

Community Newsletter Issue 7 February 2019

Boulmer, Howick & Longhoughton Villages

Former Spar/NAAFI Update

Longhoughton Community Ventures Limited (LCVL) has been formed to support Longhoughton Parish Council in its aspirations for the area. As a Not for Profit concern, LCVL may be able to access funding streams that are not available to the Parish Council and may be able to deliver projects that the Parish Council is unable to deliver. The Board of LCVL will work closely with the Parish Council but will be independent of it. The Board of LCVL is now making public its website which has been developed by local company Mysoft of Boulmer. You can find it at:

<http://www.longhoughtoncommunityventures.org>

The website sets out the relationship between LCVL with Longhoughton Parish and describes two projects. The first project, described as the NAAFI Building Project, is fully operational at the moment. Community-Led Housing is a project that may materialise later in the year.

The Directors of Longhoughton Community Ventures Limited (LCVL) are still pursuing the opportunity to bid for the former NAAFI Building and site. Discussions have been held with a number of organisations and groups and progress is being made. The Directors have set the following vision for the possible use of the building:

- small pub/bar/bistro where locals can meet and socialise
- large shared space which can be used for informal meetings possibly with a small play area, book swap, jigsaw library, etc
- day-time café with outdoor seating
- Post Office counter with a service portfolio focused on meeting local needs
- excellent hairdressing business which will continue to serve Longhoughton as it has for many years
- space for exhibitions, art/photographic displays and information on the area
- GP surgery and dispensary alleviating the need to travel for primary care.



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**Deadline for articles for
April edition is 18/3/19**

Thankyou!

Howick & Boulmer

Howick Village Hall Activities

Our Hall continues to be busy with the following regular events:

- Craster Art Club Every Monday 7-9pm £2
- Film Club - various dates—contact John Roper johnroper1@btinternet.com
- Kneeler Project Monday 7 pm - 9 pm contact Avril Meakin 577597
- Howick Coastal Choir Tuesday 7 pm
- Craft Club. Thursday 7-9 pm - contact Audrey Jamieson 577797
- Howick WI meet 1st Wed in month - contact Jeanette Archbold 577384

Other events such as Bingo, Highlights live performances and musical events will be advertised as they occur so please come along and join us. **A warm welcome awaits!**

Boulmer

Boulmer Pavements

Some of the pavements at Bowmere and also the mid section of pavement in Boulmer village on the sea side of the road will be renewed shortly. County Councillor Wendy Pattison is making a contribution towards the cost of this work from her Members Allowance and the County Council will pay the balance. Welcome news!

Boulmer Road

Many respondents from the Longhoughton Review commented about the state of the footpath from Longhoughton to Boulmer. Councillor Wendy Pattison also raised this as an issue and there was a discussion at the Parish Council meeting on 21st January. The pavement is too narrow in places and the hedges and weed growth has gradually narrowed the pavement. It was agreed to refer this problem to the County Council Neighbourhood Services to approach the owners of the hedges to get them cut back and for the weeds to be moved back off the pavement. Concern was also expressed about the state of the wall near the junction at Boulmer which is in danger of dropping down due to erosion.

Memorial Seats

The Boulmer Councillors have been looking at the seats that are located in various places looking out to sea. There are nine in total and eight of them are memorial seats donated by families or friends to commemorate a deceased person. Some are maintained privately but we are not clear who maintains the following seats. We would welcome any knowledge of the owners of the seat and if they maintain them

Boulmer Steel

George Trimmings

North of North Cottage

Thomas Wishart Millen 1939-2012

Village Green

John and Hazel Stephenson

Village Green

Beatrice Gray 1938– 1996

Village Green

John Main and Nan Downie

Car Park

Revd. Denis Sweetman

David Sutherland

The Boulmer community were very sad to see the passing of David Sutherland in November. David was a former police vehicle examiner, a talented artist, and well known to many residents of the village. Towards the end of his life ill health had prevented him from getting around the village. He will be sadly missed. Our sincere condolences go to his wife Mary and all the family.

Neighbourhood Development Plan Project 2019 – 2036

The first meeting of the Steering Group took place in December and the second on 30th January. These initial meetings are to set up the project so that it has a project plan budget and a clear process for carrying out the work and tasks of formulating the plan. Five Parish Councillors have joined the Steering Group along with a representative from the RAF, the Church and County Councillor Wendy Pattison.

The Steering Group has issued invitations to Howick and Boulmer Village Halls and Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre to put forward representatives. Also, the Group is hoping for a representative of the Business/Farming sector to join along with four residents from around the Parish.

Please volunteer for this exciting project – the Group needs your involvement.

