



Newsletter 4, June 2011

Full BHRCG Meeting Friday 17th June, 7.00pm Heslington Church

Our second full meeting of the BHRCG will take place in **Heslington Church on Friday 17th June at 7.00pm. All residents of Badger Hill** qualify as members and are warmly invited to attend.

The meeting will commence with an update by the Chairman and other Committee members on the following:

1. New expanded website for Badger Hill residents (see below)
2. Proposed submission to City of York Council (CYC) on Article 4 Direction consultation (which will require a vote of approval by the meeting)
3. Residential parking scheme/s relating to Badger Hill
4. Heslington East power and heat unit petition
5. Feedback from Committee meetings since the last full meeting in December

We are also very pleased to announce that our two newly-elected Councillors for the Hull Road Ward, **Cllr. Fiona Fitzpatrick and Cllr. Neil Barnes, have accepted our invitation to attend and will address the meeting** following 1-5 above.

Since being elected they have visited residents and other amenities such as Badger Hill Primary School to gain an appreciation of the interests and issues that concern residents. We very much welcome this opportunity to hear how our elected Councillors can help and advise in the work of the BHRCG, and look forward to offering them a warm welcome. Further details regarding ways of contacting our Councillors may be found on the CYC website.

An opportunity will be provided for members to ask questions once the presentations/talks have been completed. In order to achieve this such that everyone can hear both the questions and responses, a microphone will be provided for the questioners (duration of questions/points will be limited to 2 minutes to ensure fairness).

Tea and biscuits will then be provided by the Committee (plus any willing volunteers) such that members can discuss matters more informally among themselves and with Committee members and our two Councillors.

As it has been decided by the Committee not to instigate a full membership subscription scheme we would like to point out that **all residents of Badger Hill, irrespective of tenure, qualify for membership of the group and can cast votes at meetings. Our funding therefore relies on voluntary donations** at full meetings and donations made to the Committee at other times. We express our thanks to residents and a number of shopkeepers on Badger Hill who have made generous donations outside of full meetings.

On-line Council Petition for a Residential Parking Scheme for Badger Hill

As residents will know, the university has made a recommendation to the City of York Council that a residents-only parking scheme be introduced on the Field Lane slip road, Low Mill Close, Deramore Drive (part of) Badger Wood Walk, Pinewood Hill, Yarburgh Way (part of) Foxthorn Paddock and Hesketh Bank. The BHRCG Committee have made a case for including all of Yarburgh Way and a further stretch of Deramore Drive in the scheme. The costs of the scheme will be met entirely by the university and residents will not be expected to make any payment.

In parallel with this, one of our residents has set up an on-line petition for the scheme to apply across the whole of Badger Hill. This has now been signed by over 100 residents (the required threshold for action) but anyone wishing to add their name to the petition should go to:

<http://democracy.york.gov.uk/mgEPetitionDisplay.aspx?ID=112&RPID=3353995> and log on to the system to register your own vote. The BHRCG Committee fully endorses this extra initiative by a Badger Hill resident.

New Website Project – <http://www.badger-hill-residents.org>

As stated in our constitution, two of our principal aims are to improve the quality of life and neighbourliness of people living on Badger Hill. To help in this objective we are building a comprehensive and highly-informative website, to replace the existing website at <http://www.bhrcg.org.uk>. We hope to launch the new site on the 17th June to coincide with our full meeting.

The new site will provide all residents with information about amenities such as local shops and schools, a page for newcomers with information on local GP practices, bin collection details and bus routes etc., a gallery of photographs, a page providing links to other useful websites, on-line access to Outlook, a copy of the constitution, a news page from which copies of newsletters can be downloaded, an events page providing details of meetings etc., and an issues page which will provide a summary and update of current issues facing Badger Hill. The contacts page will also provide a facility to check which area in Badger Hill your property belongs to (by typing in your postcode) so you can confirm who your area Committee member is.

Badger Hill Shops



All shops on Badger Hill have been supportive of our website work and have been included with a brief description of their services and details of opening times, plus links to their own websites where relevant. The shops are: **Mr Snips** barber and hairdressers, **Badger Hill Butchers**, **Salon 33** hairdressers, **Badger Hill Pharmacy**, **York Tackle**, **Classic Rooms and Fireplaces Ltd.**, **Shears** hairdressers, **Quantum Stores** Corner Shop, and **Badger Hill Bakery**.

So, if you need a barber, a hairdresser, a chemist (who also offers advice on health-related matters), a new fire place, high quality locally-sourced meat products, a loaf of bread or pastries, groceries, confectionary and newspapers etc., **we strongly encourage all residents to support these local and friendly enterprises. They form a focal point for community life, and provide a valuable opportunity to meet fellow Badger Hill people.**

Remember, if we “don’t use them we may lose them.....”

For further details please e-mail: bhrcg@hotmail.com, see our website at www.bhrcg.org.uk or <http://www.badger-hill-residents.org> from 17th June, or contact one of the committee members as follows:

Harry Telfer (Chairman) 58 Yarburgh Way.	John Nixon (Secretary) 2 Pinewood Hill.
Brian Blanchard (Treasurer) 46 Deramore Drive.	Malcolm Dewhirst (BH West) 44 Crossways.
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