

# FULFORD PARISH COUNCIL

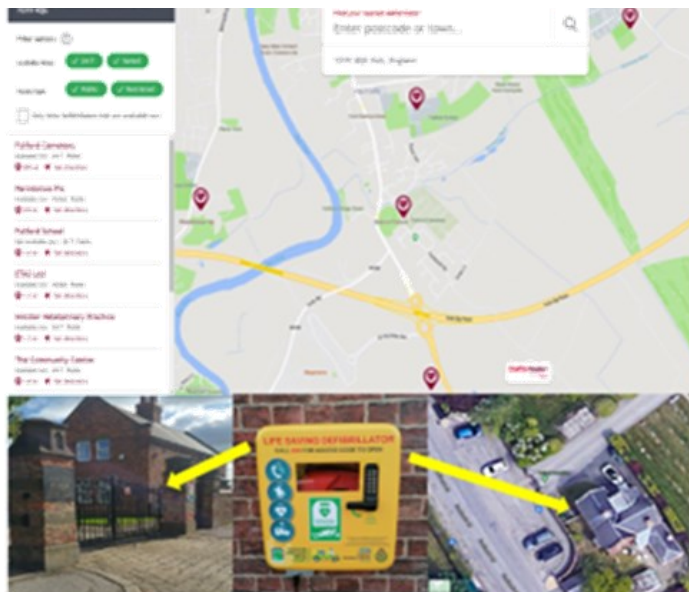
# NEWS

**New Parish Council Website Launched:** Our new look, accessible website launched at the beginning of September and can still be found at [www.fulfordparishcouncil.org.uk](http://www.fulfordparishcouncil.org.uk)

As well as information on Parish Council business, the website offers links to services, organisations and local events.

The Community Noticeboard is a new feature on the website where you can find information about local groups, activities and events.

If you run a local group or activity or have an upcoming community event, the Parish Council can provide a link to your own website and/or Facebook page or display your posters/artwork/information sheets or documents, just get in touch with the Clerk on [clerk@fulfordpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@fulfordpc.org.uk) and she will upload the information for you.



## New, Life Saving Defibrillator Installed on Fordlands Road:

A new community defibrillator has been installed at Cemetery Lodge on Fordlands Road. This was made possible with funds raised by Mrs Nic Dunn, who initiated the project, her supporters, a Parish Council grant application to Yorkshire Ambulance Service Charity, Fulford & Heslington Ward Committee for a community grant of £220 and Kevin Burbidge of KBE for the generous donation of his time and electrical expertise.

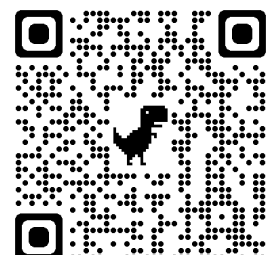
The Defibrillator is located on the external wall of Cemetery Lodge to the right-hand side of the office entrance within the pedestrian access gate to the Cemetery grounds. The Parish Council will fund the ongoing maintenance.

Defibrillator locations and information are available on the British Heart Foundation National Circuit at:

<https://www.defibfinder.uk/>

**Plain Text, Large Print Versions** of this newsletter are available electronically on the Parish Council website at <https://www.fulfordparishcouncil.org.uk/the-parish-council/information/newsletter/> or by scanning the **QR Code**.

A **printed** plain test large version may also be requested from the Parish Clerk at [clerk@fulfordpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@fulfordpc.org.uk) / 07719 211979



## Fulford's Open Spaces

**Parish Field Public Consultation Update:** A high number of responses was received from Fulford residents to the recent Public Consultation for the School Lane Parish Field proposals.

From the 3 options presented, Option C proved the favourite and the design process is now underway to develop the aspects of Option C incorporating the more popular elements of the feedback received. It is hoped that planning approval will be sought in Summer 2023, with a start date in Spring 2024.

The Parish Council website and the Facebook page will continue to provide updates as and when plans develop and the Council welcomes feedback from residents throughout the process.



**Fordlands Road Playing Field:** In response to residents' feedback following an unlawful trespass onto the field, the Parish Council has installed two bollards at the vehicular gate to protect the field and from further incidents. An existing bench has been located away from the neighbouring properties, closer to the play equipment to reduce noise disturbance. The mast of the Viking Longboat play equipment has temporarily been removed for repairs. The community noticeboard at the entrance to the field has been repaired and reinstalled so is available for residents' notices and information again.

Plans continue with the community wood project at Fordlands Road and updates will be added to the website and on Facebook as well as in the minutes of Parish Council meetings.



