

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Councillor Steve and Amanda Smith
(Mayor & Mayoress)



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This is the first of what we hope will be a regular quarterly Newsletter. Our aim is to provide you with topical issues which have and could affect Whitby. In every Newsletter you will have details of your Councillors and details of when Council and sub-committee meetings will be held.

Although somewhat belatedly, I would like to take this opportunity to promise to you that myself and Amanda as Mayor and Mayoress will represent and promote Whitby to the best of our ability during my term of Office.

As this is a new election term and we have new Councillors, I would like to welcome them into the fold.

Well, we now know that the North Yorkshire County Council Unitary Bid was unsuccessful. Thus, we are back to the status quo with Scarborough Borough Council as our local authority and we will strive to make them listen to us on your behalf. We know a partnership must be forged and we must be positive and move on and try to get the very best Services from both North Yorkshire County Council and the Borough Council for the mutual benefit of Whitby and our community.

So, what is of concern to your Councillors and more importantly you

Whitby Hospital. This really is topmost on all our agendas. The whole of the community is against the closure of the Maternity Ward. All consultation with North Yorkshire & York Primary Care Trust has come to nothing. We must continue to make the voice of Whitby heard. We are arranging further Council meetings with the PCT and the NHS to ascertain exactly what long term health care coverage we can expect to receive.

Upper Harbour Project. The Town Council agreed in principle to the project. However, when received, we recommended refusal of the original plans and also the subsequent amended/new plans. As you now know the new pontoons are now in place and the completion of the 2nd phase (new build) has now been delayed until Spring 2008.

Public Toilets. We continue to receive on a regular basis complaints from tourists about the lack of toilets and the state of the current toilets. Despite our efforts to try to keep Church Street toilets open and possibly taking on the running of them - they were demolished with apparent haste. We are continuing to investigate the viability of having some form of Automated Public Convenience in the same area. However, it may not be cost effective.

Traffic Congestion. This remains a major problem. Yorkshire County Council Highways tell us that they want to see less signage clutter. Yes, we support that. Should coaches park back up on West Cliff and not Langbourne road car parks? They take up desperately needed parking spaces for cars and the subsequent chaos they (the coaches) cause coming through the centre of town. We will continue to pressure the Highways Authorities to improve the traffic situation.

So.... Where do we go from here? YOU have a Council that wants to listen to you - by letter, by e-mail - or speak to your Councillor - get to know him/her.

Don` t know who your Councillor is for your area - call the Town Council staff.

We want your opinions. By listening to YOU we can effectively represent you, the people of Whitby.

THE CLERKS - WHO ARE THEY? - WHAT DO THEY DO?

Eddie Birch is the Town Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer. In the job now for nearly 4 years, he has responsibility for ensuring the Town Council runs smoothly. He has altogether 6 staff, who include a part time Deputy Clerk and Civic Officer, 2 full time Custodians and 2 part time Custodians and a part time Curator of the Pannett Art Gallery.

His tasks are wide ranging and varied. From Pay and Tax/Nat Ins to Income/Expenditure and VAT, Charity and Accounts Returns to Health & Safety and Risk Assessments. Eddie is responsible to the Council for ensuring meetings are convened when required and agendas are legal and properly constituted and minutes of meetings are accurate. The Town Council owns 3 Allotment Sites which are under the control of Eddie. He liaises with the Borough and North Yorkshire County Council on day to day matters on behalf of the Council.

Anne Cowey is the Deputy Clerk and Civic Officer. Anne has now been in post for 14 years, she acts as deputy to Eddie, her other duty is being the Civic Officer, this entails ensuring that any invitations received for the Mayor/Mayorress are promptly actioned and that all relevant information is conveyed to the Mayor. Anne arranges any Mayoral functions that may be required. Anne is also Secretary to the Friends of Pannett Park and also Secretary to Whitby in Bloom.

Eddie and Anne are here to help and assist you

Their aim is for Whitby to attain Quality Parish/Town Status

WHEN ARE THE MAIN COUNCIL MEETINGS?

First Tuesday in the month - Full Council followed by Planning - 6.45pm

Second Tuesday in the month - Finance & General Purposes - 6.45pm

Third Tuesday in the month - Planning - 6pm

All dates and times of meetings can be found on our [website](#)

WHITBY TOWN COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEMBERS

ABBEY WARD (5)

BROADLEY R W

BROWN T W

BUDD P

DANIELS J M F (Mrs)

SMITH S R

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The Old Manor House, 3 Boulby Bank Top, Whitby, YO22 4EZ – 600884

4 The Avenue, Sleights, YO22 5BS

Crowdy Hall, Larpool Lane, Whitby, YO22 4NE – 602648

159 Church Street, Whitby, TO22 4AS – 820682F (Town Mayor)

RUSWARP WARD (2)

BOYCE S (Ms)

CARSON T N

17 Carr Hill Lane, Briggswath, Whitby, YO21 1RS – 810592

Groves Bank, Woodlands Drive, Sleights, YO22 5NT - 810220

STAKESBY WARD (4)

ABBOTT A

JENNISON T

MURPHY M D

JONES W F

42 Crescent Avenue, Whitby, YO21 3EQ – 603292/821716

8 Eastway, Whitby, YO21 3PE – 601535 (Deputy Town Mayor)

Highfields, Ugglebarnby Lane, Sneaton, Whitby, YO22 5NT - 602091

23 Esk Terrace, Whitby, YO21 1PA - 602713

TOWN NORTH WARD (2)

McEACHEN J

SIGSWORTH R G

5 Main Road, Aislaby, Whitby, YO21 1SW

32 Bracken Close, Whitby, YO22 4HP –

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DANIELS (DR) S M

DICKINSON J

DYSON S (Mrs)

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Crowdy Hall, Larpool Lane, Whitby, YO22 4NE - 602648

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