

## October Parish News

This month's meeting was held in the Parish hall on Monday the 21<sup>st</sup> of October.

At a well-attended meeting where the main topic of discussion was the proposed development of 9 houses to be built to the rear of 31 Ventnor Road, Apse Heath, local residents voiced their opposition mostly on the grounds of the effect that more traffic would have on the area. This point seems to have already been considered by a report from Island Roads who have also commented on the problems that would ensue with the proposed development. As always your Parish Council would ask that if there is a proposed planning application that you feel will affect you please make your feeling known to the County Council planning department during the appeal period before a decision is made by writing to them either by post or on the Councils planning web site.

Our plans to provide a footbridge over the river Yar at Langbridge to create a safe passage for pedestrians has moved a step closer as we have received a quote for a 2 metre wide , 12 metre long structure made of FRP(Fibre Reinforced Polymer) that will hopefully be maintenance free for many years. This will be built very locally and can be constructed off site and installed with little effect on the normal traffic flow. Now we must start to fund raise to cover the cost and will be looking at various ways to find the funds, including Match Funding , Grants from local authorities/organisations and sponsorship from local companies. Maybe even copying the Yarmouth pier "Sponsor a Plank "idea. If you have any ideas on fund raising or you know of any grants that available of "Sustainable Transport" schemes please let us know.

Repairs have been completed to the Victorian Bier Hut within the Parish Cemetery so hopefully with a minimum of maintenance it should be good for another 100+ years.

It was agreed at this month's meeting that we will be laying a wreath on the war memorial in the Parish Cemetery on Remembrance Day this year as usual and making a donation to the Royal British Legion.

Next month's meeting will be held on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of November in the Parish hall at 7.30pm and as always you are welcome to come along and watch the proceeding. There is 15 minutes allocated at the beginning of each meeting where residents may address the Council on matters that concerns them.