



# Airmyn News



Christmas 2015 Bumper Issue!

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## CRIMEWAVE HITS AIRMYN!!

It would appear that recently Airmyn has become a popular tourist destination for the more light-fingered of UK society, with visits from mysterious vans and two incidents of theft.

On 18 November the Acaster family disturbed two scruffy looking men in a tatty white Ford Transit van around Cornhill Farm; the van drove off at speed onto the High Street and towards Glews. The incident has been reported to the Police.

The previous morning, a van belonging to a workman who was repairing Dick Penty's roof was stolen whilst the man was actually up on the roof. The thief drove away in the direction of the Clock Tower, a ladder and other bits and pieces spilt out of the open back door. Unfortunately the van contained all the workman's tools, including some valuable Stihl saws. High Street resident Yvonne Dickenson had had her suspicions aroused earlier, after a red Volkswagen People Carrier containing at least four men of scruffy appearance had parked outside her house. One of the men had got out and had been walking to and fro along the High Street for some time. The vehicle had also been moved two or three times, first up to the Clock Tower, then up to the church and then back again. Yvonne's prompt action to note the registration was invaluable in enabling the police to locate and stop it some time later. Amongst the occupants of the Volkswagen, all of whom were described as travellers, were a 15-year old boy and a baby. The stolen vehicle and driver have not yet been located.



Yvonne believes that the same man who took the van had also been walking about in the village with others 24 hours earlier. It would appear that they had been sizing up a number of properties with a view to burgling them. This may or may not be linked to the theft of an electric saw from The Crossings which occurred a week later.

## END OF THE ROAD FOR THE RESURFACING NIGHTMARE!

The Airmyn News has learned that ERYC Chief Engineer, James Sissons, has received written confirmation from the road contractor regarding re-treatment of the High Street site (including replacing all the damaged kerb stones near the memorial). A programme of works is awaited, but he has confirmed to Caroline Fox that work is not likely to commence until Spring 2016, due to concerns raised about carrying these out in the middle of winter. On the plus side, we now know that the problems WILL be resolved; equally, if bad winter weather causes further damage, they can at least repair new potholes when they re-surface the road and put in chicanes for good measure ....we live in hope!



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## CHICANERY?

Councillor Fox and Helen Cowling attended the Environment and Regeneration Overview and Scrutiny Committee on Wednesday 9 December to hear the discussion on and outcome regarding traffic calming in the village of Airmyn.



Having arrived for the start of the meeting, advertised in the East Riding News as 10.00 am, it was obvious that it was well underway. The Chair noted their presence and informed them that the traffic calming in Airmyn item had already been discussed. Helen expressed her anger to the committee, as neither she nor Caroline had received any notification about the change in start time. The Clerk informed them that letters had been sent out on Friday 4 December to advise the changed meeting time, which Helen had not received. Once home, she found a letter, posted on 8 December, stating the meeting was to begin at 9.30 am. To make matters worse, Councillor John Barrett told those present that he had not notified his colleague, Councillor Fox, as he was not aware that she or Helen intended to go to the meeting. Councillor Barrett is supposed to represent Airmyn Parish along with Councillor Fox, and he is aware of residents' feelings on traffic calming measures, therefore he did not need to be informed that they were to attend the meeting, as having presented the petition, it was obvious that they would be at the meeting to hear the outcome at first hand.

After reading the officers' report, Helen says that it reiterates all the old reasons for the village not to have any measures to reduce the speed and volume of traffic through the village, and takes no account of the infrastructure of the road, the old buildings, many with no foundations, and the large agricultural vehicles using the village as a short cut, with no regard for the 25 mph speed limit imposed upon them. Here is an extract: "Although residents of Airmyn have requested physical calming measures on the main road through the village, the speed surveys undertaken have demonstrated that the majority of vehicle speeds through the main body of the village are low. There has been one personal injury collision in the last ten years and none involving pedestrians. Concerns about speeding are not reflected in casualties and the main road through the village of Airmyn can be considered safe compared with other roads in the East Riding, therefore traffic calming measures or Police enforcement are not justified. A 30 mph roundel road marking will be added to the forward programme and carried out when funding becomes available."

Readers will draw their own conclusions from these facts, but as Helen points out in a letter to Stephen Parnaby, this is the fifth time since 2010 that the ERYC has ignored the views of Airmyn Parish residents .

