



Welcome to the new format Gildersome Parish Council Newsletter 2019!

To save repeating ourselves from previous years we have compiled a condensed version for 2019. Many of the previous years points are still valid and copies are available should anyone wish to re read.

Little Free Libraries



Two Little Free Libraries were installed in January in two locations. One on Street Lane opposite Sorella Cafe, and the other on Ashwood Parade. These are essentially a free book exchange. Take and/or leave a book as you wish. They have two shelves, the top one being for adult books and the bottom for children's books. We have received many lovely comments so far and the children are especially pleased and use them frequently. Anyone wishing to donate books and find the libraries are full, please contact us and we can collect them for future use.

Tommy Statue

This silhouette statue was bought to commemorate the centenary of the end of the First World War and we have had it mounted on stone to protect it.



Playground Improvements

After several months of regular contact with Leeds City Council, finally the new yellow benches have been installed in the playground next to Gildersome Primary School. The safety matting has also been replaced, it has also received a jet wash and the graffiti removed recently.



Brightly coloured decorative butterflies and other insects have been erected on the playground fence to create an attractive addition. We feel they really enhance the area and stand out. We hope you like them. Many thanks to Graham Brown for installing them.



Enforcement Officer

Our shared Enforcement Officer is regularly on patrol around Gildersome, concentrating on parking issues at both schools, dog fouling and littering. She has handed out many fines. One has led to a prosecution, the perpetrator due in court in April for dog fouling in Drighlington.

Litter Picks

Previously we have joined forces with Keep Britain Tidy in their National litter picking events. This year we have started with their first pick of the year, the Great British Spring Clean Event. This concentrated on the area near the pond by the Suffields, where lots of littering and fly tipping had occurred.

Ongoing

- Awaiting a decision to be made by LCC in relation to the Meeting Hall's future
- Grants can be applied for by contacting our Clerk
- Sponsored seats, enquire through the Clerk

Decorative Trees

Several areas around the village have been planted up with young Christmas trees. We are hoping that these will act as a focal point for events going on in the village throughout the year, and decorated to suit each event by local residents who wish to do so. An example of such could be Christmas and Easter.



Volunteer

We are very pleased to be working with local lad Zach Shaw in his endeavour to achieve his Duke of Edinburgh Award. Zach has offered to do one hour weekly litter picks around Gildersome and will be helping us in any way he can for the next three months. We are extremely grateful for this. Anyone who would like to do something similar or volunteer at any event please get in touch. All help is gratefully received.



Dates of Council Meetings:

Tuesday 4th June 2019
Tuesday 2nd July 2019
Tuesday 3rd September 2019
Tuesday 1st October 2019
Tuesday 5th November 2019

MEETINGS COMMENCE AT 7:30pm

Tuesday 3rd December 2019
Tuesday 7th January 2020
Tuesday 4th February 2020
Tuesday 3rd March 2020
Tuesday 7th April 2020

Tuesday 5th May: Annual General Meeting followed by Council Meeting
Tuesday 15th May 2020: Annual Parish Meeting



Dates for your diaries 2019:

Easter Event: Sunday 21st April 1-4pm
Scarecrow Festival: Sunday 23rd June 10-5pm
Morley Arts Festival: 25th September

Remembrance Sunday: Sunday 10th November
Light Up Night: Friday 15th November from 6:30pm

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