**Fulford Village Green:** The Village Green is by the river, on the city side of Landings Lane. There are picnic benches and steps down to a beach. One area has been mown and the hay collected to help promote the growth of wildflowers. St Nick's have worked with the Parish Council and volunteers to clear brambles, plant tansy for the tansy beetle population and sow wildflower seeds that should come into bloom next year. If you like doing this kind of seasonal outdoor activity, get in touch with [clerk@fulfordpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@fulfordpc.org.uk) – more volunteers are always welcome! The Tansy Beetle Action Group board describing the life cycle of this endangered species disappeared recently and will be replaced. York is the tansy beetle's stronghold so the more people who know about this beautiful creature and protect its habitat, the better.

**Community News from St Nicks:** Fulford Ings is the area of floodplain to the east of the River Ouse between St Oswalds Road in the north and the A64 in the south. **St Nicks**, as part of the Green Corridors York project, have been helping landowners and land managers with the management of green spaces all along the river in York, including Fulford. Parts of the Ings are a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) due to the rare sequence of plant communities found here. Fulford Ings contains alluvial grassland meadow on higher ground, a transitional zone of rich fen meadow, and swamp in the lowest lying areas furthest from the river.

Traditionally, Ings were managed by farmers cutting and removing a hay crop, followed by grazing with cattle until autumn, or until the ground became too wet. This helped reduce soil nutrient levels, encouraging a greater diversity of plants. If Ings are left unmanaged, vigorous plants progressively dominate the habitats, dead plant matter accumulates, less competitive species are suppressed and botanical diversity is reduced. Scrub and trees begin to dominate and over time the meadows disappear.

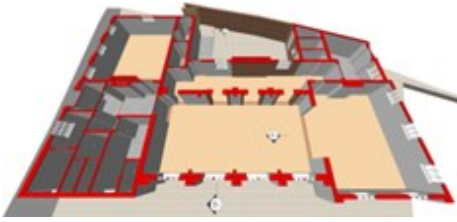
Consistent management of the Ings has not taken place for a several years due to funding issues, the pandemic and logistical challenges. This year, management has resumed on parts of the Ings, with the northern end of the site being cut and baled. St Nicks has held volunteer sessions on the less accessible parts to control nettles and balsam by hand, seeded a big patch of the Village Green with wildflowers and intends to plant a lot of tansy. Over winter, we will be carrying out tree works to stop the boundary hedges encroaching on the grasslands and next spring we will be balsam bashing for days on end!

Hopefully, management will continue in the future to restore and enhance the rare habitats present, with benefits for both wildlife and people. Wouldn't it be magical if ground nesting birds such as curlew returned to the Ings to raise their chicks?

For more information or if you're interested in volunteering, please contact Nicola Ward: [nicola@stnicks.org.uk](mailto:nicola@stnicks.org.uk)



## Fulford Social Hall Proposals for a Renovation Project



Fulford Social Hall on School Lane provides a venue for classes, social events, Fulford Show and other activities. The Parish Council recognises it needs upgrading, so we have engaged a local architect, Phil Bixby of Constructive Individuals, to carry out a study looking at all aspects of the building: its fabric, its energy use and, importantly, its role in the community.\*

Phil has already consulted with current users of the building and members of the community (you may have met him at Fulford Show!) to understand what the building means to local people and their aspirations for it. He will provide a detailed energy appraisal as well different options for the structure and lay-out of the hall depending on how it might be used in future (a café, film showings, a reading room?). Meanwhile, Councillors are visiting other community venues in York to learn about how they are used and managed. We are also exploring different ways to fund improvements, as it will be a costly business.

We will continue to consult with local people at every stage of the process, so that improvements to the building make it of value to the local community for many years to come. You are welcome to email the Parish Council with your ideas ([clerk@fulfordpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@fulfordpc.org.uk))

In the meantime, the hall is fully operational and we welcome requests to use it. To hire the main hall or the meeting room, please contact the bookings manager [cemetery@fulfordpc.org.uk](mailto:cemetery@fulfordpc.org.uk). More information about the hall is on the parish website.

*\*A Ward Committee grant made this possible.*

The venue is available for events, meetings and activities. As well as the popular times at weekends, there are also some daytime slots available during the week both for the Main Hall and the Old Library Room either for regular activities or one-off hire.