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## VILLAGE SOS—YOUR VILLAGE HALL'S EMERGENCY

We report later in this issue on the latest fundraising event in aid of the community's facilities. The ACA have been proactive in identifying the many challenges that lie ahead for the Memorial Hall, and in seeking solutions to make it self-sufficient. Following extensive research, not only were the recent price rises implemented, taking into account similar facilities in the area, but sources of inspiration and help were uncovered, one of which is Village SOS. Funded by The Big Lottery Fund, it aims to help rural communities such as ours to preserve their facilities, such as halls, shops and pubs, and to enrich village life.

As part of the drive to improve matters, they have endorsed our wish to find out what you, our community, needs and wants, and thus you will find in this issue a questionnaire. All completed questionnaires carrying contact details will be entered into a draw for an iPad Mini, which will take place on 15 January 2016. Please let the committee know your views!



In the meantime, ACA are looking at a comprehensive renovation programme for the Hall, given that it is around 40 years old and needs updating. As well as the kitchen renovation mentioned in prior despatches, the heating, water and lighting systems are being scrutinised, as not only are these costly to run, but recent breakdowns have regrettably caused inconvenience and now necessitate replacements, with a new boiler due to be installed in the next few weeks. Alternative (and free) energy sources are also under consideration, including ground heat source pumps, solar panels and mini-wind turbines. Water conservation is also an important issue, and this could be achieved through rainwater harvesting and self-closing "push button" taps. Village SOS will help locate and obtain grants to carry out the works., but if you can help out with time, skills or cold hard cash, please let the Editor or the Parish Clerk know.

**A LIDL MORE MERRIMENT COMPLETES PLAYGROUND FUNDRAISING**

The second in an as yet unnumbered series of irreverent wine tastings on Friday 4 December saw some 40 parishioners and friends gather at the Memorial Hall, where six wines suitable for Christmas consumption were sampled. Rachel’s selection for the evening included an affordable red and a white suitable for parties, two wines to accompany special meals, a cava and a very palatable champagne. Once again, Lidl were very generous in providing an excellent and delicious selection of nibbles. Along with the customary raffle, the evening raised an amazing £280, which means that the repairs to the playground are just about paid for.

Carole Johnson from Village SOS also came along to explain how her organisation will be helping the ACA to bring the Hall back to breakeven.



The wine tastings are just one type of event that the ACA will be organising throughout

2016—watch out for more, and please come along to one or more, and help keep this valuable community resource going!



**WHAT’S ON AT THE HALL?**

**WEEKLY**

- Monday Line Dancing
- Tuesday Post Office/T'ai chi
- Wednesday Pilates
- Thursday Badminton
- Saturday Sequence dancing

**MONTHLY**

- Tuesday Bingo (1st Tuesday)
- Wednesday Ukelele (1st & 3rd)

**CARTE BLANCHE FOR ELITE?**

We reported in September’s issue that a new planning application had been submitted by Elite for the construction of an electricity sub-station at the site. Airmyn Parish Council objected in the strongest possible terms to the application on several grounds, not least the fact that the building was too large for its intended purpose and liable to cause a traffic hazard because of its proximity to the tip entrance. More importantly, it created an access point at the rear of the factory that could abet further development, and was also sited in the zone supposed to be reserved for mature planting to screen the carbuncle that is the proposed edifice.

The more cynical of our readers will not be surprised to hear that ERYC nevertheless approved the application, despite objections from their own Highways Department! Residents will have noticed that the famed 5th arm is not being used for access for the drainage works, but instead traffic is using Airmyn Lane. It is also believed that the archaeological survey required before construction has still not been reported, so presumably not yet conducted.

The Parish Council have stated that they will continue to monitor the situation closely, and it is certain that they will continue their efforts to protect the parish from further mindless vandalism of the countryside.



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## EXTRACTS FROM THE MINUTES OF THE AIRMYN PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WEDNESDAY 14 OCTOBER

Councillors present: J Peake (Chair), S Hayward, A Thompson, P Gardner and C Fox.  
Apologies for absence: Councillors J Barrett and R Shelton

### Planning

- 15/02555/PLF : 14 Park Road Airmyn. Erection of new detached domestic garage following demolition of existing. No objections or comments by this Council.
- 15/02742/STPLF Erection of a sub station/utility room (associated with approved application 14/02555/STPLF): Land South East of Delta Enterprise Park Rawcliffe Road Airmyn Elite Office Furniture (UK) Ltd. Resolved the Clerk to write and object in the strongest possible terms to this application. The substation is in the wrong location. Utilities vehicles will park on the busy main road near the refuse centre which already has queues to the site on the road. It will create another access onto the main road and is sited in the middle of land previously allocated for mature planting to shield the factory from view. Access to the rear of the factory will be created.

