

# Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council

(Incorporating Brookhouse, Carr, Slade Hooton and Newhall Hamlet)

## News Update

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

Issue No. 38 - November 2021



### 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 issue we have also included activities being undertaken by our new Ward Councillors, who have been active in the Parish since being elected in May 2021.

Whilst there is still much concern about Covid, with many of us double or even treble jabbed now, I think we are all hoping for a Christmas where we are able to spend time enjoying the company of family and friends. The Parish Council would like to wish all our parishioners a Merry Christmas and a more normal 2022.

Parishioners are always very welcome to come along to our Parish Council meetings which take place in the Village Hall on the third Wednesday in every month, except for August, where no meeting is held. 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 overleaf.



Trevor Stanway  
Parish Council Chairman

### Wreath Making

Come along to a Wreath Making afternoon at Laughton All Saints Church – refreshments and mince pies will be provided, as well as all the materials you will need. There will be a full demonstration to help you produce your very own wreath to decorate your home this

Christmas. The event starts at 2 pm on Saturday 4th December and will help to raise money for the church. To book or for more information please call Jill on 07943222687 for more details – cost £25 per person.



### Festivities in Brookhouse

There will be a Village Christmas Tree lights switch on in Brookhouse on Sunday 5th December at 5 pm, followed by a social evening.

Prior to this the Travellers Rest pub is holding a Children's Christmas Party (you will need to book to secure place at the party) - 01909 562661



### Community Litter Pick Group

In the summer newsletter we asked for local volunteers to form a new litter pick group to work with Parish Councillors to help clean up our streets. We had a very positive response and Sunday 24th October was the first date selected. Whilst the rain threatened, much was achieved, and it was great to see such positive results.



If anyone would like to join our happy band of pickers, please contact the clerk to the council and she will add you to the list and let you know when litter picks are taking place. We expect to hold them bi-monthly and you don't have to attend every pick.

# Your Parish Council

## Notice of Meeting

The next ordinary meeting of the Parish Council will be held at 7.15 pm, Wednesday 15th December 2021 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 meeting are also available on the website.

## Parish Councillors

### Chairman

Trevor Stanway 01909 563418

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Samantha Fielding 07795 805929  
Trudy Hutson 01709 528823  
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### Clerk to the Council:

Caroline Havenhand: 01709 528823

E-mail: [clerk-laughtonparishcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:clerk-laughtonparishcouncil@outlook.com)  
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My working days are

Monday to Thursday 10 am – 12.30 pm



## Finances Year End 31st March 2021

This a summary of the Parish Council's income and expenditure following the Audit for the period 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

LAUGHTON-EN-LE-MORTHEN PARISH COUNCIL				
Summary of Receipts & Payments for the year ending 31.03.2021				
2019/20		Receipts	2020/21	
£	29,802.00	Precept	£	32,640.00
£	20.20	Interest	£	11.41
£	1,892.50	Allotments	£	2,128.00
£	-	Miscellaneous (Insurance Payment)	£	-
£	4,264.08	Caretaker cost VHMC	£	4,264.08
£	500.00	Football Pitch	£	150.00
£	3,500.00	Grants Received	£	1,900.00
£	8,054.02	Donations - Village Hall projects	£	1,090.00
£	-	Community Infrastructure Levy	£	1,157.60
£	1,966.66	VAT Recovered	£	4,865.42
£	<b>49,999.46</b>	<b>Total Income</b>	£	<b>48,206.51</b>
2019/20		Payments	2020/21	
£	2,727.12	Admin/Supplies/Expenses/Audit		1,671.10
£	13,176.57	Salary / Wages		13,945.14
£	1,919.02	Insurance		1,979.95
£	526.67	Subscriptions		573.00
£	179.95	Village Hall		1,126.00
£	2,429.14	Recreation Ground		1,913.83
£	750.00	Landscaping		938.00
£	1,070.74	Allotments & Gardens		1,949.92
£	1,584.35	Hamlets		1,180.00
£	1,361.00	Section 137		1,562.28
£	875.00	Grants excl 137		400.00
£	15,224.50	Projects		8,864.68
£	4,302.30	VAT Paid		2,060.51
£	<b>46,126.36</b>	<b>Total Payments</b>		<b>38,164.41</b>
	Bank Balance at 01.04.2020	£	<b>42,527.44</b>	
	Unpresented Cheque			
	Bank Balance at 31.03.2021			£ <b>52,569.54</b>
	<b>Totals</b>	£	<b>90,733.95</b>	£ <b>90,733.95</b>

The above statement represents fairly the financial position of the Authority as at 31st March 2021

Signed *T Stanway* Chairman

Date 19/04/2021

Signed *C Havenhand* RFO

Date 19/04/2021

## Community Defibrillators

Just a reminder that Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council own and maintain four defibrillators in the parish.

