

Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council News

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A 21st century play area for Anchorage Lane

AN outdated local children's play area is set to undergo a major transformation after parish councillors gave the go-ahead to a £170,000 modernisation scheme.

Sprotbrough's Anchorage Lane park will be the second of the parish council's play areas to have new life breathed into it, following on from Sprotbrough's New Lane, which was completed a few years ago.

Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council has secured an £85,000 Government loan to help fund the scheme. Additionally, Doncaster Council Bentley Ward members, councillors Charlie Hogarth, Jane Nightingale and Bill Mordue, have agreed a **£10,000** grant to support the project. The remainder of the project costs will be met from parish council funds.

Parish councillors have also given a commitment to provide modern children's play equipment for Sprotbrough's Goldsmith Centre site as funding becomes available.

Parish Chair Coun David Holland said: "We are delighted to be able to move forward with this really important and exciting scheme, which has been in the pipeline for a while. The current play area has served the community well for many years but the equipment is tired, expensive to repair and not in tune with what today's adventure seeking youngsters are looking for.

"We carried out a local consultation exercise, using on-line and face-to-face opportunities, to find out what kind of new play equipment people would like to see and their views have been reflected in the imaginative design. I'm sure it will please both parents and youngsters alike.

"There will be a mix of natural play, climbing units, space nets and seating, creating a 21st century play area, where children will be able to burn off some energy in a safe environment.

"The equipment we have chosen is designed for all children to use, including those with a disability and their carers.

"There was no grant funding available to offset the cost of the scheme and it would have taken us some time to raise the funds from existing sources so we decided to take out a Public Works Loan, which will be repaid over three years, to speed up the process and get these plans off the drawing board.

"It's hoped that work will commence in late summer/autumn this year, subject to appointing an appropriate contractor."

● **Turn to page 2 to see a plan showing what Anchorage Lane's new play area will look like.**

Sprotbrough oral history: from rural estate to real estate

THIS social project is now underway, reports Liz Reeve, pictured, with meetings taking place at either Sprotbrough Church Hall or The Stables, Main Street, at 2.30pm on the last Friday of each month, until April 2020.

The years being covered are 1925 to 1965, which is the period from when the estate was sold, and Sprotbrough Hall demolished, until several new housing estates started to be built. People who lived here during that time are being interviewed and their memories will be incorporated into a book.

If you are interested in taking part, or helping in any way, you will be very welcome.

More information can be found in the Blog:

<https://sprotbroughoralhistory.blogspot.com/> or Contact: Liz Reeve, Project Manager: Tel: 01302 313030

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Liz Reeve

Goodbye

CLERK Anita Unsworth and Responsible Finance Officer Janice Hepworth have left the parish council but will stay on in part-time 'locum' capacities until their successors are appointed.

New Chair, Councillor David Holland, and former Chair, Councillor Pat Haith, thanked Anita for 18 years of invaluable service when they presented her with a leaving gift.