### ACA update

The Chair of the ACA, H Cowling ACA gave an update on activities. Councillor A Thompson will join the ACA committee as one of the Parish Council's representatives. Current ACA projects include a grant application to update the kitchen and investigation of additional revenue streams, including a preschool and other daytime uses. Various marketing initiatives are underway, including the creation of a Facebook page. A meeting is scheduled between Village SOS and the ACA committee, and the former will advise on ways of resolving the current problems. Articles will appear in the Goole Times on the sports hall availability and the possible rental of the playing field. Fields in Trust have responsibility for the Queen Elizabeth 2 playing field. A change of name to Airmyn Sports and Leisure Centre is being considered, as this may help increase revenue.

### Other issues

- Voluntary clock winders: they will receive a copy of the Council's Health and Safety policy and letters of thanks.
- Bracken Hill: BTCV are pursuing funding for the conservation project and Councillor C Fox will be the referee for this application. The Clerk to receive updates.
- Shooting on Bracken Hill. The Clerk will contact the PCSO on this matter due to the danger of being so close to the roadside. Ferrets will clear vermin on the site not guns.
- Grit Bins: it has been ascertained that Airmyn has 6 black and 2 yellow in the village looked after by ERYC. The Clerk will request quote from ERYC for servicing Airmyn's bins which are very compacted and need emptying and refilling.
- 40mph speed limit at White City: Councillor Fox will report back next month. Pauline Danby (ERYC) is visiting Airmyn, Snaith and Cowick and the traffic issues issue will be discussed.
- Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebrations. Resolved Councillor Fox will organise an event in Airmyn and ask for volunteers to help. The timing is likely to be June 2016.
- Riverbank willows: additional information on riparian owners to be sought within old minutes (possibly 2012) as some do not own the riverbank section where the willows stop the flow of water. The Environment Agency have confirmed it is not their work to undertake.
- Task force schedule post- visit on 13 August: to be reviewed by parish councillors, and missing update to be obtained for the next meeting. Renovation of the riverbank walk-ins has started.
- Airmyn Dykes: Drainage Board can clean and bill the landowners. Councillor Fox to ascertain the position re the dykes owned by the Parish Council.
- Container in field has not been removed. Resolved the Clerk update ERYC that it has simply been moved in the field.
- Free trees Woodland Trust. Not required by this council.
- New Village noticeboard: still awaiting quotation.
- Tree cutting near recycling centre: two quotes received. However the work has already been carried out and so far no charges have been made to the Parish Council. Thanks extended for this kindness.
- Screen and projector needed at the Hall for viewing planning application details, which are now only provided electronically. Costs will be included in the next year's budget. Projector £350-£370, screen £60-£70.
- Election officer's report: 4 vacancies need to be filled on the Parish Council. C Fox agreed to become a parish councillor. However the Ward councillors' input to the Parish is still needed due to the 4 vacancies.
- HWRCC/ERYC Library consultation placed on the noticeboard for information. Agreed that this service must be maintained.
- Public Transport: a parish transport toolkit has been provided, and a village transport champion is. A meeting may be called to ensure that transport services meet the needs of parishioners.
- Demolished wall on High Street: ERYC are asking that it is rebuilt, as no permission was granted for its demolition.
- Petition presented to ERYC by Councillor Fox and Mrs Cowling re traffic issues in the village.
- The drains near Glews garage are being looked at by the Drainage Board.
- Riverbank maintenance: it has been noted that there is no signage erected when work takes place: method statements, signed Health & Safety policy and latest insurance document to be obtained from the contractor.
- Query from parishioner: Trees at the Memorial Hall are 60ft high and apparently not being maintained. The matter will be forwarded to the ACA committee for explanation and comment.

**Date of the next meeting: 11 November 2015.**

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## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH NEWS

Airmyn Neighbourhood Watch held their latest meeting at 7.30pm on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2015. The following were reported:

- 07.07.15 Person/s approach front of I/Ps detached property and steal 2 hanging baskets containing flowers. The baskets had been secured with ties.
- 21.07.15 Unknown person/s approached a secured brick constructed shed in the rear end of IPs property. Unknown instrument is used to force the lock away from the door frame and entry is gained. Property taken from within
- 27.07.15 Unknown persons approach vehicle parked on road outside IP home address and take the vehicle. Vehicle later located in West Yorkshire and two persons in custody.
- 08.09.15 3 males enter business premises and make off with an item on display, making no attempt to pay. They make off in a vehicle towards Boothferry Bridge. 2 males later detained.

The next meeting will be held on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 at 7.30pm .

Meanwhile, Humberside Police are urging members of the public not to fall foul of a bogus caller scam after recent incidents where residents have been called to advertise in a police magazine.

