

# OVINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

## Newsletter - August 2019

### A POTENTIAL NEW CONSERVATION AREA FOR OVINGTON?

Please come along to a Public Meeting to find out more

**7.15pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> August at the Village Hall**

All welcome – Refreshments provided

The Parish Council has begun looking into the potential for a Conservation Area to be designated for the historic core of the village.

At a recent public meeting in the Village Hall back in June, a show of hands revealed that all 17 residents attending were in support of the concept of a Conservation Area being pursued.

However, we are still at the exploratory stage and have therefore arranged a special public meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> August at 7.15pm in the Village Hall to find out more.

We have invited Mr Bryan Harris, Conservation Officer at Durham County Council to attend. He will give a short presentation on what a Conservation Area is, what it entails and the process involved in designating one.

The meeting will of course provide an opportunity for people to ask questions and clarify any uncertainties. The meeting will also help us further gauge what people think about pursuing a Conservation Area for Ovington. Please come along to find out more.

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### NORTHUMBRIA IN BLOOM

As residents will be aware, the village has once again entered into the Northumbria in Bloom (NiB) competition this year. The judges visited the village back in April and then again in July. We now await the outcome to see whether we can follow last year's successful Gold award!

Thanks must again be extended to all those who willingly put time, effort and pride into making our village look so nice. This was not only for the benefit of the judges, but for all those who live in and visit the village and it is greatly appreciated.

The Awards Presentation for NiB entries is to be held on Wednesday 25th September 2019 at The Lancastrian Suite, Gateshead (10.00-3.30).

A limited number of tickets are available to attend the Presentation on a first come, first served basis. Please let either the Parish Clerk or any the Parish Councillors know if you'd like to attend (contact details at the end of this newsletter).

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## **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Winston Bridge Caravan Park - a planning application has been submitted to extend the Caravan Park, involving 'Demolition of existing structures, Proposed 36 no. static caravan and/or lodge pitches, site office and parking with associated infrastructure, amendments to the site access, engineering works and landscaping'.

The development is proposed on the open field on the 'Ovington' side of the current access to the caravan park. Whereas the present caravan park is largely hidden from view, the application proposes caravans/lodges extending all the way from the current site up to Ovington Lane. This is noteworthy as the area is identified as an Area of High Landscape Value.

Whilst just outside the Ovington Parish boundary, the application is brought to the attention of residents to ensure they are aware of the proposals and have the opportunity to make any comments.

The application number is **DM/19/02010/FPA** and comments can be made in the usual way (see box below). Note the application will be determined by Planning Committee. The earliest date for this is 19<sup>th</sup> September, so comments should be submitted as soon as possible, ideally before end of August.

Comments on planning applications can be made –

**ONLINE:** Using Durham County Council's Public Access website and typing in the relevant application number at – <https://publicaccess.durham.gov.uk/online-applications/>  
Click on 'Make a Comment' under the 'Comments' tab (requires prior registration)

**BY EMAIL:** [planning@durham.gov.uk](mailto:planning@durham.gov.uk)

**BY POST:** Durham County Council, Planning Development (South West), Room G73-82, County Hall, Durham DH1 5UL

*\* Ensure application no & address is quoted if emailing or posting your comments\**

Fairways – this application (DM/19/01147/FPA) has previously been brought to residents attention and a public meeting was held to discuss it back in June. It proposes a large extension above the garage of Fairways (on the corner of the village green and Ovington Lane). The Parish Council and many residents have already submitted objections, but no decision has yet been made by Durham County Council.

The following applications in the village have now been granted planning permission by the County Council:

Sunrae Cottage – application to widen access to property and create parking to front. Approved 25<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (DM/19/01075/FPA)

Land to south east of Moor View Cottage – application for erection of 1 no. dwelling & garage. Approved 8<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (DM/18/03367/FPA)

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## **PARISH CLERK AND COUNCILLOR'S CONTACT DETAILS**

- Councillor Nigel Parkes (Chair) - Greenacres, Ovington
- Councillor Julie Parkes - Greenacres, Ovington
- Councillor Peter Levett – 2 Glen View, Ovington
- Councillor Shaun Hanson – Woodside, Ovington
- Councillor Tricia Hanson – Woodside, Ovington
- Clerk – Amanda Wilson - Kilburn, Ovington