

News Update

News for the Parishioners of Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish

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Welcome to our latest news update

This newsletter is produced to keep parishioners informed about the activities being undertaken by the Parish Council, for the benefit of the Parish, as well as information on events and activities that you may wish to take part in. We hope that you find it informative.

This is my first newsletter as Chairman. In the recent parish elections, there was no poll in Laughton. There were only five applicants for the seven seats available, all existing Parish Councillors. As such all five were elected uncontested. Information on Councillors can be found on our website www.laughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk. A notice has been published to advise that Council are now able to co-opt two new Councillors. Applications will be considered at the June meeting. The role is voluntary, if you want to make a difference to our small community please apply and join our small team. Application forms are available from the clerk.

I would like to place on record my thanks to our outgoing Chairman, Trevor Stanway, who has decided to step down as Chairman this year. Trevor was instrumental in Laughton setting up its own Council, rather than being part of Thurcroft, back in 1992. Since then, he has been Chairman for all but seven years. His commitment to this community has been unwavering and for that we owe him our sincere thanks. Trevor will continue as a Councillor. Thankyou also to Sujatha Varkey and Samantha Fielding for their service to the Parish.

In the last few months, I have been out and about marking pavements to try and remind dog walkers to pick up after their dogs and keep our streets clean. If you see me, I am happy to chat about any parish issues.

There is a range of issues that the Parish Council continues to work on, we have tried to give a flavor in this newsletter. If you would like to know more then please come along to our monthly meetings.

Please see details below of our forthcoming event to mark the commemoration of D-Day. The 6th June 2024 marks the 80th anniversary of D-Day, when Allied forces mounted the largest amphibious invasion the world has ever witnessed. Please come to the Village Hall to mark this occasion with us.

We always welcome any feedback or new ideas for our newsletter, so please get in touch with either me, or Caroline, our Parish Clerk, if there is anything you would like to raise. Contact details are included on page 2.



Simon Johnson
Parish Council Chairman

D-Day 80 Event - 6th June 2024 - Village Hall 7.15pm

"The bravery and sacrifice of those people in securing the peace and freedom we enjoy today will be observed by the lighting of beacons around the United Kingdom, Channel Islands, Isle of Man and UK Overseas Territories. I hope your community will join us. We are asking villages, towns, cities and organisations of all sizes to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day by lighting a beacon at 9.15 pm on 6th June 2024, in celebration of the 'light of peace' that emerged out of the darkness of war."

Bruno Peek CVO OBE OPR, Pageantmaster



Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council is holding an event to mark the 80th anniversary of D-Day and to take part in the beacon lighting taking place across the country. A gas beacon, especially designed for this event, has been purchased and will be lit on the field at the back of the hall at 9.15 pm, accompanied by a short speech to mark the occasion. The last post will be played. The event starts at 7.15 pm, with pie and peas being available from 7.30 pm. We do need to know numbers for catering so please request your tickets as soon as possible by contacting Janice Cutting 07582827158 – the tickets are £4.00. Entry is free if you do not want pie and peas. The Parish Council has booked Maltby Miners Welfare Band for the occasion, and they will be playing from 7.45pm until the beacon lighting, with a short intermission. There will be stalls at the village hall, a raffle, a prize for the best 40's outfit and a selection of cakes and tea or coffee to purchase. Funds raised from the event will be put towards further improvements to the Village Hall. We hope you will join us for this event.

Your Parish Council

Notice of Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.15pm, Wednesday 19th June 2024 at the Village Hall, Firbeck Avenue, Laughton-en-le-Morthen S25 1YD. The agenda for this meeting will be on the Parish Council website by the Friday preceding the meeting or by request from the clerk. Minutes of previous meetings are also available on the website and are posted when they have been approved at the following months' meeting. Please remember that we have a new website: www.laughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk.

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My working days are

Monday to Thursday 10 am – 12.30 pm



Summary of Receipts and Payments for 12 months to 31st March 2024

This is a summary of the Parish Council's income and expenditure; these are draft figures pending the outcome of our annual assurance review. The accounts are for the period 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024.

