



Your Parish Council - what we do

What is a Parish Council?

A parish council is the first level of local government and that which is closest to the community. Whilst a parish council's powers are limited (and our budget small), parish councils are invariably the first place people go with concerns or ideas. For this reason they are a vital part of any community. All councillors are volunteers and must live or work in Rawcliffe or Clifton Moor. Our focus is on improving the quality of life for the community and providing a democratic voice and structure for taking community action. Our monthly meetings are open to all and residents are welcome to attend.

What do we do?

Parish councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. The parish council gets involved in planning matters, looking after community buildings, maintaining play areas and open spaces. We also deal with litter and dog waste bins, salt bins, bus shelters, benches and more.

What does it cost?

The council raises money through taxation. You will see an entry on your council tax bill for Rawcliffe Parish Council. In 2019/2020 the forecast amount for a band D property is £18.73. We have increased our council tax by 5% from the previous year to help fund installation of defibrillators. This represents an increase from last year of 89p per household.

VACANCY— CLERK/RFO

CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

After over 10 years of excellent service our clerk, Nicola Moorcroft, leaves the council later this year.



The Clerk is the senior officer of the council and has many interesting responsibilities. Details of this part-time role and an application form can be found on our website. Applications to: jobs@rawcliffeparishcouncil.gov.uk Closing date is 5pm 21st February 2019.

Councillor Elections

PARISH COUNCILLORS

It's election time! In May this year all nine parish council members are open for election.

If you'd like to help your local community why not become a parish councillor?

It's not scary or political and doesn't require any special skills or lots of time to start getting involved. To find out more please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Community Litter Picker

Rawcliffe Parish Council has employed Phil as our Community Litter Picker since November 2017.

As a community-spirited resident of Clifton Moor, Phil provides a dedicated service to the community. Phil's role involves collecting litter, disposing of waste from the parish council's dog bins, refilling the new salt/grit bins on the recreation ground path and keeping a general eye on the recreation ground and litter 'hot spots'.

If you see him, please feel free to say hello and let him know of any issues within the parish; he's keen to help and can let the council know.



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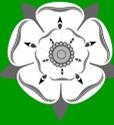
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Crime and Security

To help tackle crime and improve security residents can register for the North Yorkshire community Messaging service. The service is free and provides the latest crime notifications, community alerts and news from North Yorkshire Police that relate to our neighbourhood.



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community messaging

Registration is easy and takes less than 5 minutes. When you register you can tailor your preferences to include the locations that matter to you and your preferred channel (phone, text or e-mail).

To register:

- Visit the website **www.nycm.co.uk** on your smartphone or PC, or
- Get the NYCM app from the Google or Apple store.

The more people that join Community Messaging, the safer our area will be!



Fruit Tree Community Orchard

The Northern Orchard Group has been granted a licence by the Parish Council for the use of an area to the rear of Clifton with Rawcliffe Primary School as a community Orchard.

The Parish Council believes it will make an excellent contribution to the community and has agreed to help. Please do offer your help too as this is a community project.

The orchard area mostly consists of fruit trees with access for children from both the local primary schools to help maintain and learn about trees (whilst sharing in the crop too!).



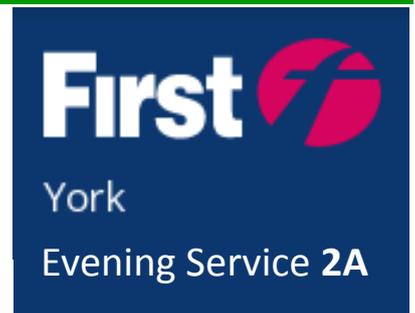
New Park & Ride Evening Bus Service - 2A

First York have announced a new Evening Bus Service from the 6th Jan.

The 2A Bus follows the Park and Ride service 2 route and stops at all stops.

It operates every 30 minutes with the **last bus from Museum Street at 22:45.**

This is great news for Rawcliffe residents who can now get back from York City Centre without having to walk from Clifton Moor late at night or wait in the cold for costly taxis.



