# CLIFTON (WITHOUT) PARISH COUNCIL March 2014

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## **New Staff at Your Council**

Following the sad loss of Gerry Cheetham, our Clerk for many years (see page 2), the councils is non-the-less delighted to be able to welcome our new Clerk! A Parish Council Clerk is the hub of the organisation and so it is important to get the right individual in place. During the recruitment process we were



pleased by the number of high quality applicants. We would like to thank all those individuals who applied for the position, many of whom live within the Parish. However after careful consideration the council has selected Louise Pink.

Louise, who brings with her a wealth of experience from several commercial organisations, is also the clerk for Osbaldwick Parish Council. We look forward to being able to make savings by sharing administrative costs with them - another way your Parish Council is seeking to drive down the cost of local government. Anyone wishing to contact the council may do so through Louise, new details on the back cover. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Louise to the council and wish her every success in her new position.

#### An Invitation

Why not come down to meet your Parish Council at the annual parish meeting! This will be held at 6:45pm on 12<sup>th</sup> March in the Community Room at Canon Lee School, and will be followed at 7:15pm by a Parish Council meeting. For more information please contact Louise.

### **Gerry Cheetham**

Towards the end of last year, the Parish Council was greatly saddened by the death due to cancer of Gerry Cheetham, our council Clerk. Gerry, who had also worked for Ryedale District and Malton Town councils, had a long and distinguished career in the service of local government and was widely respected and admired by his colleagues and associates.

Gerry began working for Clifton (Without) Parish Council in 1977 and was familiar to many people in the parish. A keen sportsman, Gerry had also coached for many years at the Cricket and Rugby club.

His many qualities, including an encyclopaedic knowledge of local government rules and practices, were of enormous benefit to the council and he will be sadly missed. He showed immense diligence by refusing to give up his work and continuing to serve both the council and the community throughout this illness and right up until the time of his death.

Our thoughts remain with his family at this difficult time.

### Allez, Allez, Allez!

Even if you are not that sporty, the London Olympics demonstrated just how enjoyable big sporting events can be. And at around 3660km long they don't come much bigger than the Tour de France!



Unless your telly has been broken or you've forgotten how to read over the last year, you'll no doubt be aware that the Tour de France will be passing through York on Sunday 6th July. What you may not know is that part of its route will be along the boundary of our Parish, from the town centre, past Clifton Green and down Water End. Having a world class sporting event of this type in our area is a huge privilege and we hope you will all have the chance to enjoy the spectacle for yourselves. Don't forget your cowbells!

#### **Parish Precept**

The Parish Council is pleased to announce that for 2014-15, there will be no increase in the precept (our portion of the council tax). Over the last few years the council has been able to either maintain the precept at its previous year's levels or implement



reductions, at a time when many other parish councils are making rises well above inflation.

#### Membership

The council was saddened recently to receive the resignation of Neil Raw. Neil had served as a councillor for a relatively short period of time, but had nonetheless made a very significant contribution to the work of the council. This included playing a key role in our recent efforts to recruit a new Clerk, and the council would like to thank him for all his efforts.

If you would like to help your local community and are interested in joining the Parish Council you may like to attend a meeting. They are open to the public and are usually held on the second Wednesday in every month at 7:15pm in the Community Room at Canon Lee School. Alternatively go to our website or contact a member of the council for more information.

#### **Parish Councillors**

Councillor R W Binns, 8 Brackenhills, Upper Poppleton, York.
Councillor A J Cartwright, 11 Angram Close, Clifton (Without).
Councillor Mrs. C A Crouch, 35 Rawcliffe Lane, Clifton (Without).
Councillor L C Dennett C.Eng., 1 Brougham Close, Clifton (Without).
Councillor Mrs. J S Ellis, 47 Reighton Avenue, Clifton (Without).
Councillor P Murray, 8 Angram Close, Clifton (Without).
Councillor N W Naylor, 25 Reighton Avenue, Clifton (Without).
Councillor V Paylor, 44 Beaverdyke, Clifton (Without).
Councillor S R Rawlings, 573 Huntington Road, Huntington, York.

#### **City Councillors**

Councillor L Cunningham-Cross, 9 Little Avenue, Clifton, York, YO30 6JC Councillor J D Watt C.Eng MRAeS, 6A The Village, Skelton, York, YO32 Councillor N McIlveen, 19 Huntington Road, York, YO31 8RB

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