



**Newsletter August 2015**

**Snaith & Cowick Town Mayor 2015/16**

Nominations for the position of Town Mayor were received in April and the council are delighted to announce that Councillor Steve Jones will be the Snaith & Cowick Town Mayor for the forthcoming year. Councillor Rob McArthur was appointed to the position of Deputy Town Mayor.



**The Mayor's Award 2015**

The Mayor's Award for 2015 was presented to The Snaith Historical Society, for their continued efforts in bringing the historical importance of Snaith into the public domain. The Historical Society have been exceptional in researching the history of Snaith, which has royal connections dating back centuries, and are frequently invited to give lectures on the subject to the various community groups in the area. This valuable knowledge can also help us to promote tourism in the area and attract visitors from further afield.

**Town Mayor's Report for 2014/15**

The outgoing Mayor, Cllr John Staveley-Churton has prepared the following report for his term in office, outlining the key issues he has been involved in and the events he has had the pleasure in attending.

**May 2014**

**Annual General Meeting**

It was with great pleasure to be voted in as the Mayor of Snaith & Cowick for a second term.

**Your Snaith & Cowick Town Councillors**

Name	Address	Telephone	E-mail Address	Area Covered
Town Mayor				
Cllr. S. Jones	19 Pontefract Road, Snaith	01405 861657	steve.snaithcouncil@hotmail.com	Pontefract Road / Shearburn Terrace Marina Avenue / Frankfield Priory Estate / Gowdall Lane
Deputy Town Mayor				
Cllr. R. McArthur	1 High Street, Snaith	01405 860351	rob.snaithcouncil@hotmail.com	Market Place / High Street / Church Lane Mill Street / George Street / Butt Lane Mitten Avenue / Buttle Lane / Ferry Lane Selby Road / Lodge Gardens / West View Millers Terrace / Market Court
East Riding of Yorkshire Ward Councillor				
Cllr. J. Barrett	35 Aire View, Snaith	01405 869668	johnb.snaithcouncil@hotmail.com	Punton Walk and all Cul-de-Sacs off it
Town Councillors				
Cllr. J. Staveley-Churton	16 Beast Fair, Snaith	01405 869495	johnsc.snaithcouncil@hotmail.com	Saffron Drive / Villa Fields / Woodville Fairholme Gardens / Brierley Close Cowick Road
Cllr. D. Bromley	5 Frankfield, Snaith	01405 862855	david.snaithcouncil@hotmail.com	South Parkway / Bean Gardens / Walnut Crescent / Oakdale Close / The Chase / Hall Close / Sycamore Close / Park Gardens
Cllr. G. Hulme	22 Butt Lane, Snaith	01405 862465	graham.snaithcouncil@hotmail.com	East Cowick
Cllr. R. Lyons	7 Aire View, Snaith	07967 303372	richard.snaithcouncil@hotmail.com	Bourn Mill Balk Road / St. Lawrence Avenue Rowland Simpson Close / Eadon Place Willow Close / Chestnut Close
Cllr. S. Ryder	7 Church Lane, Carlton	01405 869178	sam.snaithcouncil@hotmail.com	West Cowick
Cllr. J. Hollas	31 Market Place, Snaith	07703 676129	james.snaithcouncil@hotmail.com	The Parkway / Court Road Court Gardens / Beast Fair

### Footpath 8 (South Parkway)

After receiving a number of concerns from residents regarding the state of Footpath 8, a tender process took place and a local contractor was awarded the contract to resurface the footpath. This was done in May and the council were very happy with the finished result.

### **June 2014**

#### CCTV

After months of consideration and research, the Town Council took the decision to terminate its CCTV contract with Goole Town Council and look for more economical solutions.

#### Councillor Resignation

Unfortunately the Town Council received the resignation of Cllr Malcolm Nicholls who had served on the Council for a number of years.

### **July 2014**

#### George Street Association

The Town Council agreed an arrangement with the George Street Association in regard to access to the Station Car Park, and, by doing so, have secured recycling provisions for the town for the future.

#### Lifestylers

The Town Council supported two Lifestyle groups this year, who very kindly cleaned the Court Road triangle of rubbish and weeded the area.

#### New Policies

The Town Council introduced new Health & Safety and Equality Policies.

