
Bellerby Parish Council Newsletter

January 2014

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Bellerby to Leyburn Footpath Cycleway

Update as of 8th January 2014

We now have agreement in principal from all landowners involved for a footpath/cycleway between Bellerby and Leyburn on the western side of the A6108.

From the outskirts of Bellerby to approximately opposite Cow Close Lane the pathway will be behind the existing walls or hedges. The path will then continue outside the walls from this point into Leyburn. North Yorkshire County Council have kindly agreed to lead the project and therefore we do not need to apply for planning permission. So now it's now all stations go!

Unfortunately because of the delay we have lost the available funding twice. The Pathways for the Community funding and the Aggregates funding no longer exist and we do not meet the criteria for Lottery funding. We had a meeting with our local MP William Hague who was very supportive, but was also unable to source any immediate funding.

However we are having another meeting on the 28th January with Aidan Rayner the head of NYCC Public Rights of Way and a representative of the Millennium Fund, to determine our options and how to progress forward. We are exploring all grant and funding avenues still available, one possible option being for it to be considered as part of the legacy for the community from the 'Tour de France'. We will let everyone know as soon as a commitment to funding has been agreed.

Dog Fouling

Unfortunately some people are still allowing their dogs to foul around the village, and not clearing this away. This appears to be worse over holiday periods. Can we politely ask that anyone with visitors reminds them of the policy? We would also suggest to people managing holiday cottages and B & B's that they remind clients to clear away or even provide 'dog bags' for their residents? There have also been instances of people disposing of ordinary litter and rubbish in the 'dog bins' – this isn't really a sensible thing to do...

Tour De France

As everyone probably now knows the Tour de France - Grand Départ will be passing through Leyburn on Saturday the 5th July. Please note that this will cause major disruptions with road closures, and Leyburn effectively being cut-off for approximately 8 hours that day. There are also proposals for a large screen in the centre of Leyburn, and the normal Friday Market Day to be moved to earlier in the week. There will be a festival atmosphere in the town all weekend with live music and bands, with a 100 day festival of the arts surrounding the event.

This is a fantastic opportunity for Yorkshire and the local community, who will for a weekend in 2014 be at the centre of the worldwide stage, with International visitors, International Press and TV coverage leading up to, during and after the race.

Although there will be local disruption for a few days, the publicity generated will continue for a number of years and give a tremendous boost to local businesses and retailers, tourism and be a showcase for the area as a whole for years to come.

For further information and regular updates, visit the 'Welcome to Yorkshire' website - <http://letour.yorkshire.com>

Website

The Parish Council is preparing to renew the village website. Many thanks must go to Eric Daniels who has done this at his own expense for a considerable number of years. If anyone has any ideas of what else needs to be included, would like to get help or otherwise get involved please get in touch with the clerk via - bellerby.pc@gmail.com or with any of your local Councillors.

Allotment To comply with statutory obligations the Parish Council has to tender their garden allotment site every few years. If anyone would like to tender for 2015 season, please make an expression of interest to the clerk, who will collate enquiries and advise you of the process.

Parish Council Contact details

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Please contact John Hutchinson or Jane Travell with items to include for future Newsletters

