

HAWTHORN PARISH COUNCIL

No.9 Spring 2017



Jottings from the Council

Parish Council Tax

The Parish Council have set the precept at £8,509. Although this represents a £717 increase, it is due primarily to the possible anticipated cost of £700 from DCC for the Parish Council elections in May.

It will result in a Band D charge of £42.25 and a subsequent increase of just over 5p per week.

Parish Council Elections

The Parish Council elections for the 7 places will be held on Thursday 4th May. Nomination papers are available from Durham County Council. If you are wishing to stand for election you will need to complete and return your nomination form to the Electoral Services Officers in County Hall.

The responsibility for the submission of nomination forms is the candidates and they should ensure that they are delivered or posted in time to reach the Returning Officer by the deadline date of 4pm on Tuesday 4 April 2017.

Full details of the election process are now advertised on the Electoral Commissions website. The election process will start on the 23 March 2017.

Welcome to our first Newsletter of 2017.

The Parish Council is looking to arrange a number of events for 2017. As well as our usual annual events we are now including a Spring Walk through Hawthorn Dene. This will be Saturday 8th April. It will be led by Chris Jones from Durham Wildlife Trust and will be a great opportunity for you and your family to be part of a local walk. It starts from the community centre at 10am.



What makes Hawthorn Dene such a special place is that it offers much more than woodland. It stretches down to the sea, opening out under an impressive railway viaduct onto Hawthorn Hive, with cliffs and rocky shore. Hawthorn Dene definitely provides something to see at any time of the year. (Durham Wildlife Trust)

The Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Monday March 20th beginning at 7pm. This is your opportunity to come along and give your views and comments. The agenda can be seen on page 2.

The elections for both the Parish and County Councils will be held on Thursday 4th May. Full details of how you can stand for election will be placed on the two noticeboards and will also be included in our monthly electronic newsletter - the Hawthorn Round Up. We now have nearly 40% of residents who receive this. If you wish to be added to the circulation then please email Lesley Swinbank (Parish Clerk) on lesley.swinbank@hawthornparish.co.uk

We hope to see you at our events in 2017.

Cllr. Alan Askew

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**Notice is hereby given that the
Annual Parish Meeting**

**will be held at 7pm on Monday
March 20th, 2017 in the Hawthorn
Community Centre**

AGENDA

1. Welcome by the Chairman Cllr. A. Askew
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2016
4. Matters Arising
5. Reports
 - Annual Report
 - County Councillor
 - Chairman of the Community Centre
 - Police Report
 - Any other reports
6. Any Other Business

Cllr. Alan Askew
Chairman
Hawthorn Parish Council
1st March 2017

*All local government electors for the Hawthorn Parish are entitled to attend and speak at the meeting.
Light refreshments will be served from 6.45pm*

Events in 2017



Monday 20 th March	Annual Parish Meeting
Saturday 8 th April	Walk around Hawthorn Dene
Sunday 4 th June	Big Lunch Spring Photograph Competition Plant Pot Festival Open Garden Walk
Saturday 19 th August	Judging Sunflower Competition
October (TBC)	Community Bulb planting
Sunday 12 th November	Remembrance Sunday
Saturday 2 nd December	Visit Santa: Switch on Christmas Lights
Sunday 10 th December	Snowman Competition Judging

Hawthorn Dene : Guided Walk

Saturday April 8th

**Start from the Community
Centre at 10 am.**

Everyone welcome.

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