LAUGHTON-EN-LE-MORTHEN PARISH COUNCIL			
Summary of Receipts & Payments for the year ending 31.03.2024			
2022/2023 Receipts		2023/2024	
£ 43,190.00	Precept	£ 40,750.00	
£ 137.48	Interest	£ 666.97	
£ 2,120.00	Alcivments	£ 2,989.50	
£ 108,000.00	Grants Received	£ -	
£ 29,975.00	Public Works Loans Board loan	£ -	
£ 2,500.00	Donations - Village Hall projects	£ -	
£ 631.85	Community Infrastructure Levy	£ -	
£ 27,308.17	VAT Recovered	£ 9,786.70	
£ 213,876.50	Total Income	£ 54,173.17	
2022/2023 Payments		2023/2024	
£ 4,093.40	Admin/Supplies/Expenses/Audit		3,894.12
£ 12,986.46	Net Staff Costs		15,603.12
£ 1,486.24	Insurance		1,153.27
£ 166.07	Subscriptions		697.04
£ 162,820.96	Village Hall		1,130.99
£ 2,577.36	Recreation Ground		2,728.38
£ 824.00	Landscaping		872.00
£ 1,763.34	Allotments & Gardens excl Administration		1,674.43
£ 1,421.00	Hanleets (new Cam Defibrillator)		3,100.00
£ 360.00	Section 137		1,129.50
£ 250.00	Grants excl 137		-
£ 1,237.61	Projects		3,265.00
£ 1,182.86	Play Area Repairs		3,900.00
£ 274.73	Defibrillator Maintenance		333.84
£ 962.65	Repayments PWLB		1,963.00
£ 34,036.64	VAT Paid		2,812.72
£ 226,557.32	Total Payments	£ 44,287.41	
	Bank Balance at 01.04.2023	£ 62,341.58	
	Unpresented Cheque		
	Bank Balance at 31.03.2024		£ 72,227.74
	Totals	£ 116,515.15	£ 116,515.15
The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the Authority as at 31st March 2024			
Signed	<i>T Stanway</i>		Chairman
Date	17th April 2024		
Signed	<i>C Havenhand</i>		RFO
Date	17th April 2024		

Defibrillator Training Session

Thank you to all that attended the defibrillator sessions organised by Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council earlier this year.

These were very well attended and most informative.

The lady who presented the session recommended that attendees watch this video as a reminder:

Everything you need to know about life-saving defibrillators ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))

The acronym "ABC" in the context of CPR and first aid stands for:

Airway, Breathing, and Circulation.

These are the three critical components to check when performing life-saving procedures:

- A for Airway: Ensure that the person's airway is clear. If the airway is blocked, it can prevent breathing and should be addressed immediately.
- B for Breathing: Check if the person is breathing normally. If not, rescue breaths may be needed to maintain oxygenation.
- C for Circulation: Assess whether the person has a pulse and if blood is circulating. If there is no pulse, chest compressions are necessary to restore circulation.

Remember, in an emergency, these steps can help stabilise a person until professional medical help arrives. Always call for emergency services if you encounter someone who needs CPR.

The Parish Council has provided 5 defibrillators in this Parish. Your precept helped to fund these and to provide for replacements parts and batteries. A new Defibsafe box has just been purchased and installed in Brookhouse. Please take a few minutes to walk around the Parish to identify where your defibrillators are located:

- On the external wall of the Village Hall in Laughton-en-le-Morthen.
- On the external wall of Laughton J&I School on School Road, Laughton-en-le-Morthen.
- On the external wall of Laughton All Saints' C of E Primary School on High Street, Laughton-en-le-Morthen.
- On the external wall of the Traveller's Rest, Main Street, Brookhouse.
- On the wall driving through Carr, Carr Lane, Carr.

REMEMBER – In an emergency dial 999. The operator will tell you where the nearest device is located that is not in use, and the code to access it. They will also talk you through the CPR and how to use the device.



Litter Picking Award

The Parish Council would like to thank those parishioners that can be seen out and about helping to keep our parish clean and tidy.

At the May Annual Parish Meeting, the Chairman, Trevor Stanway, invited along one of our younger parishioners to receive a special certificate for her services to the Parish. Miss Seren Bounds was awarded a certificate for her hard work in keeping our Parish Tidy. Seren can often be seen around Laughton picking litter with her litter picker and Hi-Viz vest which she requested as a Christmas present. The chairman awarded her a certificate and sweets in recognition for her contribution.

Well done and thank you Seren!



Hanging Baskets



As you will be aware from our last issue Parish Council has taken the decision to place hanging baskets in the centre of the village for summer 2024. They will go up in June and stay up until the end of October.

Since the last newsletter we have received a positive response from parishioners prepared to sponsor some of the baskets which, with the ones that Parish Council has funded, has made it possible for the baskets to be hung from the top of High Street down to the bottom of St John's Road. Please bear in mind that RMBC will not allow baskets to go on lamp posts which already have highway signs on them. We also avoided ones where the hedge makes it impossible to fix them.

Some parishioners have asked for plaques, other have not.

We are most grateful for those that have decided to sponsor a basket – you know who you are!

Speeding & Road Safety

Ward Councillor Sophie Dack recently attended the Parish Council meeting to summarise the survey results regarding speeding and parking issues in the village. The results are not a surprise in that there is much concern about speeding and particularly issues with parking. What is less consistent is the solutions that people would like to see introduced that they think would be most effective. There was a majority of parishioners in favour of speed bumps, though it was not a landslide, and a number of people did not want them.

Laughton will get its first speed activated road sign within the next four weeks. This will be located initially as High Street meets St Johns Road, but can be relocated to other areas of the Parish. This is a welcome introduction.

Other solutions are still under discussion, and we will let you know as this develops.



Other Matters...