If you receive a call from anyone saying they are selling advertising for a police magazine please do not fall for this – the police do not seek private advertisers and would never call you at home to sell advertising. Put the phone down, wait five minutes for the line to clear and then call Action Fraud on 0300 123 2040. What should you do if they call you?

- never give out bank or personal details to strangers
- don't hand over money or transfer funds to unknown accounts
- If called use another phone to ring the police to report the incident, but do not use your own phone immediately as the offender may be on the line a short time after you have put your phone down.



## WILLOWS WATCH—UPDATE ON THE HIGH STREET TREES

Councillor Fox met one of the managers from the Environment Agency recently and the subject of the willows was raised. She was informed that the Agency had decided not to cut and clear the willows along the High Street because residents had written to them, after the river bank footpath had been levelled and stoned.



The residents pointed out that they were not in agreement with the work that was undertaken and that they were the riparian owners and as such had rights.

Since then the Environment Agency made the decision to leave any maintenance of the willows to the riparian owner, resulting in the situation in which we now find ourselves.

*Helen Cowling*

AIRMYN COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION



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## BYE BYE TO THE BACKHOUSES

November sees the departure of John and Ann Backhouse for the exotic delights of a life in Norfolk. We would like to send our best wishes and thanks to these long-standing residents, and thanks go especially to Ann who undertook the mammoth task of delivering over 50 copies of this very newsletter to local households—they will be sadly missed. Ann's "paper round" will be split in two and henceforth undertaken by Ricky Morton and Leanne Adams.

As if one set of Backhouses leaving weren't enough, Mark and Sara are also "fitting", although happily they are only going to Howden. As many of you will recall, Sara has also been involved with the Airmyn News, as some years ago she was Editor. We wish them a pain-free removal!

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## DON'T STAY OUT IN THE COLD

*John Bilton writes:*

I have recently attended a seminar hosted by Health through Warmth. This is a government pilot project, and the East Riding of Yorkshire is one of only four Local Authorities in the UK to be chosen.

***During the winter months in Yorkshire and the Humber Region up to 27 people a day die as a result of being too cold in their own home***

Basically the scheme helps vulnerable people with illnesses who need assistance to fund and install heating and insulation in their homes.

I attended the seminar as a SSAFA Caseworker, however the scheme is open to anyone. If you require any further information, or have knowledge of anyone who may benefit from this scheme please contact me, John Bilton, on Goole 765730

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## SAY NO TO YOUR POOCH!

Most dog owners know that chocolate is extremely bad for their pooches and can, in some instances, be lethal, thanks to the xylitol which is used as a sweetener. However at this time of year they don't want their dogs to miss out on festive cheer, and consequently treat their dog to chocolate, but don't be tempted to give in. Other festive foods to avoid are grapes and all members of the onion family, including leeks and garlic.



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Councillors present: J Peake (Chair), S Hayward, P Gardner, R Shelton, A Thompson and C Fox.  
Apologies received from Ward Councillor J Barrett.

### Planning

- Full Planning Application Erection of first floor extension to rear Hall Mews High Street
- D Hayselden 15/03117/PLF. No objections or comments.
- Full Planning Application: Land East of 15 The Crossings siting of a Container to house agricultural equipment. Ms S Scholefield. Rejected, due to obtrusive red colour/inappropriate setting.

### Financial matters

- Resolved; the Clerk to liaise with Cllr Thompson on a new form of presentation for the monthly budget position, to itemise the expenditure figures. No in year audit will take place

### ACA update

- The Hall is in urgent need of additional funds due to the rapidly-diminishing reserves. Resolved: that the Parish Council take on part of the running costs for the Hall and the Playing field, as these are Parish facilities. A change of name is being considered, to better reflect its purpose, but this would only be with the community's consent. Alternative sources of heating are to be researched. Fund raising for the playground repairs has been successful. A gas certificate has been granted but the faulty kitchen ranges have been decommissioned and the heater in the RL Walker room is not working.

