

Community Newsletter

MAY 2011

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Your local Parish Councillors are:

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Your council meets the last Monday in the month except for January and August. Meetings start at 7pm in the Parish Hall in Dalton-le-Dale. Residents of the parish are welcome to attend to raise any matters or speak on issues that concern them or the parish. Where possible, your local Councillors and Clerk will endeavour to have such matters resolved. All the council's public documents can be found on our website. The parish notice boards also hold public information and can be used by the local community to advertise events and activities in your area.

Parish Council Precept 2011/12

Your parish council has agreed to freeze its precept level for this financial year. During the year 2010/11 it set a precept of £12,587 to provide a playground, maintain its floral planters, provide dog fouling bins and to administer its business. The council also used some reserves to renew two units of public seating and small environmental improvements in the parish. This year it will look at improving the children's play equipment at St Andrews playground. The annual accounts are fully audited and will be available for public viewing following the Annual Meeting of Parishioners. If you wish to exercise this right please contact the Clerk. Accounts and minutes are also published on the website.

Planning matters. Your local council is notified of all planning matters lodged in the parish as part of the consultation process. If you have any concerns regarding planning applications please contact the Clerk. Full details of all planning applications can be found at www.durham.gov.uk in the public access area.

Your Parish Clerk is Geoff Price

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Annual Meeting of Parishioners 23rd May 2011 at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall Dalton-le-Dale.

This meeting is open to all residents of Dalton-le-Dale Parish. It is your opportunity to hear what your local council is doing for your area and it is also an opportunity for you to put forward ideas of how you want the parish to progress. All are welcome, so please come along to this meeting. If you cannot attend you can still put your suggestions to the parish Clerk at the above details.

The Parochial Church Council (PCC) of St Andrew's Church Dalton-le-Dale are keen to start a Friends of St Andrew's Society (FoSTA). They are looking for anyone interested in this ancient Grade II* listed building and the history of the parish. The role would be that of forming a committee of like minded people who could raise the profile of the church, arrange events, raise funds, do talks, history trails etc. They would not be required to be practising church goers but would need to liaise with the PCC on a quarterly basis. For more information about this please contact PCC member Mrs M Oliver on 0191 5813726.



Your local council has recently renewed the seating at the below locations. A further scheme is being developed for the Dalton Height's roundabout.



St. Andrews Junction



The Village Green

B1285 (Times Inn Bank)

Your council is working with Durham County Council's Highway Section to improve road safety on this road. Local residents have expressed concerns regarding speeding traffic and the limiting site lines caused by tree growth at Overdene junction. The council therefore asks all local residents to adhere to the speed limits set within our neighbourhood.

Butchered trees along Graham Way road



This matter has been reported to Durham County Council Highways and Legal Section for their attention. Please help to protect your environment and report incidents to the police.

Funding for local groups.

Your local council wants to support local community groups and organisations working for the benefit of the parish. If your group needs funding to help deliver a local project in the parish please forward information to the Clerk.

Streets in bloom 2011

In recent years the garden competition has attracted only a few entries. So last summer your Chairman and Clerk undertook a secret tour of the parish and awarded a series of prizes to the best four front garden displays.

This year the council will award a series of prizes to the best display of hanging baskets at the property frontage.

The stream through the Dene.

Alarms were raised earlier this year when a large portion of land disappeared by the stream. A similar incident happened some 6 months earlier. The land was fenced off and inspected by Durham County Engineers.



The area is being monitored and the land has recently been graded to remove the large drop.

Conservation status

Your local council is working with the Design and Historic Environment Team from Durham County Council with an interest in conservation status for parts of the parish. Your council is seeking local information concerning the historic areas around St Andrews Church, St Cuthbert's Terrace along to the village green. The Dene through Dalton-le-Dale is also a unique feature and the surrounding areas could also be considered. If you have any information that could help you local council put forward a case for conservation status, please contact the Clerk.