

## **Parish Newsletter September 2009**

### **Parish Council Website**

The parish council website [www.allithwaiteupperpc.net](http://www.allithwaiteupperpc.net) has recently been updated. If you would like details of any local events to be included in the "What's on" guide or if you have any suggestions about what you would like to see on the website please contact Clerk to the Parish Council Debbie Cowperthwaite [clerk@allithwaiteupperpc.net](mailto:clerk@allithwaiteupperpc.net) or 015395 33091.

### **Parish Council Consultation**

The Parish Council has now agreed to consult with local residents of the parish regard priorities for spending in the parish with regarding to running costs, maintenance and potential planned projects for the local community. These projects will fit with the priorities identified in the Community Plan Action Plan and the Parish Council's Strategic Plan which aims to develop and sustain a sense of community within the parish by addressing environmental, economic and social issues and delivering quality services to our Parishioners. We plan to be able to provide an indication of the average cost per household for the various proposed options in order to try and establish how much residents of the parish are willing to pay to the parish precept (the funding used by the parish council for spending within the parish) which is collected as part of the SLDC Council Tax charge and paid to the parish council. The aim of the consultation is to inform parish council decision making regarding the budget planning for 2010/11 and hopefully achieve the balance between what local residents want for the parish and what residents are willing to pay.

Consultation period will be during October 2009.

### **Recreation Ground**

The cradle swing seats in the recreation ground are unfortunately deteriorating and one will shortly need to be removed. Much of the play equipment in the recreation ground has now been in place for some time and members of the parish council feel that we will soon need to consider a major refurbishment of the recreation ground play area. This will need investigation of various play scheme options and considerable grant funding we will keep you informed!

### **Road Closure**

We have been advised that the Environment Agency intends to carry out repairs to a highway culvert sometime after 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 resulting in road closure for approximately 12 weeks on (C5046) Back O' the Fell Road near junction with B5277 from property known as Greenacres in northerly direction for approx 30mtrs, diversions along Smithy Hill will be in place.

### **Vandalism**

There was recently an incident of graffiti and some damage to the bus timetable in the bus shelter by the Audi garage. Fortunately this was very quickly removed.

### **Parish Council Vacancy**

The Parish Council currently has a Vacancy for Newton Ward. Please contact Mrs D Cowperthwaite Clerk for further details if interested on 015395 33091 or email [clerk@allithwaiteupperpc.net](mailto:clerk@allithwaiteupperpc.net)

### **Next Parish Council Meeting**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2009 Newton Village Hall at 7.30pm