### Other issues

- Drainage Board report from C Fox. No action at this time as new contracts are being drawn up.
- Village noticeboard to be replaced. Clerk to seek additional quotations.
- Neighbourhood Plan: plan to be found and placed on the website. No further action at this time.
- Website: current contract with Vision ICT, however we can source it more cheaply. Cllr.Thompson will register a new domain name for the parish council and write a brief policy on the operation of the website and the updates required.
- Approval of Facebook and Twitter accounts : Cllr Thompson to operate these and report back to councillors.
- 40mph speed limit update from C Fox after ERYC visit. It is unlikely that this limit will be extended.
- Bracken Hill shooting issues: No reports of shooting from the PCSO but more shots have been heard. Resolved the Clerk contact the PCSO again.
- Internal audit mid-year or year end audit only. Quote from last year's Auditor £150. Resolved the quote be accepted for the end of this financial year.
- Bracken Hill update. The grant applications have been sent in and funding likely before Christmas. The newsletter will carry an article for volunteers.
- Grit Bins quote from ERYC. Cllr.C Fox to enquire directly how our parish council black bins can be emptied and refilled.
- Co-option of Ward Councillors. This council is now quorate so no further extension for Cllr Barrett.
- Auto enrolment Pensions for employees. Staging date for this council to be advised.
- Free projectors for viewing planning applications: application made to ERYC Local Fund and response awaited.
- Standing Orders presented by S Hayward and A Thompson for consideration. Resolved the alterations discussed be included and the revised orders brought back to the next meeting. ERNLLCA's free review service to be used.
- Land registry enquiries: The Clerk had found old letters which had thoroughly investigated riparian ownership. Clerk will contact the Environment Agency. C Fox to contact A Percy MP on the matter, as the original enquiry came from his office.
- C Fox attended the Drax Biomass presentation on Airmyn's behalf; grants may be available for the parish from Drax Power.
- Attempted break in at Airmyn property: The Police and Crime Commissioner has funds available for initiatives such as CCTV. C Fox to advise Neighbourhood Watch to apply for this funding.
- Riverbank cutting: contractor has confirmed the correct hazard signage will be displayed next season.
- Gofar are to provide the transport solutions for rural villages.
- Union Jack flags: 2 replacements to be purchased with A Percy kindly providing funding for one of these.
- Mr C Goddard spoke of village volunteers who wished to help the community, specifically with the memorial hall which needs updating. He is willing to attend meetings to assist. Cllr Shelton reported that a major financial and physical overhaul is underway, with a review of alternative, green heating sources and renovation of the kitchen and other areas.
- He also highlighted the problem of overgrown trees near the roundabout. This issue will be referred to the Airmyn Community Association for their next meeting.

Date of the next meeting: 9 December 2015

For further information contact **Nichola Ingleton** Clerk) 07557 166909/airmynpc@gmail.com. For the full minutes from this meeting, please see the village noticeboard or the village website - [www.airmynpc.org.uk](http://www.airmynpc.org.uk)

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#### Traditional Carols by Candlelight service

This year's Carol Service will take place on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> December, and will commence at 6-00 pm, lasting approximately one hour. Everyone, whatever their age, is welcome, and we hope lots of readers of this newsletter will put the date and time in their diaries and make a real effort to be there to share in, and enjoy, a service which reminds us of what Christmas is really all about.

#### Christmas Day service:

There will be the usual traditional service of Holy Communion with carols on Christmas Day morning in St. David's church, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> December, commencing at 10-00 am and lasting for about one hour. We would stress that **you do not have to be confirmed and take communion** in order to attend this service. There should be much to enjoy and much spiritual benefit to be derived from the service for everyone who attends, whether you are confirmed or not. It should make you feel better for having been there!

#### Christmas Draw:

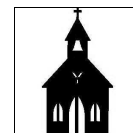
Members of the PCC will soon be knocking at your door to sell you a book or two of this year's Airmyn Church Christmas Draw tickets, which cost £2 per book. We hope that you will be as generous in your support as you have been for many, many years. The income we receive from this Draw and our carol-singing around the village more often than not makes the vital difference each year to our Church managing to break even financially. There will, as always, be plenty of very decent prizes and the winning tickets will be drawn at a Social Evening in the George Dales Room in Airmyn Memorial Hall on Thursday, the 17<sup>th</sup> December, commencing at 7-00 pm. Light refreshments will be served. Entrance is free to all and there will be the usual entertainment involving a quiz and some carol-singing. The event is for all in the parish, not just regular churchgoers, and we hope to see a few children attending this year. Some of them might well be the village's future.

#### Carol-Singing:

Here is a final reminder that some of the choir members and friendly volunteers along with other villagers will be touring the village singing carols and raising money for our church. Anyone reading this item is welcome to join the group on any or all of these dates: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>, Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December. Meet at the lych-gate entrance to the churchyard at 6-45 pm on each occasion. We sing for no more than 2 hours each night, carol-sheets are provided and we aim to enjoy ourselves, whatever the weather, and to give value for money. Contact David Galloway (Tel. 764987) if you need more information.

We shall also be singing at the Old Vicarage residential home on the afternoon of Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December. We ideally need 10 –12 singers each time, so please help us if you can.

**David Galloway**



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