**FANGFOSS WITH BOLTON PARISH COUNCIL**

We would like to thank the Church for inviting us to be part of their new initiative to deliver this new-look Parish newsletter to every household in our parish. The parish council is happy to subscribe to this as it gives us a very helpful means of communicating with everyone on a regular basis. As this is our first entry in the newsletter, we’ll say a little about the parish council. As you will know, confusingly, the parish council is not associated with the Church, but is the lowest tier of government administration. Councillors stand for election, but give their services voluntarily. Fangfoss with Bolton has seven councillors. The council meets once a month on the second Wednesday of the month (except August) at 7.30 in St Martin’s School. The public are welcome to attend the meetings as spectators and if councillors are made aware that they wish to contribute, they will be invited to speak. Once a year there is an open meeting to give everyone a chance to come along to air any concerns they may have about parish matters. This year, it will be **on May 8th** so make a note in your diaries and come along to St Martin’s School at 7.30 and help the council get things right. For more information check out the council area of the village website: [**http://www.fangfoss.net**](http://www.fangfoss.net) **–** where you can also find other information about the parish. If you don’t have access to the internet, you can telephone the parish clerk, Jane Allen on 368498 for information.

In May a summary is provided of the year’s activities but a couple of recent notable items from parish council business are :

**The purchase of two manual gritters**, one for Bolton and one for Fangfoss, funded by a grant from East Riding Council. These have been effectively operated by volunteers – thank you Chris Gibbins and Taz Barker – to help keep the pavements safe for pedestrians in icy weather..

**Consideration of the Draft Local Plan** which is out for consultation until 5 April. This mainly concerns planning and development issues. Comments are invited. The plans can be seen online at <http://eastriding.limehouse.co.uk/portal/>, or at the Pocela Centre, Pocklington.

**Discussion about the East Riding council’s plans to raise the speed limit through Fangfoss to 30**. Their proposal is part of a package of measures aimed at addressing the concerns raised with them by the parish about speeding through Bolton and Fangfoss. A significant number of people question the wisdom of raising the 20mph limit. At the time of going to press, the parish council is opening up its next meeting on 13 March for a discussion on the issue.

 **“GROW A POTATO COMPETITION” IN AID OF JUBILEE PARK.**

Have a go at Jubilee Park’s spud challenge! It works like this: You buy a seed potato for £5, and grow it anywhere in anything. At a date to be arranged, probably in September, someone from the committee will come round and help you dig up the potatoes. The person who has produced the heaviest crop from the original seed potato will win **£50 cash prize.** Other prizes will also be awarded. The award ceremony will be at the pub which will put on a potato supper for a small charge. **Potatoes are available from mid March onwards from Fangfoss Pottery.** All money raised is going to be used for equipment for the park.

**OPEN STUDIOS**

Looking ahead, as part of the local Open Studio trail, **Fangfoss Pottery** will be hosting an event over the **May Bank Holiday weekend 3rd – 5th May**. At the pottery, in addition to the potters, will be a glass worker and a wire sculptor.  The artist **Shirley Davis Dew** will be having her Fangfoss studio open too. A leaflet showing those studios that will be open locally and a map of the suggested route is available from the pottery.

**FASTER BROADBAND PETITION**

Please support the East Riding’s attempts to gain faster broadband in rural areas by completing the online broadband survey at

<http://www.broadband.eastriding.gov.uk/> and encourage your friends and family to do likewise.