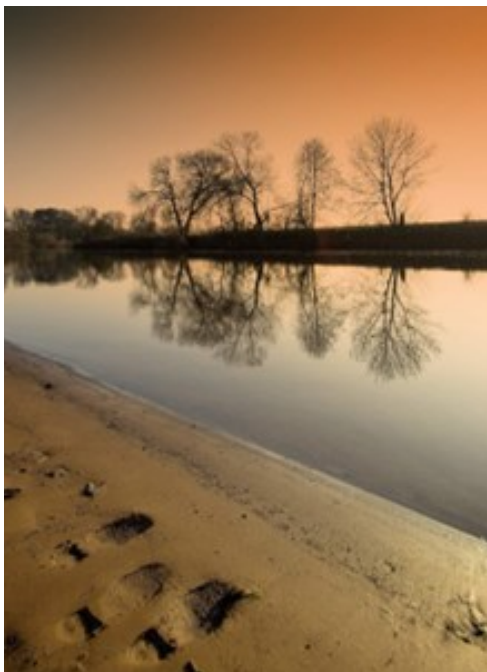


Please contact [cemetery@fulfordpc.org.uk](mailto:cemetery@fulfordpc.org.uk) / 01904 633151 for further information



## Photography Competition Winner Announced:

The winner of the first Fulford Photography Competition is Stephen Whitehead with this riverside scene taken at the Village Green beach.



2<sup>nd</sup> Place  
Katie Winterburn  
Path between School Lane & Cemetery Road



3<sup>rd</sup> Place  
Stephen Whitehead  
Sun reflections at Fulford Green, taken just to the south of Fulford Lake and taken in the direction of Bishopthorpe Palace



4<sup>th</sup> Place  
Katie Winterburn  
Bathurst Road, Bishopthorpe Park

N.b. All entries received were in the Over 18 category

A Gallery of the 10 Highest Rated Unplaced Photographs is available to view on the Website at <https://www.fulfordparishcouncil.org.uk/2022/10/photography-competition-winners/>





## Greener Cleaner Fulford Community Initiative Update

Next meetings 15 December 2022 & 19<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 6.30-8.00 pm

The Old Library, Social Hall, School Lane

### All welcome



Greener Cleaner Fulford is a group for everyone interested in green issues, such as energy and water-saving measures, planting trees and wildflowers or creating habitat for hedgehogs and other wildlife. The group first met in May 2022 and had a stall at Fulford Show, including the very successful freecycle plot. Thank you to everyone who brought something and, even better, took something away to reuse!

Our survey at Fulford Show supported the idea of a Green Fulford Day, planned for **Sunday 23 April 2023**. Like-minded groups across the city will share information, and we will tour local houses, gardens and businesses taking green steps. If we could visit your house, garden or business, get in touch.

Energy bills are at the forefront of everyone's minds. Go to the Greener Cleaner Fulford page on the Parish Council web site for some ideas.

**Hello to local businesses!** Tell us what you're doing to reduce your carbon footprint or improve the environment. We'll spread the word on our web page and through social media.

**Hello to local residents!** is there a verge outside your house you'd like to turn into a mini-meadow? Please get in touch.

We welcome new members – you will bring new ideas and more energy! Come along to one of the next meetings and feel free to get in touch by email if you want to know more.



Contact: Juliet Koprowska, [cllr.koprowska@fulfordpc.org.uk](mailto:cllr.koprowska@fulfordpc.org.uk)



**Replacement Recycling Boxes, Lids and Nets** are available **free** of charge from City of York Council for kerbside recycling collections. Up to 3 free replacements can be ordered by calling **01904 551551**. For more information see the City of York Council website at <https://www.york.gov.uk/ReplacementBins>

**Community News from Fulford Community Orchard:** Following designation as a community orchard in 2008, Fulford Community Orchard on the site of the former Naburn Maternity Hospital is maintained by a dedicated small group of volunteers. More information on the group and the orchard can be find at their website <http://fulfordcommunityorchard.org.uk> including news on recent survey which shows a wide range of species and possibly some of national significance. Visitors are warmly welcomed at the orchard and the group are looking to build their pool of volunteers to help enhance this peaceful site place for the benefit of the people of Fulford and staff and visitors to the Designer Outlet. Come along for wassailing on 17th January 2023 at 5.30pm!



To help in anyway, you can sign up via <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49aca729a4f5cf8-fulford>

## Opportunities for New Councillors



We are looking for new councillors at all stages of their career who have some knowledge of local issues, care about the community and have the ability to work with others to resolve issues.

The role involves attending 6-10 meetings per year, plus a modest time commitment to the work of the council between meetings.

We work co-operatively in small groups in areas of regular responsibility, such as looking after the Council's open spaces and the Social Hall, evaluating planning applications and addressing climate and ecological matters. We welcome potential councillors with energy and ideas about how we engage more with the community. Councillors work closely with the Parish Clerk, who manages most of the Parish Council's day-to-day responsibilities.

If you would like to know more, please contact the Parish Clerk on [clerk@fulfordpc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@fulfordpc.org.uk)