

## Stokesley Town Council Newsletter



**New Councillor** – We are pleased to welcome Nigel Johnson as a new member of the Town Council.

**Tanton Bridge Closure B1365** – The bridge widening works mean that the bridge will be closed to all traffic for the 20-week period from 20 January to 7 June 2020. The extensive works involve dismantling the downstream parapet of the bridge and widening the bridge by approx. 5.8m upstream. A new upstream parapet will then be built on the new line. For further information, including diversion information and to sign up for alerts, please go to <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/article/30550/Public-notice>

**Stokesley Flood Alleviation Scheme** – The Environment Agency (EA) is holding a community drop-in information event on 31 January 2020 in the Town Hall between 3pm and 7pm. Pop in and see how the EA is helping to reduce flood risk in Stokesley and the ways in which it is improving the flow of the River Leven through the town.

**Levenside Footpath** – As a short term measure the Manorial Lands Trust (MLT) has paid for the footpath along Levenside near the Church Footbridge to be cleared of mud and leaves. Looking at longer term developments, MLT has now received and is reviewing quotes from two landscape architects for the repairs the river wall and the upgrading of the footpath.

**By-Pass Footpath** – The Town Council has supported the allocation of money by our County Councillor, Bryn Griffiths, for work to improve the footpath alongside the by-pass from Strikes Roundabout to the Leisure Centre Roundabout. It is anticipated the first phase of the work will take place early in the next financial year.

**North Road** – The Town Council is also supporting efforts by County Cllr Griffiths to highlight the poor condition of North Road and to secure its re-surfacing by North Yorkshire County Council as a priority item.

**Town Hall Clock** – Following an inspection by our trusted repair man he has advised that the motor needs either replacing or restoring. We are now looking to hire a cherry picker to undertake this work and tree works elsewhere in the town during the same hire period.

**Litter Picking** – The Council is again hosting a **Keep Britain Tidy 'Big Spring Clean'** Event. It will take place on Sunday 29 March 2020. We are looking for volunteers to join us on a litter pick in and around Stokesley. We will provide litter pickers, gloves, high viz vests and bin bags. If you can join us, please meet at the Town Hall at 10 am.

**Surgeries** – The next monthly Town Council surgeries will be held in the Town Hall at 1100 hours on Saturday 1 February 2020, and Saturday 7 March 2020. The Farmers' Market on The Plain will be held on the same days.

**Craft Fairs** – The Craft Fairs in the Town Hall are also held on the first Saturday of each month. The dates in the coming months are 1 February, 7 March and 4 April 2020.

**Forthcoming Town Hall Events** – Friday 31 January 2020 Marty Craggs ‘Little Band Jam’ £12; Saturday 22nd February – Michel Bubl  Tribute £10; Friday 27 March 2020 Last Anthem - £15 first drink free; and Friday 24 April 2020 The Fabs - £10. Tickets available from the Town Hall (Tel: 01642 710270). We are now able to accept payments by debit and credit cards.

**Children’s Easter Party** – will be held in the Town Hall on Sunday 5 April 2020 from 3pm to 5pm, £5 which includes a soft drink and an Easter Treat.

**Town Council Meetings** – The next meetings will be held on Tuesday 11 February 2020 and Tuesday 10 March 2020. Each meeting starts at 7.00pm and opens with a public session where residents are invited to speak.