### **August 2014**

#### Defibrillator

Working in conjunction with the Yorkshire Ambulance Service, the Town Council managed to secure the first defibrillator machine for the Snaith area. This is now located on the Town Council wall next to the Fire Station.

#### Yorkshire Wolds Magazine

Thanks to the help of Cllr. John Barrett, the Town Council secured a two-page advertisement in the Yorkshire Wolds Magazine, with the council agreeing to pay half of the subscription fee and local businesses covering the other half.

### **September 2014**

#### Youth Club

The Town Council took control of the Snaith Youth Club, after the East Riding of Yorkshire Council confirmed its withdrawal of support to the group due to budget cuts. Two new Youth Workers were employed by the Town Council.

#### New Website and Facebook Page

The new Website for the council was launched in September 2014, and the number of people visiting the site is continually increasing, with over 5000 hits to date. On one day alone, we had over 200 hits. We also launched a Facebook page, hoping to communicate with other people in the community who do not necessarily look at the Notice Boards or our website, and we have so far had over 250 'likes' to date.

### Play Equipment

The Princess Diana Play Park on South Parkway had a much needed refurbishment, with over £7000 spent on new equipment, redecoration and repairs.

#### ATM Machine

HSBC notified the Town Council that they would no longer be providing an ATM facility in Snaith. However, a new contract was negotiated with another provider, Note Machine, and a 3-year contract secured with them. The Town Council also receive a small annual income for leasing the space in which the ATM is housed.

#### New Councillor

The Town Council welcomed a new Councillor on board, Richard Lyons. Cllr Lyons was successful after submitting a letter and CV to the council.

### **October 2014**

#### Opening of the Youth Club

This month saw the opening of the NEW Snaith Youth Club. It has become a very successful and continues to meet every Thursday (term-time only) and have, on average, 30 students per week attending. This is a great success not only for the council, but for the local youth community.

### **November 2014**

#### Remembrance Parade

It was once again an honour to be asked to lay wreaths on behalf of the Town Council during the Remembrance Parade service.

### **December 2014**

#### Christmas Market

The Christmas Market again was a great success, with the number of participants and visitors increasing dramatically from the previous year. There was an increase of 10 stalls, as well as the Priory Church opening its doors for stallholders and visitors. Over £1000 was raised at this event by local charities and community groups. Let's hope next year is as good, if not better!

#### Grants

The Town Council continue to support local community groups, this year offering over £6000 in funding. Twelve groups came forward to ask for support, with all 12 receiving some form of grant.

### **January 2015**

#### Walkers are Welcome

The Town Council signed up for another 12 months membership with 'Walkers are Welcome', which attracts many visitors to the area.

#### Precept for 2015/16

The Town Council made the decision to set the Precept for 2015/16 at £84,760.

#### Newland Bridge, Drax

The Town Council received news that the Newland Bridge on the A645 (Drax) would be closed for a number of months to undergo major repairs. The council requested a consultation event take place in the council offices, so residents could look at the plans and proposals. This was well received and took place mid-January.

#### Local Development Plan

Documentation sent to the Planning Inspectorate for consultation was received following their recommendation to provide an additional 245 new houses in Snaith. The Town Council forwarded their concerns to the East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

#### **February 2015**

##### Councillor Resignation

Unfortunately the Town Council received the resignation of Cllr Greta Laughton, after over 19 years on the council.

##### Youth Club

The Town Council, working in conjunction with the Youth Club, secured ERVAS accreditation (East Riding Voluntary Action Services) which will further support and develop the Youth Club.

#### **March 2015**

##### Community Litter Pick

The Town Council hosted a Community Litter Pick, which was supported by The Snaith School.

##### CCTV

Following a tender process, a new CCTV supplier was confirmed. This new service will see the council saving tens of thousands of pounds over the next 5 years.

##### Freedom of Snaith

The Freedom of Snaith parade, in conjunction with the RAF 51st Squadron, was held in the town.

Finally, I would like to thank my wife for her continued support, all Town Councillors, Ward Councillors and Andrew Percy MP.

#### **Accounts for 2014/15**

The accounts for the last financial year have been completed and audited. A brief breakdown is provided below;

Balance brought forward (1st April 2104):	£ 33,997.65
Add receipts:	<u>£ 93,884.54</u>
	£127,882.19
Deduct Payments:	-£103,608.41
Petty Cash:	<u>-£ 75.93</u>
Balance brought forward (31st March 2015):	£ 24,197.85

#### **Newland Bridge Closure A645 (Drax)**

The East Riding of Yorkshire Council held a further open event on Monday 15th June, to brief residents on the latest plans and proposals for Snaith during the works. This was well attended by members of the community.

