

APPLETON ROEBUCK PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER JANUARY 2013

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE AND WELCOME TO OUR VERY
FIRST NEWSLETTER

The aim of this newsletter is

- to raise awareness of the work of the Parish Council.
- to inform you of issues facing the village.
- to provide you with information about **free insulation** and other help.
- to raise interest in establishing a list of volunteers willing to offer emergency/occasional help with repair/maintenance of the Parish Rooms.

What is the Parish Council?

The Parish Council is the first tier of local government which represents the local community. It has discretionary powers and rights to represent the local community and provide services for it. The Parish Council must abide by a Code of Conduct and work within a legal framework set out by Government. The council meets in the Parish Rooms on the first Wednesday of every month at 7.30pm and the agenda is always posted on the notice board next to the village postbox.

Who is the Parish Council?

The Parish Council is comprised of seven seats filled by volunteers from the village community. Present members are Janet Flint, Peter , Roger Birkley, Les Rayment and Ian Quick. There are currently two vacancies. If you are interested in becoming a member of the Parish Council please contact Mrs Fiona Vicary (clerk to the council) at parishclerk1@btinternet.com.

FUTURE work for the council which AFFECTS YOU

The Parish Council is shortly to begin work on a **Neighbourhood Plan**. This is a community led framework for guiding the future development, regeneration and conservation of our village. It can cover a range of issues relevant to Appleton Roebuck - housing and transport to name but two - and it carries weight within local government. It is important that we develop this document so that we have a say in shaping the future of our village. It will require consultation with all residents and could take up to two years to prepare. Please look out in future months for any communication from the council with regard to this matter - it is important.

Keeping warm

Selby District Council is working with Yorkshire Energy Partnership to offer **ALL** residents **FREE** loft and cavity insulation. They also have funding available for external wall insulation and polybeads designed for stone or narrow cavities. If you are interested ring **01904 554 406** or email **advice@energypartnership.org.uk**

Carillion Energy Services are advertising **funding** which is available to help replace old inefficient **boilers**. If you own your own home or rent from a private landlord and are in receipt of certain benefits (listed below) you may qualify for free warm improvements (some of the benefits listed carry additional requirements).

Child Tax Credit

Working Tax Credit

Income Support

Income related Employment and Support Allowance

Pension Credit

Income based Job Seekers Allowance

For full information **call free** on **0800 408 7651** and quote **ECO-005**

Heating oil and LPG syndicates

Many people may not be aware that fuel prices are cheaper when bulk deliveries can be organised. Our Parish Magazine already advertises a heating oil syndicate (contact Terry Lyons on 744720) but we are not aware of any LPG syndicates. If you are interested in becoming part of an LPG syndicate please contact Les Rayment on 744346.

Repair and maintenance of the Parish Rooms

The Parish Council has limited funds available to it and it does the best it can to carry out repairs and maintenance of the Parish Rooms. Even the smallest jobs can be very costly. We are currently looking into applying for grants to repair / refurbish the building but, if possible, we would like to establish a list of volunteers who would be willing to offer their skills/enthusiasm to occasionally help out. This worked out very well last summer when, with a team of volunteers, we were able to refurbish the toilets at a fraction of the cost of getting professionals in to do the whole job. For this, we are very grateful.

If you would be happy to be called upon, either for any emergency repairs or perhaps to do a bit of painting, please contact our clerk Mrs Fiona Vickery at

parishclerk1@btinternet.com

Thank you.