Grass Cutting



The Parish Council continues to be concerned that the verges in the Parish are not being maintained to the standard that you pay for in your Council tax. We report this to RMBC, but it would carry more weight if Parishioners reported this as well.

This is the Maintenance Schedule which RMBC commit to meeting.

Grass and verges maintenance schedule – Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council

Where this is not met there is a reporting tool to highlight the issue. Please use this:

Report a grounds maintenance problem | Instructions – Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council



Laughton All Saints Church-

News from the Pews!

We have a new service starting on Sunday 9th June 4 pm. 'You, me and Everyone' is a modern style service for people of all ages, to be held every second Sunday of the month.

The Gatherings, prayer group, starting Wednesday 17th July, 7 pm to be held monthly alternatively between All Saints' and St Bartholomew's Maltby

We will be holding our annual Garden Party on Saturday 22nd June. This will be held in the grounds of Old Hall Farm 2 pm till 4 pm, to be opened by Mrs Julie Armitage, Headteacher of All Saints' Church.

On 28th September at 6.30 pm we will be holding our Harvest Concert, with the Timber Wolf band. Pie and Peas will be available to purchase. Please see the church noticeboard for more information nearer the time

For any baptism, wedding enquires or details of any of the above service and events, please contact Jill: allsaintslaughton@gmail.com or call 07943 222687.

Our monthly services are:

1 st Sunday	Morning Prayer	9.00am
2 nd Sunday	You, me and everyone	4.00pm
3 rd Sunday	Holy Communion With Revd Beth	9.00am
4 th Sunday	Holy Communion With Revd Beth	6.00pm

These are subject to change so please check our website/Facebook page or call the parish office for details

www.allsaintschurchlaughton.co.uk

Regular Activities at Laughton Village Hall

Our newly refurbished Village Hall is available for hire. It is an ideal location for Weddings, Christenings, and parties. If you would like to book,

please contact Ann Mitchell - anncm@live.co.uk

Monday: Toddler Playgroup 9.30 am - 11 am

Keep Fit - Spin 5.30 pm : Kettlebells 6 pm

Tuesday: Keep Fit - Spin 6 am : Bowling 5.15 pm - 7.45 pm

Wednesday: Knit and Natter 9.30 am - 12.30 pm

Keep Fit - Spin 5.30 pm : Pilates 6 pm

Thursday: Keep Fit - Spin 6 am

Toddler Playgroup 9.30 am - 11 am

Friday: Creative Stitching 9.30 am - 3 pm

Keep Fit - Kettlebells 5.30 pm : Spin 6 pm

Saturday: Keep Fit - Spin 9 am : Pilates 9.30 am



Contact for Toddler Playgroup:
Wendy Bulmer - 07989 679397

Contact for Keep Fit Classes:
Fay Bird - 07581466464

Contact for Creative Stitching:
Janet - 07721 321214

Contact for Bowling:
Sue Salt - 07791 950853



Brookhouse Footpath

Recent notices placed at either end of a much used 'footpath' have raised a number of queries to see what is happening. The issue as to whether this footpath should have been on the definitive footpath list has been an ongoing matter for some time. Many Parishioners and the Parish Council have provided evidence regarding its use, both now and historically. RMBC have now made the decision to make a Definitive Map Modification Order asserting that both stretches of path should be public footpath.

Details can be found on their website:

[Issue details - Application for a Definitive Map Modification Order - Claim for Public Footpath at Brookhouse, Parish of Laughton-en-le-Morthern - Rotherham Council](#)

Our understanding of the next stage of the process is as follows: the Order will be drafted and then will be advertised to a list of statutory consultees and notices placed on site. If RMBC do not receive any objections, or objections that are subsequently withdrawn, RMBC can confirm the Order and will then speak to landowners to arrange opening the route up and signing it. The route will then be protected as any right of way.

If RMBC get any objections to the Order that cannot be resolved, the matter will pass onto the Planning Inspectorate who may decide to convene a public inquiry to decide the future of the route. As the legal process is not completed and reached a final outcome yet, the route is not a public right of way currently, which is why RMBC have placed signs at either end of the routes.

St John's Road Allotments



St Johns Road Allotments are once again a hive of activity, preparations are well underway for the growing season. The popularity of the allotment remains high, and we are almost at full capacity, however we do have a few plots currently available so if you are interested please contact the clerk or complete an application available on the Parish Council website at: St John's Road Allotments - Laughton-en-le-Morthern Parish Council (laughtonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

We have recently developed two communal bays where allotment tenants have access to free manure and wood chippings. Work is scheduled to begin on the communal area: -

Stage 1 - To create raised beds

Stage 2 - To create a seating area

Stage 3 - To erect a Polytunnel



If you have a few hours to spare and would be happy to help with this project you will receive a warm welcome. Last year we held a Scarecrow Festival / Fun day at the Village Hall to showcase the allotment, it was amazing and proved so popular and well attended that we plan to repeat the event later in the year, a date will be announced shortly.

Michelle - St Johns Road Allotment Committee