Turn to page 2 to see the Anchorage Lane plan >>>

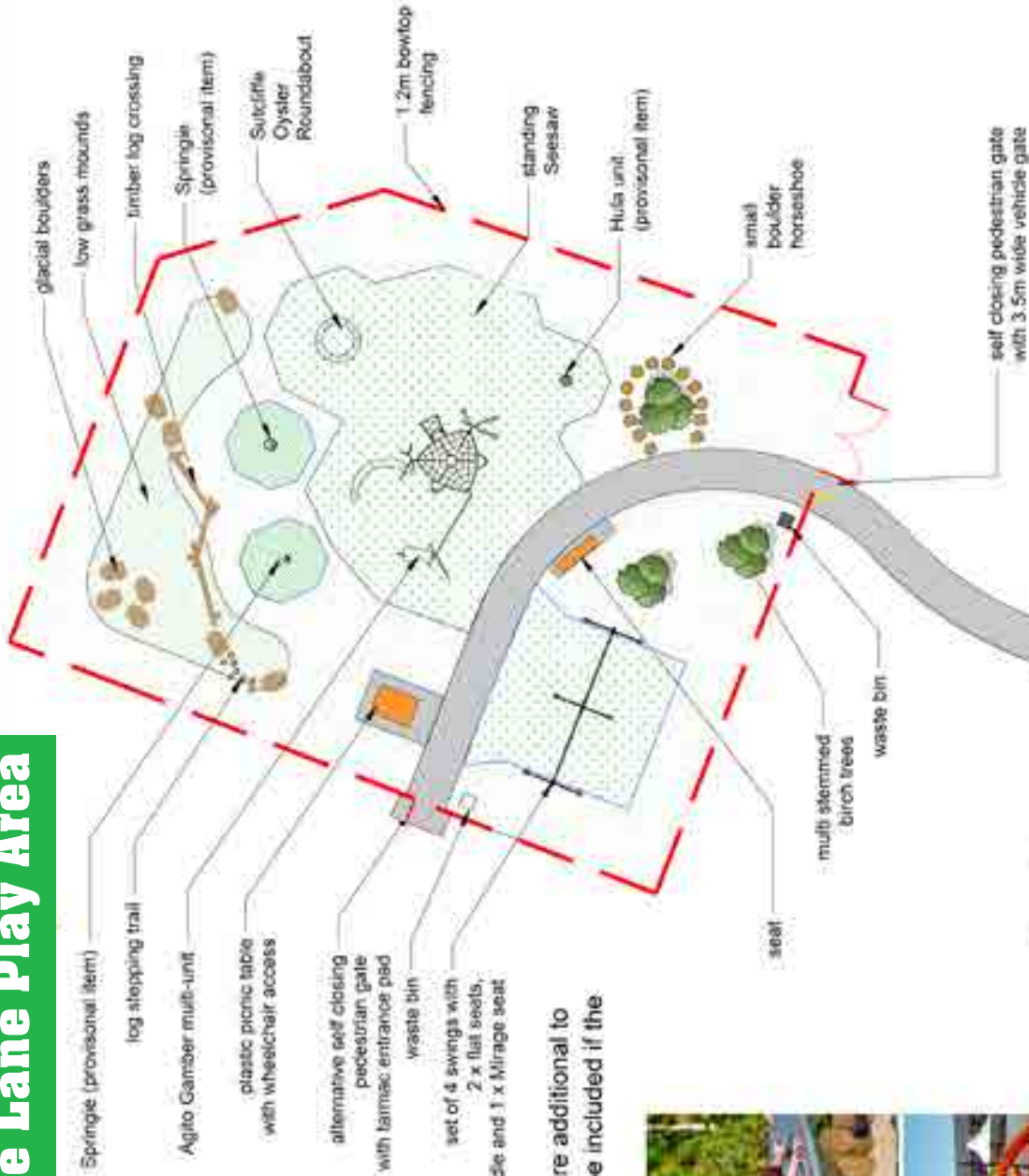
NEW Anchorage Lane Play Area

Key:

	Notts Sport Surfacing
	Grass mat
	Grass mounds
	Grass
	Tarmac

Note:

Items labelled provisional are additional to original design and are to be included if the funds allow.



Springie prov. item



Stepping Logs



Balance logs



Seesaw



Hula prov. item



Agito Gamber



Boat



Plastic picnic table



View of existing play area



Including Springie

Read all about it!

DONCASTER North MP Ed Miliband cut the ribbon to officially re-launch new-look Scawthorpe Community Library following the 57-year-old building's £150,000 facelift.

The money - which came from Doncaster Council's capital programme - funded a shopping list full of key improvements, including new:

- roof, ceiling and new lighting;
- disabled toilet;
- external mural across the front window;
- new windows throughout; and
- new kitchen and toilet for volunteers

Library Chair, Coun Kevin Rodgers, said: "The alterations have created a superb, very welcoming library that is a real asset to the community. We asked local people what they wanted from their library and their ideas helped develop the design.

"The library is run by volunteers and we are always looking for new helpers to join the ranks. If you can spare a bit of time to help us, please email the library at ScawthorpeCommunityLibrary@gmail.com or ring **01302 781786**. We would love to hear from you."



Cutting the Ribbon



Ed unveils a commemorative plaque, watched by Coun Rodgers



Ed with library volunteers



New window in children's area



Volunteering Outdoors

If you enjoy being outdoors, working with nature, and have a few hours to spare during the week why not join the Don Gorge Conservation Volunteers?

