

CLIFTON (WITHOUT) PARISH COUNCIL

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What goes up and never comes down? Your age! Or maybe taxes! Side splitting we know, but if the answer is council tax, more and more people are failing to see the funny side. Your Parish Council recognises that it is more important than ever to do what we can to lighten the burden on you the tax payer.

This is why we have cut our portion of the 2009-2010 council tax by 20%. As the Parish Council's precept is only part of the council tax, the actual reduction in the amount that you will pay will only be small, but in these uncertain economic times we would rather that any money saved, however small, was in your pocket. We're sure that you will agree.

What's on in Your Parish?

It's not just the tax that's being chopped in Clifton (Without). In the first of what we hope will be a series of articles on community activities in the area, we sent a Councillor to Canon Lee School to see the local Karate club in action...

Alive and Kicking

The Kenshinkan is one of York's oldest Karate clubs and, through the blur of flying limbs, I was able to speak to club members to find out more about this ancient martial art. "There are many benefits to practising Karate, younger people might want to fight in competitions, older people might just want to keep fit, Karate provides exercise for both the mind and body." The club has recently become associated with a Japanese Karate organisation, and I asked how will this help the club? "Membership of the JKA, the world's leading Karate association, will grant us access to a worldwide network of clubs and expertise."

In Karate the marriage of competition and traditional techniques is not always an easy one, but the club's focus on tradition has not stopped it from achieving tournament success. Last year teams and individuals from the club entered competitions across England and Wales achieving success in the summer's junior belt championships. The club has also recently won financial support from the Rotary Club of 'York Vikings'. But the association with Japan will open up new opportunities and a club member will shortly be spending time training at a leading Japanese university.

"Karate is much more than just fighting, through hard work and discipline it aims to build character and strengthen the spirit." For more information on the club or to join, visit www.yorkkarateclub.com

If you would like to give us details of your activities for us to publicise in our next news letter, or would like us to provide a link on our website, please contact us (details on back cover).

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The Work of the Parish Council

Parish Councillors do not get paid but are your points of contact on local issues.

All **Local planning applications** are referred to our Council for comment and we are happy to talk through any concerns you may have regarding matters affecting your Neighbourhood. **Safety** issues on roads, cycle ways and footpaths are constantly under review and we welcome your comments. We are closely monitoring the **Grain Store Development** and the **New Junior School** to be built in Eastholme Drive as well as the disposal of unwanted premises and their future use.



We are concerned about our **Local environment** and issues such as, Dog Fouling, Litter, Graffiti and Anti Social Behaviour all receive our attention. We are Co-Trustees of the Clifton (Without) and Rawcliffe Allotments Association and encourage such **Community Amenities**. We are keen to hear from you on how we could support your initiatives. We take an active interest in preserving our **Open Spaces** and are represented on the Backies Management Board and the Clifton Hospital Site. We are keen to work closely with the Police and other agencies for a **Safer Community**. **Bus Shelters, Street Lamps, Grass and Hedge Cutting in public areas** are issues constantly under review.

The Library **play area** and the adjoining **Multi Use Games Area** are closely monitored and managed by your Parish Council. We have recently debated whether more Community facilities such as a “**Village Hall**” are necessary and have concluded that there are already adequate and underused facilities which would make any additional space financially unjustifiable.

Neighbourhood Watch

As a result of first class co-operation with the Police and in particular PCSO Rob Milliner and PCSO Danny Stannard, whose efforts are greatly appreciated, plans are progressing to make Clifton (Without) a Neighbourhood Watch Parish. A number of volunteers have come forward to act as co-ordinators for the houses in their immediate area.



Co-ordinators are kept advised by the Police of any incidents in their area and can text and e-mail them directly with any problems. Insurance companies often give discounts on Insurance Premiums if you are in an accredited Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.

If you are not in a Neighbourhood Watch scheme and would like more information, please advise Cllr Paul Webster (details on this newsletter) who is co-ordinating the schemes in the Parish. He will be able to provide you with a starter pack and assist you in setting up your own scheme.

Where am I?

Ever woken up not knowing where you are? Maybe once or twice as a student, but it appears that some of our fellow Clifton (Without) residents are a little unsure and think that their street is in Rawcliffe, Clifton or even Acomb! If you are in any doubt, below is a full list of the streets that make up our parish, or visit our website at www.cliftonwithout-pc.org.uk for more information.

East Cottages: Surrey Way: Shotel Close: Brougham Close: Landau Close: Frazer Court: Fylingdale Avenue (Part): Baron Glade: Shipton Road(Part): Galtres Grove: Malton Way: Flavian Grove: Rawcliffe Lane (Part): Fairway: Rawcliffe Avenue: Keats Close Milton Carr: Green Lane: Belmont Close: Bowland Way: Caldbeck Close: Cayley Close: Angram Close: Barden Court: Beaverdyke (Part): Oakdale Road: Ilton Garth: Bransholme Drive: Eldwick Close (No. 1 only) Hayforth Close: Handley Close: Wellesley Close: Whitley Close: Chelkar Way: Ebsay Drive: Loxley Close: Gouthwaite Close: Haverah Court: Redmires Close: Fewston Drive: Leighton Croft: Swinsty Court: Reighton Drive: Stonelands Court: Reighton Avenue: Lawnswood Drive: Melton Avenue: The Close: Melton Drive: Rawcliffe Drive: Ings Way: Linden Grove: Saville Grove: Oriel Grove: The Garlands: Green Close: Bellcombe Way: Jacobie Close: Water Lane (Part): Woodland Chase: Lilbourne Drive (Part): Rainsborough Way: Lockyer Close: Marten Close: Brailsford Crescent Elston Close: Tamworth Road: Blatchford Court: Blatchford Mews: Minchin Close: Arlington Road: Headley Close: Lundy Close: Wimpole Close: Herdwick Close: Pentire Close:Tatton Close: Hazelnut Grove: Hornbeam Close: Thorntree Grove: Hendon Garth: Halifax Court: Lancaster Way: Hastings Court: Harrow Glade: Lanshaw Croft: Ryburn Close: Grimwith Garth: Barmby Close: Lindley Road

The Parish Council

The Parish Council is non-political and open to all residents over the age of 18 years. Your input regarding the issues faced by the council is valued. Why not visit us in person at one of our meetings, or ring any councillor for a chat?