Future Parish Council Meetings

Monday 27th January 2014

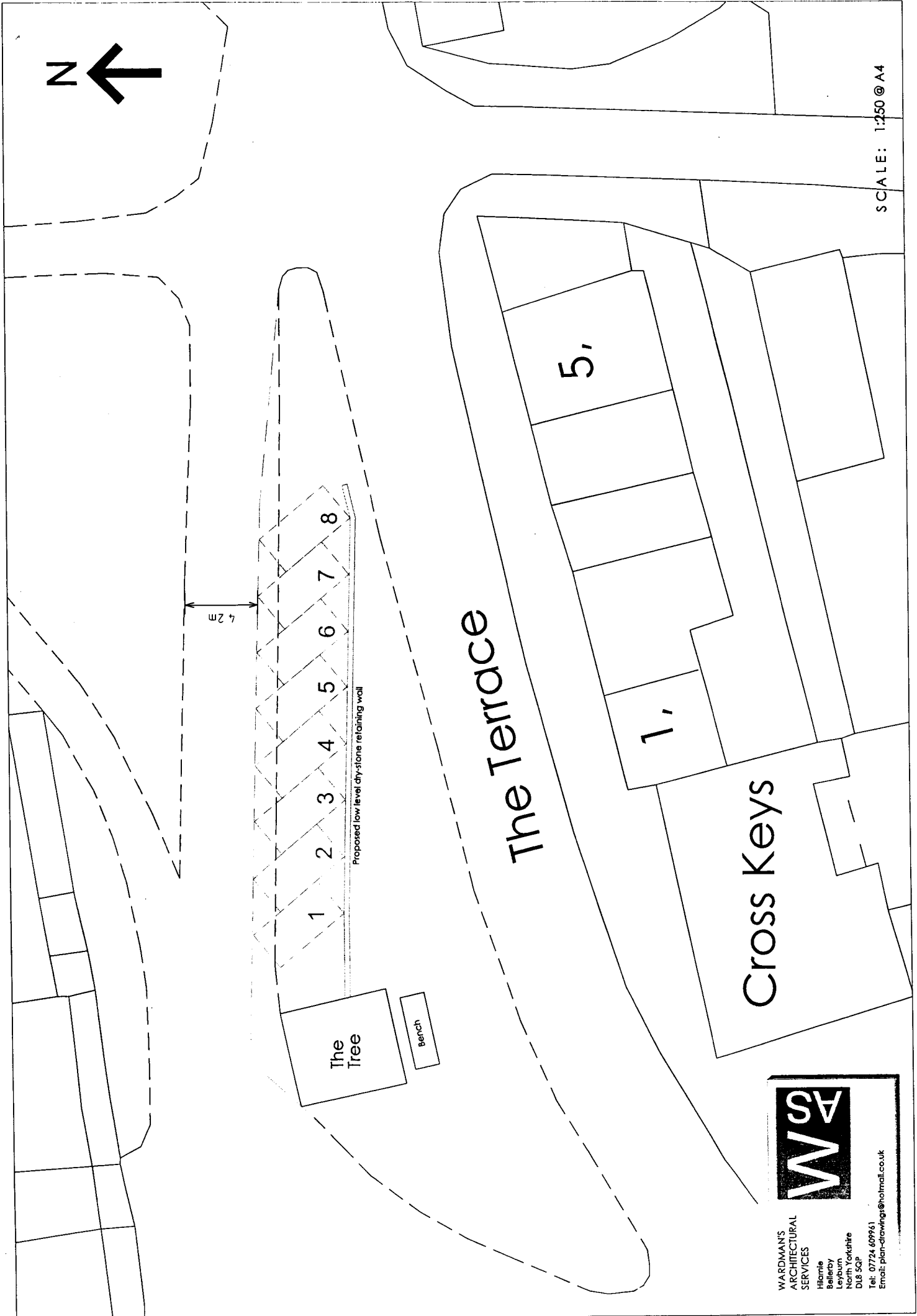
Monday 10th March 2014

Monday 28th April 2014

All start at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall with minutes of the previous meetings available on the Notice Boards (in the Memorial Hall porch or noticeboard near the tree).



SCALE: 1:250 @ A4



The Tree

Bench

Proposed low level dry-stone retaining wall

The Terrace

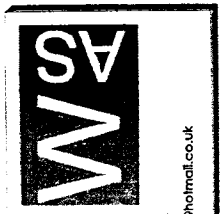
Cross Keys

5'

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8



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ARCHITECTURAL
SERVICES
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Bilberry
Leyside, Yorkshre
DN8 5QP
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Email: plan-drawing@hotmail.co.uk

Parking Proposal

Please refer to the plan overleaf

In an attempt to provide additional public parking, the Parish Council are in discussions with Richmondshire District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Highways and the Police, who are all in agreement that a lack of car-parking is a major issue in the village. Before submitting a planning application for extra parking capacity on the Green, the Parish Council would like to consult on the opinion of residents. The District Council, District Councillor, Highways and the Police all recognise the need and have no objections, to the proposal but Richmondshire District Council have some minor planning and conservation concerns, that would need to be addressed.

The proposed solution is to use a small strip of the green and some roadway from the tree to the 'Keep Clear' signage at the A6108 'T' junction. The amount of green proposed equates to 3% of the total green in the village, and would be identifiable as village green at all times. This would provide an additional 8 herringbone parking spaces. The portion of the green to be used would be re-inforced with one of the proprietary parking systems and remain green with grass growing through it. This would also help to reduce any surface water run-off, and allow natural drainage. Part of the roadway would also be used where width allows, and dropped kerbs, some levelling, and a low stone retaining wall with appropriate landscaping would complete the job to a high standard. Please be assured that the Parish Council have no desire whatsoever to 'urbanise' the village landscape, and any plan would have to fit in with the 'conservation area' requirements of the village.

The project would have a number of benefits –

- Provide a minimum of 8 additional parking spaces.
- Stop cars parking parallel to the road, making it safer for pedestrians, the bus route and parking cars.
- Help to control the ad-hoc parking that occurs now.
- Provide additional capacity for residents, visitors, walkers, holiday makers and pub patrons.
- Enable the Council to allow permits for parking if required in the future, and retain ownership and responsibility of the green.
- Maximise available parking spaces without significant impact on the rural nature of the village.

As a planning application will have to be submitted for consideration to Richmond District Council, the Parish Council will have to justify need and support for the proposal. If you support or oppose the plan could you please complete and sign and date the tear off slip below (signed/dated additional copies or photocopies from other family members also accepted) and return to either a Parish Councillor or to the post box at the Memorial Hall by the end of January. If sufficient positive support is received the Parish Council will progress and apply for planning and look to raise any necessary funding for the project.

Detach Here

Bellerby Village Green Additional Parking spaces proposal

I/we the undersigned, (please tick as appropriate)

Fully Support <input type="checkbox"/>	Do Not Support <input type="checkbox"/>	Fully Support <input type="checkbox"/>	Do Not Support <input type="checkbox"/>
the proposal for Bellerby Parish Council to provide additional parking spaces and associated work using part of the village green BLOCK CAPITALS Please		the proposal for Bellerby Parish Council to provide additional parking spaces and associated work using part of the village green BLOCK CAPITALS Please	
Name		Name	
Address		Address	
Signature		Signature	
Date		Date	
Please complete as appropriate, detach and return via a member of the Parish Council (addresses on second page) or to the post box at the Memorial Hall ideally by 31 st January 2014			