

## **Smeatons with Hornby Parish Council: Chairmans Annual Report May 2015**

Footpaths - It was reported last year that the Smeaton to Appleton Footpath Upgrade was completed. However following a matter raised by the Rambling Club there were further works necessary which I am pleased to report have now been carried out.

The Parish Council continued their financial support of TUGS, and again it is on the agenda for consideration this year.

The changes to Street Lighting arrangements have caused some considerable concern in the Parish. The Council discussed the issue at length during the year and made representations at NYCC level, but to no avail.

High Speed Broadband is now available in Great Smeaton, and is being progressed for other areas of the Parish.

The PC agreed to replace the Bench at the Bus Stop on the Southbound side of the A167 in Great Smeaton and after further fundraising, this item is nearing completion.

Grasscutting, basically it is service as usual. The financial support from the NYCC however has been reduced significantly so the PC has had no alternative but to include this cost in the Parish Precept for 2015/2016.

It was with great sadness to record the death of our fellow councillor Jim Sheppard last September. Jim contributed greatly to the work of the Council, not least the setting up of the Oil Club. We still miss you Jim!

The Parish Council is represented at Hambleton District on the Standards Hearing Panel, and also on the Parish Liaison Committee.

Over the last few years the Parish Council has financially supported the quarterly Village News and also helped set up the Village Website. Both these are now self funded by advertising, and managed by Dave Lawson, so the PC has stepped aside to allow Dave to run them without interference! We do however still get involved with the distribution of the News. If anyone is prepared to help with distribution, particularly in Hornby, please contact myself. Details below.

We have recently taken receipt of a Defibrillator from a sponsored NHS scheme. The only charge to the Parish is the cost of installation- and you will soon be seeing it on the side of the Village Hall in Great Smeaton. There is basic familiarisation training to be arranged. Date to be confirmed, but if anyone wants to be included now, please contact me on the number below.

Concerns regarding the speed of vehicles travelling through Hornby have been raised. A survey has been carried out which indicated that the average speeds were 30 and 31mph ( different directions) and no further action is to be taken at this stage.

Neil Frost, Chairman Smeatons with Hornby Parish Council...01609 881560

STOP PRESS.. following the meeting of the Parish Council last Wednesday, I can confirm the councillors for the next term of office are..

Little Smeaton; Paula Spence...Great Smeaton; Greta Lidster, Nigel Temple and Neil Frost...Hornby; Grant Tuer, Guy Newnam and Gareth Fisher