

Topcliffe Parish Council Spring Review

Many of you may not know that after 20 years serving on the Parish Council Garry Key has decided it is the right time to announce his resignation. Garry was our longest serving chairman and guided the Parish Council through many projects over the years. Some examples are the Magna Carta Celebrations, upgrading and refurbishment of the children's play area/ playing fields and developing the Sheepwash to its current position. Garry also served as our district councillor for a number of years and represented the parish council as a governor at Topcliffe Primary School. You cannot replace the experience and expertise that Garry brought to the Parish Council and he will be sorely missed.

The Parish Council has been representing the village on a number of fronts which are as follows;

Dalton Industrial Estate Development Proposal

The proposal is likely to go to the planning committee in June or July. Both Parish Councils are pushing hard to try to ensure the development does not result in significantly more traffic coming through the village, both HGV and cars. It is important that individuals register their concerns on the Hambleton planning portal which so far over 30 residents have done.

Full details of a series of reports submitted to the developers and the planners highlighting the issues, the actions to date, the current situation and how you can help can be found on the village website <https://www.topcliffe.org.uk/>

Enforcement of HGV Weight Restriction

Lorries continue to come illegally through the village and continue to be photographed and reported to Trading Standards through the lorry watch scheme. 1000 lorries have now been reported.

Discussions are taking place with the Director of Highways, the Head of Trading Standards and the County Councillor with a view to getting some enforcement action.

It has been agreed that Trading Standards will undertake some enforcement action in the villages and prosecute offending HGVs.

The village website contains full details of the current situation <https://www.topcliffe.org.uk/>

Infrastructure Projects

The repairs to Mill Bank are nearing completion after over 6 weeks work. NYCC bridges department commissioned and paid for the work and our sincere thanks go to all concerned for an excellent job. They have also repaired the footpath steps while doing the work which is well worthwhile.

Work is due to start on The Toll Booth and Jubilee Gardens wall/railings. The Toll Booth is a listed building and as such it is the village's responsibility to maintain it. A grant of £10,000 has been obtained which will go a long way towards the total cost. The work will be done by a local stone mason from Baldersby, Dave Edwards of Northern Walls.