The service however, is a trial. Unless it is used there is a danger that it will be discontinued.

[Use it or Lose It is the message here.](#)

Timetables are available at www.firstgroup.com/york/plan-journey/timetables/

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Extension and Refurbishment of Rawcliffe Recreation (Bob Eccles) Pavilion

The £60,000 joint project between Rawcliffe Parish Council, the Rawcliffe Recreation Association and the Clifton & Rawcliffe Ward Committee is now complete.

In addition to a refurbishment of all the toilet facilities, the former disused changing rooms have been remodelled into an additional general purpose room equipped with a kitchen area. The new room also has a large separate entrance which allows visitors to overlook the nearby play area and provides easy access and plenty of room for buggies and wheelchairs.

The Parish Council will also be moving its correspondence address to a new (general purpose) office created from partitioning off the old side entrance vestibule. From Jan 2019 the Council will be holding its public meetings from the new room.

The carpeted room provides a comfortable and quiet meeting space. For bookings, contact Anne on 0779 909 7104 or visit www.rawclifferec.org



Drop Inn Café—

Open most Wednesdays, the Drop Inn Cafe at the Rawcliffe Rec is open to ALL visitors of all age groups to have a social, relaxing inexpensive cuppa, biscuit and/or slice of cake.

All profits are put back into the recreation centre. As the Café is staffed by a councillor, there is also opportunity to make enquiries about council matters.

The cafe could be opened at other times and days and developed better if we had more volunteers. If you can spare an hour or so to help please contact Alan (Dawes) 01904 632537 or via email vice.chair@rawcliffeparishcouncil.gov.uk.



Flood Alleviation Scheme—Clifton Ings/ Rawcliffe Meadow

The Environment Agency presented plans to the public and the Parish Council in December aimed at reducing the risk of flooding in Rawcliffe and Clifton.

Funding is in place for a project to extend both the northern and southern extent of the flood barrier bank at Rawcliffe Ings and to raise its height by 80cm. In addition there will be a new pumping station at Blue Beck together with schemes to reroute some of the pedestrian and cycle paths on Clifton Ings.

Work is due to begin this Summer. The Agency is engaged with local groups to mitigate impact to wildlife and maintain access for recreational users during the works.



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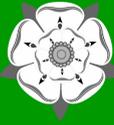
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Thank you to the many hundreds of you that turned out on a memorable chilly 11th November 2018 to demonstrate, as a community, that we very much remembered and were determined to pay our 'Tributes to the Millions' that were killed, injured or endured WWI.

Our New Beacon acts as a lasting tribute. Our hope is that there will be support to light it again and that it's dual purpose as a maypole can be realised.

A special thank you must go to Cllr Alan Dawes who devised the event and motivated the support and contributions from many local businesses, marching bands, the Fire Service, St Johns Ambulance and a host of volunteers; to all of you, we are very grateful.



Dogs Waste- Please dispose of it correctly

Dogs are wonderful pets but like all animals their faeces are very unpleasant. The Parish Council spends considerable sums installing and maintaining dog waste bins. We also pay for them to be emptied by our litter picker but we need dog owners to do their part.

Failure to pick up your dog's waste from public spaces isn't just illegal it's a health hazard. Dog waste carries many diseases including Toxocariasis and must be collected and disposed of appropriately to avoid serious illness.

Credit to Dog Owners

With six Parish Council dog litter bins and additional City of York Council dog litter bins between Manor Lane (Amelia House) and the rear entrance to the Clifton with Rawcliffe Primary School, there are plenty and convenient bins to dispose of dog litter. Thankfully these are being used regularly by considerate dog owners.

Disappointment

Despite the regular use of the dog bins, it is disappointing to witness school children, buggies and cyclists having to take avoiding action from dog waste left on the cycle/footpath.



If a dog waste bin is full please find another bin or take the waste home!

Be considerate of others – bag it and bin it or take it home!

Further information or symptoms of Toxocariasis can be found at www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Toxocariasis

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