### These 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.

The devices are designed to be used without any requirement for training. When receiving a 999 call Yorkshire Ambulance Service will assess the patient's condition and may give out the access code to the Defibrillator Cabinet if appropriate.

The machine itself gives spoken instructions and decides if a shock is required.



## *Improvements to the Village Hall and financial consultation*

As we mentioned in the last newsletter, as a 60-year-old building, the Village Hall is in much need of improvement and renovation. Questionnaires completed by users confirm that there is much improvement needed and many suggestions have been put forward. There is still time to give your feedback by downloading a questionnaire at: [Meetings & Minutes - LPC \(laughtonparishcouncil.org.uk\)](https://laughtonparishcouncil.org.uk).



Whilst the hall is currently used by a number of groups, there is also much potential for increasing the number of events and activities that could be held there if the kitchen and toilets were improved in both size and functionality. To do this there will need to be a small extension at the back of the hall to create the required space for new toilets at the front – this has been agreed by planning department. As you will appreciate this will be a substantial project and the Parish Council are currently applying for grant funding from a number of sources to be able to make this happen. Laughton-en-le-Morthen Parish Council has a relatively small precept in comparison with larger Parish Council's in Rotherham, so although it has been saving towards this project for three years, some funds will need to be raised through precept. We have calculated that this will relate to an increase in the precept for 2022/23 by about £15.00 for a band D equivalent household, around £1.25 to your monthly bill. In addition, the Parish Council propose to apply for a £30,000 loan to ensure that there are sufficient funds to allow for the current instability in building prices. The loan repayments are accounted for in the previously mentioned precept increase, only £3.29 of this will be ongoing per year. We believe it is important to invest in the Village Hall, which is used by so many of our community. The village hall provided vital support during the height of the Covid pandemic and has potential to deliver much more with the right facilities.

There is a consultation questionnaire at:

[News & Events -LPC \(laughtonparishcouncil.org.uk\)](https://laughtonparishcouncil.org.uk) please return this by 10th January 2022. We are happy to post a copy if you cannot access the internet, contact details for the clerk are on page 2.

Both questionnaires can be emailed to the clerk: [clerk-laughtonparishcouncil@outlook.com](mailto:clerk-laughtonparishcouncil@outlook.com), placed in the Village Hall letterbox or handed to Councillors.

The precept is set at our January meeting, to be held on 19th January in the Village Hall at 7.15pm. You are welcome to attend the meeting and express your views regarding the budget and precept.

## *Community Skip Day*



Whilst most people's thoughts will be focussed on Christmas, we just wanted to give prior notice that we will be holding a community skip day again, early in the New Year – please keep an eye out for posters on Parish noticeboards. This has always proved a very popular event and will hopefully help people get started on an early 'Spring Clean'. Weather permitting, the date is currently set for Saturday 22nd January, and the skip will be on the Village Hall car park from 9 am – 12 noon. Ward Councillors will also be attending if you have any questions for them and have kindly assisted with funding for the skips

## *Speed Watch*

Following concerns expressed by the Parish Council and Ward Councillors, a representative from our local Neighbourhood Partnership Team plus one of our local PCSO's, will be carrying out a Speed Watch on School Lane in Laughton-en-le-Morthen in January.

Please contact Ward Council Sophie Dack to express an interest in taking part and you will be contacted with a date and time to take part.

Contact number 01709 807945



## *Queen's Platinum Jubilee*

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee, seventy years of service, having acceded to the throne on 6th February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old. The date of the Queen's Jubilee is Sunday 6th February 2022, but nationally, plans have been made to celebrate the event in June. There will be a four-day bank holiday weekend from Thursday 2nd June to Sunday 5th June 2022, which means that we will be given two days off work to celebrate 70 years of service by Her Majesty the Queen. The Parish Council would like to hear from parishioners that would like to take part in a working group to look at ways that we can mark this milestone in our parish. If you would be happy to help, please contact the clerk, Caroline Havenhand.



## Regular Activities at the Laughton Village Hall

Many of our regular groups have now started again at the Village Hall and some news ones. You can also book the hall for one-off events by emailing Ann Mitchell: [anncm@live.co.uk](mailto:anncm@live.co.uk).