The group formed in 2006 and carries out a range of practical improvements across the Don Gorge in the Sprotbrough area, including vegetation management; installation of benches; plant identification; heritage projects; hedge-laying and litter picking.

You learn new skills, meet new friends and will help to maintain and preserve the natural beauty of the Don Gorge. It's also a great way of keeping fit. All tools and equipment are provided, all you need is sensible outdoor clothing, sturdy boots and a packed lunch.

Volunteers are currently working on the Weirside Project, rebuilding an historic stone wall alongside the Don, which was connected to the Fulling/Flint Mill that was demolished some years ago.

- For more information visit <http://www.dongorgecommunitygroup.com> or ring Mick Reeve on **01302 313030**



Pictured are some of the volunteers hedge-laying on the Trans-Pennine Trail

SPROTBROUGH NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

AS Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council News went to press, the Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Champions were busy reading through local people's responses to the first draft they have prepared of the Sprotbrough Neighbourhood Development Plan (SNDP). The Champions are a committed group of local volunteers who have got together to draft the Plan for Sprotbrough & Cusworth Parish Council.

The public consultation was the first step of a process that will ultimately see a local referendum take place to see if you and other residents are happy to see the final version of the SNDP used to influence planning applications in Sprotbrough.

The draft SNDP includes local planning policies to guide development in Sprotbrough until 2032 - the same time frame as the new emerging Local Plan for Doncaster. We'll keep you updated on progress in future editions of this newsletter and via the parish council's Facebook and Twitter pages.

You can read the draft plan on our website at:

<http://www.sc-pc.co.uk/news-and-information/>
or at: www.sprotbroughnc.co.uk

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Hire charges frozen for 12 months

COUNCILLORS have frozen at 2018 prices all hire charges for the Goldsmith Centre and football pitches at Newlands Park. They will be reviewed again in March 2020.

The Goldsmith community centre is a great venue for functions, with ample parking alongside. And people living within the parish get discounted bookings.

Charge per hour	Hall £	Committee Room £
Parishioners: private functions		
Non-profit-making clubs/societies	15.00	12.00
Voluntary groups		
Non parishioners	25.00	21.00
Block bookings for adult classes run as a commercial venture	15.50	14.50
Children's parties: minimum three hours	16.50	14.50
Commercial hire for personal gain	28.00	23.00
Charity events referred to the parish council		
Retired groups	5.50	5.50

Additions:

Performing rights fees - where music is played - £1.80 per booking.
(Not applicable to private parties.)

PAT (portable appliance testing) of hirer's electrical equipment £1.25 per item

Football pitches:

Senior per game £39.00 Junior per game Free

Parish Council Grant Awards

EVERY year the parish council sets aside a small budget to fund grants for locally constituted community groups or registered charities. Applications are considered on merit, based on the benefit they are likely to bring to either the parish or its residents.

Applicants have to provide information on their group's financial circumstances, together with the number of local people who are members, or the number they expect to be involved with through a successful grant award.

For more information contact the parish council office on **01302 788093**

Why does a 20mph speed limit matter?

Comment by Angela Curtis, Parish Councillor

YOU are seven times less likely to die if hit at 20mph rather than 30mph. Or 10 times less likely to die if you are over 60 years old.

There is a drop of 20 per cent in injuries when a 20mph limit is in place.

The 20mph speed limits around schools are not enough as slowing down for the last 100 metres doesn't encourage children to walk or cycle to school as 80 per cent of children are injured outside of the school 20mph limit. And 20mph does not always mean 'humps' have to be installed as other effective methods are available including, most importantly, community involvement. The decision to introduce 20mph limits is made by locally elected district councillors, not the Government.

THANK YOU ...

... TO local resident Dave Glover and Warmsworth parish councillor Clarissa Jackson, who joined forces to tackle the on-going problem of HGV lorries taking a short cut over the bridges spanning the river and canal in the Don Gorge, which have a strict weight limit.



After stopping several trucks, Dave found that many had foreign drivers, who claimed not to understand what the signs said.

Dave and Clarissa worked with our parish council, Warmsworth PC and Doncaster MBC Councillor Cynthia Ransome to have outdated warning signs replaced with new ones at either side of the Don Gorge and beyond. The signs feature the latest internationally recognised symbols that continental drivers should now be able to understand.

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