All residents should also now have received a leaflet through the door, which includes a map of the traffic management proposals. Should you have any queries on the proposals, or would like to make a comment, there is a dedicated e-mail address which you can use to contact the project team at a645newland.bridge@eastriding.gov.uk

#### **Town Councillor Changes**

Snaith & Cowick Town Council are pleased to welcome Sam Ryder as the new councillor for the West Cowick area. His contact details, as well as those for all other councillors, can be found at the end of this newsletter as well as on the council website at [www.snaithandcowicktowncouncil.com](http://www.snaithandcowicktowncouncil.com)

Co-opted onto the Council in June 2015 was Mr David Bromley, who now fills the ninth position on the Snaith & Cowick Town Council. Cllr Bromley will be the local point of contact for South Parkway and all cul-de-sacs off it.

May we also take this opportunity to offer our sincere thanks to Nick Megson, who, due to work commitments, was unable to continue in his role as councillor for the forthcoming term. We wish him all the best for his future endeavours.

#### **Councillor Greta Laughton**

It was with regret that the Town Council accepted the resignation of Cllr Greta Laughton in February 2015. Cllr Laughton had been a Town Councillor for a incredible 19 years, taking up the position of Town Mayor no less than FOUR times. We thank Greta for her invaluable support and contribution to the community during this time and wish her and her husband Percy all the best for the future.

#### **Mid-Summer Market 2015**

Despite the early rainy weather, the Mid-Summer Market for 2015 was a fantastic success once more and the sunshine finally came through at the end! It was wonderful to see so many stalls and children embracing the medieval theme to celebrate the 800th Anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta, and experience the wonderful performances of the Ravens of Shiptonthorpe Steampunk Morris dancers.

Our thanks to Andrew Newton of File Leader Graphics for capturing the event with his camera!



The **Christmas Market & Christmas Light Switch-on** for 2015 will be held on **Saturday 5th December** so if you would like a stall, please contact the Council on 01405 862663. Spaces for this event are snapped up very quickly so please get in touch if you are interested!

**Anti-Social Behaviour**

The Town Council has recently seen a rise in the number of anti-social behaviour complaints it receives. These complaints have been passed onto Humberside Police and our local PCSO, who are increasing patrols in problem areas. Should you see any incidents of anti-social behaviour, please contact the police on **101** which is the non-emergency number.

**Joint Use Play Area (Bourn Mill Balk Road)**

In response to concerns from property owners adjacent to the Joint Use Play Area about the number of footballs etc. which end up in their gardens, the Town

Council met with residents to discuss possible solutions. At a meeting on Monday 29th June, it was agreed that a length of netting would be purchased and fitted above the existing fence, to prevent the balls from being kicked out of the park.

**Litter Picking**

The Town Council have hosted a couple of Community Litter Picks so far this year, with a small number of residents offering their time to support these events. Please keep an eye out for future events this year, and please offer your support as a volunteer if you can. All equipment is provided by the Town Council.

Litter picking equipment can also be signed-out at any time, should you wish to help keep Snaith and Cowick looking tidy. Please contact the office on 01405 862663 if you would like further information.

**New Liners for Rubbish Bins**



The Town Council have recently purchased some new liners for the litter bins. Many of the existing liners were rotten at the base and were disintegrating when trying to empty them. Ian Pickles, who looks after our maintenance, can be seen here replacing one of the liners.

**Speeding Issues**

A number of residents have recently made complaints about vehicles driving at excessive speed, both on the main roads and on the local housing estates. Please could we ask all residents to check their speed when driving through the town and pay attention to the limits imposed.

**Dog Fouling**

This continues to be a problem in the area. Should people see persistent offenders, the East Riding of Yorkshire Councils Dog Warden has advised us of what information they need to pursue specific cases. A note should be made of the type of dog, the time of the incident and what type of clothes the owner was wearing and the Dog Wardens may then be able to instigate some surveillance in that area.

Owners are also reminded that picking up after your dog, but then leaving the bag on the ground as litter, is still subject to the same penalties as not cleaning up at all.