**MONDAY** Toddler Playgroup 9.30 am - 11.00 am  
Keep Fit - Spin 5.30 pm  
Keep Fit - Pilates 6.00 pm  
Viking Enactments 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm

**TUESDAY** Bowling 5.30 pm – 8.00 pm

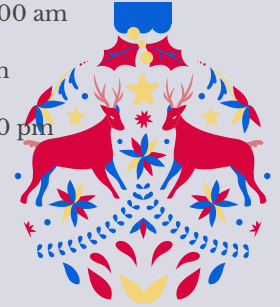
**WEDNESDAY** Knit and Natter 9.30 am – 12.30 am  
Keep Fit - Kettlebells 5.30 pm  
Keep Fit - Spin 6.00 pm

**THURSDAY** Toddler Playgroup 9.30 am – 11.00 am  
Keep Fit - Spin 5.30 pm  
Keep Fit – Pump Circuit 6.00 pm  
Dancing 7.00 pm – 10.30 pm

**FRIDAY** Creative Stitching 9.30 am – 3.00 pm

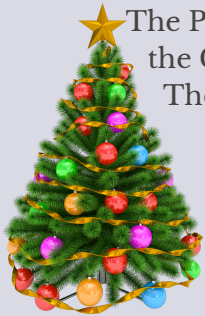
Keep Fit - Spin 5.30 pm  
Keep Fit - Metafit 6.00 pm

**SATURDAY** Keep Fit - Spin 9.00 am  
Keep Fit - Pilates 9.30 am



Contact for Toddler Playgroup is Wendy Bulmer - 07989679397  
Contact for Keep Fit Classes is Fay Bird - 07581466464

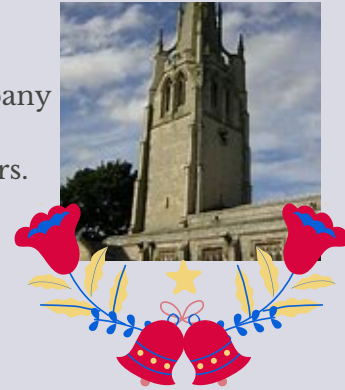
## Laughton All Saints Church ~ News from the Pews!



The Parish Council have arranged for Maltby Brass Band to once again accompany the Carols around the Tree, please come along, this is a lovely festive event. The church Christmas tree is kindly being donated by one of our parishioners.

### Christmas Service & Events:

11th December 2021 Carols around the Tree 6.30 pm  
19th December 2021 Carol Service 6.30 pm  
24th December 2021 Crib Service 4.00 pm  
24th December 2021 Midnight Mass 11.30 pm  
25th December 2021 Holy Communion 9.00 am



## Dinnington Ward Councillors ~ Working hard in Laughton-en-le-Morthen

Since they were elected in May 2021, Ward Councillors: Sophie Castledine-Dack, Benjamin Whomersley and Charlie Wooding have been working hard to support the community in Laughton-en-le-Morthen and deliver improvements for residents. In October, Cllr. Castledine-Dack joined the parish's first litter pick event since the start of Covid and had a lovely, but rainy morning, helping to clear lots of rubbish from across the whole village. She also laid a wreath, in honour of the fallen, at Laughton All Saints Church on Remembrance Sunday, joining villagers at the service beforehand.

Ward Councillors have been made aware, by the Parish Council and parishioners, of extensive road safety concerns at various locations in the village, most notably speeding along School Road and parking at Laughton All Saints C of E Primary School. Cllr. Whomersley was selected to sit on the Board of Governors at All Saints School, which both of his young daughters attend. He has been working with governors and teachers to discuss ideas on how to improve parking at the school.

Cllr. Castledine-Dack attended a meeting with Parish Council Chairman, Trevor Stanway, RMBC traffic officers and the headteacher at the school to discuss options which may help improve the parking situation. These included: extending the yellow zig zag lines along the bend and changing staff arrangements so that they may utilise the second car park rather than parking on the road.

Following this, by working with the school as both a governor and councillor, Cllr Whomersley has been able to reach a fantastic outcome. The school has agreed to stagger pupil finish times by 5 minutes to ease the parking on the road in the afternoon. Further, white H markings will be installed on Church End to discourage parking at this location to stop drivers blocking residents from accessing or leaving their homes.

In addition, together, Councillors have funded 20 extra glockenspiels for pupils at Laughton All Saints, so that they are able to learn to play them! Cllr. Castledine-Dack joined local MP Alexander Stafford at a 'Street Surgery' at the junction of School Road and High Street and learned of the extensive speeding concerns along this road. She raised this issue at the full council meeting on 10th November in Dinnington, and asked RMBC to act and improve the safety of this stretch of road. RMBC confirmed that they were exploring several options since referral by the Parish Council last year, including a central reservation. Cllr. Castledine-Dack will follow the issue as it develops, ensuring it remains an active item on Ward Councillors' agendas.

Ward Councillors have worked closely with residents of Brookhouse and Slade Hooton to try and resolve the ongoing issues with the brook, with Cllr. Castledine-Dack attending a stakeholder meeting on this issue in September. Cllrs: Sophie Castledine-Dack and Ben Whomersley have been supporting the Residents Association in obtaining a CCTV scheme as a deterrent to potential burglars and a safeguard for vulnerable residents.

If there is anything that Cllr Castledine-Dack, Cllr Whomersley and Cllr Wooding can do to help, we hope you will contact us.

Our contact details can be found here:

<https://www.rotherham.gov.uk/dinnington-ward> and below:

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