One of the things to be considered at the next meeting is a Communications and Consultation Strategy for the whole project. The Steering Group are also expected to approve the following projects that will contribute proposals in specific areas, We appealed for volunteers for these projects in the December issue and we are grateful to those people who have put their names forward – but we need more people involved. The projects are:

- The development of the Old Recreation Field including proposals for a community orchard.
- The Green Necklace (Green ways around the village) and Developing Footpaths and Rights of Way throughout the Parish.
- Conserving and Protecting the Environment including open spaces, trees and special places.
- Facilities for the Young including the Drop in Centre and Multiple Use Games Area (MUGA).
- Roads, Road safety and Pavements. – Drawing up proposals for transportation and road safety.

Got a few hours to spare?

Please volunteer!

To find out more about the projects and what they involve, please contact Cllr. Adrian Hinchcliffe – His contact details can be found on the front cover.

Parish Council Precept to Rise

The Parish Council has approved an increase in the Parish Precept of £1,500 moving the precept from £19,500 this year to £21,000 from 1st April 2019. This will increase each household's Council tax at the Band D level by about £3 for the year 2019/20.

The increase is to cover the implementation of the Longhoughton Review, the costs associated with the Neighbourhood Development Plan and a general increase in prices.

Parish Council Vacancies

Regretfully, Jane Doleman of Howick has resigned her seat on the Parish Council due to work reasons. The Chair of the Parish Council Ellie Phillips thanks Jane for the time she has given in the running of the Parish Council over the last two years but is thankful that Jane will continue to undertake some other voluntary tasks to assist the Parish Council.

This now means there are two vacancies, one in the Howick Ward and one in the Boulmer Ward. If you are interested in finding out about what is involved, please contact the Parish Clerk, Elizabeth Taylor on 01661 830040 or email parishclerk@hotmail.com.

Longhoughton Community Events

Sunday 3 February 6pm. Choral Evensong for Candlemas with the Rock Festival Choir in Longhoughton Parish Church. Come and celebrate the last day of the Christmas season. Everybody will be very welcome, and mulled wine and mince pies will be served after the service—The Christmas season isn't over just yet!

Thursday 7 February 7pm Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre Trust AGM. All residents of the Parish are encouraged to attend to hear about the future direction of the Trust and a chance for residents to highlight what activities you would like to see organised in the future. Trustees hope new people will stand to be appointed as Trustee and/or help with various events planned this year. Refreshments available from 6.45pm. All welcome!

Wednesday 27th February 12-2pm Community Lunch @ Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre - please come along and enjoy a nutritious two course lunch in good company. All welcome. Date for your diary: the **March lunch** will take place on Wednesday **March 27th 12-2pm**. Call 01665 572315 to pre-book lunch.

Thursday 28th February 7.30pm-9pm Community Cash Bingo @ Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre. £6 tickets, £1 entry. Raffle. Bring your own tipples and snacks—we are licensed. Date for your diary: the March Bingo session will take place on Thursday March 28th 7.30-9pm.

Saturday 16 March 7pm til late—Tiny Afro Band is back in the village! @ Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre. Bop the night away to this popular local band - back by popular request! Bring your own tipples, we are licensed. It's a cheap night out in the village - buffet inc in ticket price, just £14. Call/text Ellie on 07843 380 886 to reserve tickets. Don't miss out, not many tickets left!

Friday 22 March 10-2pm Coffee Morning @ Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre. In aid of **Mesothelioma Research Fund.** Please support this less well-known charity. £2 for a cuppa, tasty bites and more!

Burnside One-Way System

Residents in Burnside have been experiencing problems with vans and lorries travelling through their street on the way to other parts of the village and causing congestion and concerns for emergency vehicle access. Northumberland County Council has consulted with residents resulting in a one way system being trialled for 12 months. It should have been installed in December but has been slightly delayed. Once established, access into Burnside will be from North to South (entry across from the Co-op).

Lacey Street/Crowlea Road

School-time traffic congestion was recently discussed at a meeting with the Parish Council, school staff and some local residents. A number of potential solutions are being considered and will be reported in the next edition. In the meantime, can parents please be mindful not to block residents' driveways, double park or park on pavements which causes damage.

Longhoughton & Boulmer W.I.

The group meets on the **1st Tuesday of the month, 7.30-10pm @ Longhoughton Community & Sports Centre.** Dates for your diary: **5 Feb** Alexa's Dog Rescue. **5 March** Bach plants & flowers for medicinal oils. **2 April** AGM to be held at Boulmer. New members will receive a warm welcome!

It's Our Birthday!

Your Community Newsletter is celebrating its **1st birthday** — please let us know if there are any community events planned and we'll do our best to publicise them—see page 1 for contact details.