 2015—Romanby Primary School

10th March 2015—Broomfield Primary School

All meetings start at 7pm.

All 2014/15 meeting dates will be published in the next newsletter, and on the Parish Council website



Library Consultation

The County Council are carrying out a public consultation on proposals for the changes to the Library service which runs until 8th February 2015. All the information, is available online, Full details are available on the council website,

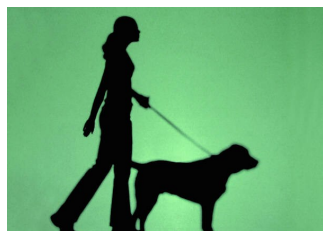
[www.northyorks.gov.uk/
libraryconsultation](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/libraryconsultation)

If you would like any further information please contact them on 01609 533826.

Dog Warden Service.

Dog fouling continues to be a problem in the Parish, however Hambleton District Council now employ a full time Dog Warden whose duties include dealing with dog fouling issues. If any resident has concerns about dog fouling they should contact the District Council on 01609 779977 or through the HDC website at:

<http://www.hambleton.gov.uk/street-cleansing/3375-dog-warden>



North Yorkshire Police - Leave a light on

A dark, empty house may be an attractive target for a burglar, so reduce your chances of becoming a victim.

The darker evenings are here again, and so are the twilight burglars! Prepare yourself and your home for late afternoon darkness. Your routine may be to leave home in the morning, and not arrive back until the early evening; however, a house in complete darkness at tea time stands out like a sore thumb to a potential burglar. So— Create the impression that someone is at home by **leaving a light on** inside your home, and consider using a **timer switch** to switch on lights, a radio or TV if you are going out for the evening.



Northallerton & Romanby Cemetery Update



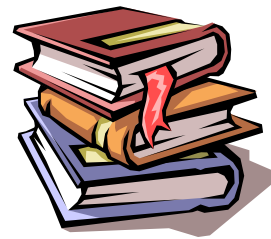
You will remember in our last newsletter we advised that the Burial Committee was considering establishing a Memorial Garden within the main town cemetery to enable plaques to be placed or rose trees planted commemorating departed loved ones. The plans are now available at Northallerton

Town Hall and All Saints Church Northallerton for the public to comment and suggest any alterations or their support for the project. The cost of establishing a garden will be subject to funding bids and the more public involvement we have the better chance any bid has of succeeding. If you have an

interest in the project and would like to get involved please contact Councillor Paul Fisher or the Parish Clerk. Also, please go and have a look at the plans and fill in a comments form.

Cllr Paul Fisher.

How Our Parish Has Developed



The recorded population of the parish of Romanby in 1891 was 421. The first recorded meeting of the Parish Council was in November 1894, and the first formal minutes date from January 1919. Originally, the main village dwellings were around the Green and in Ainderby Road and Bridge Terrace, with farms and agricultural workers homes forming the total village community.

During the 1920s-40s the Parish developed with the building of council, police and private houses

in The Close, The Fairway, Manor Green, Neile Close, Boroughbridge Road, Farndale/Hambleton Avenue, Thirsk Road, and other areas where typical housing styles of that era are still evident.

In the 1950s-70s, there were much larger developments, mainly by local builders, at Normanby Road, Penine View/Newsham Way, Richmond Rise, Chantry Road, Helmsley Way estates, The Peppergarth, Kirk Road and Lees Lane.

Latterly, in the 1980s & 90s, we have had large developments at Mill Hill, South Vale, St James Drive,

Broomfield

Park, Oaktree Drive, Beckside/Rowans Way, Ainderby Gardens, Grange Close, Harewood Chase, and most recently buildings at Ascot Close, Oak Mount & Ainderby Road. There are of course, outline plans for housing on the former Arla dairy site.

The recorded population of Romanby in 2012 was 5157, making us now one of the largest parishes in Hambleton district!

Cllr John Smith

(From records compiled by the late Harry Coyle —Clerk to Romanby Parish Council 1961-2003).

Parish Office Update

The Parish Council have awarded the contract to build a Parish Office adjoining the pavilion at the Leisure Park on Ainderby Road to a local building contractor, Bell and Stead Construction. Works began in November 2014 and will be completed in early 2015. This office will create a permanent base for our Parish Clerk, as well as providing a focal point for our residents to allow regular contact with the Parish Council, and will in turn enable us to provide a better service for our residents.



Photos: Cllr John Best



Romanby Parish Council

We are now on Facebook & Twitter

#romanbyparish





As you may recall from our first newsletter, the Parish Council is in the process of developing a Com-

munity Resilience Plan. This plan outlines our potential response in the event of a serious or significant event within the Parish and how information, resources and support would be given or shared should the need arise. This may be a serious weather event, a natural or man-made disaster or other unusual and unexpected events which

may affect parishioners. We are committed to developing the plan as fully as possible and we have now sought guidance and support from experts at County Hall.

We are now making good progress with our plan but would like to again invite any parishioners to become involved in order for it to be as comprehensive as possible.

This involvement does not necessarily need to be onerous and may consist of easy, simple responsibilities such as registering as a point of contact for information from

the Parish Council, or even just a willingness to 'keep an eye' on vulnerable neighbours in your street should the need arise.

We will publishing the first version of the Plan in the coming weeks, which will be available on our website.

For more information, and to register as a Resilience Plan helper, please contact us as soon as possible, using the number or website address on page 6.

Cllr Angela Smith

Romanby Parish Council Balance Sheet as at 31 Mar 2014

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Investment:

Current Assets:

Debtors	10,112	
Prepayments	468	
Cash at Bank	107,086	
Cash in Hand	321	
Total Assets		117,987

Current Liabilities:

Creditors/Accruals	1,500
	116,487

Represented by:

General Fund	20,494
Land Maintenance Reserve	95,993
	116,487



The Parish Council's financial records are a matter of public record, and our 2013-14 summary figures above, which have been subject to a full public audit, are included as such.

As you can see from topics in this newsletter, projects underway in the current financial year (2014/15) will use significant sums of money from our Reserve including the spend on the Parish Office build, and income/expenditure on the War Memorial & Garden.

We are also in the process of producing an updated 5-year Parish Financial Plan, which will be completed by the end of this financial year. If you have any questions or comments on the Parish Council's finances, please contact us (details on p6).

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Romanby Parish Council 2015 Elections

Next year, Ordinary Parish Elections will be held on the same day as the Parliamentary General Election and Hambleton District Council District Ward elections on 7th May 2015.

All seats on the Parish Council will become vacant, and our ex-

isting parish councillors wishing to stand for re-election will be required to complete a nomination paper. We anticipate vacancies occurring due to councillor retirements, and as such, any additional prospective candidates wishing to stand as Parish Councillors will need to contact our Parish Clerk ,

Mandy Lambert, (contact details on this page) nearer the time to obtain a nomination pack. If you are interested in becoming a Parish Councillor next year, for our next 4-year term, please contact our Clerk. In addition, please feel free to contact me or any other councillors for a chat about the work involved in serving on the Parish Council. **Cllr Stuart Bradnam**