

Clerks Report December 2016

Follow up from the November meeting:

- Replacement tree for the village green

Following the November PC meeting the chairman has organised the purchasing, delivery and planting of the replacement tree for the village green. Many thanks to Andrew Fletcher who has very kindly planted the tree.

- Mole eradicating in the Cemetery

I have spoken to Cllr. Amsden who has kindly agreed to assist us with the eradication of the mole which has been causing problems in the Cemetery.

- Replacement rabbit wire on the southern fencing in the cemetery.

I've contacted Dave Robinson requesting that he postpones the replacing of the rabbit wire on the southern boundary fencing until Spring 2017.

- Sean Stockdale – Tree Survey in the Stanney

The annual tree survey was carried out on Thursday 17th November by Sean Stockdale, many thanks to Cllr. Hackett Pain for accompanying Sean. For further details regarding the survey, please refer to the agenda.

Mobile Information and Advice Service

The Citizens Advice Hambleton, Richmondshire, and Selby & District, are seeking funding for a bus to provide a Mobile Information and Advice Service across Richmondshire. They are at the planning stage and would like your feedback as to whether this service would be beneficial to people of our Parish.

Please click on link below and it will take you to the survey on Survey Monkey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/ParishSurveyMobileService>

Carer Information and Support Programme course

Date: 18 Jan 2017 – 13:30. Location: Trinity Centre, Flowergate, Whitby, North Yorkshire, YO21 3BA.

Delivered by the Alzheimer's Society (Scarborough, Whitby & Ryedale)

A four-week course for carers of people with dementia – Wednesday 18th & 25th January, Wednesday 1st & 8th February 2017. Each session starts at 1.30pm and ends at 3.30pm.

The course will cover

- Understanding change as dementia progresses
- Living well with change as more help is needed
- Living well as dementia progresses
- Looking at care options

This is a 4 week course

For more information please ring 01723 500958, or email deborah.senior@alzheimers.org.uk

POLICE are urging rural residents to 'Call it in' and help target crime in the countryside.

North Yorkshire Police's Rural Taskforce said local communities were their 'eyes and ears'— allowing officers to clamp down on crime wherever it occurs.

The force has launched a 'Call it in' campaign, asking residents to note down and report any suspicious activity, particularly in remote or isolated areas. The campaign will feature in prominent adverts in local newspapers, on beer mats in more than 50 rural and at livestock auction marts.

Social media will be used to spread the word too, using the hashtag #callitin.

Inspector Grainge states "Please report anything suspicious to the police using the 101 phone number. Even if it doesn't need an immediate response, every piece of information helps us build up a picture and could prove vital in bringing criminals to justice."

Pilot community NHS bed receives first patients along with generous local support

The pilot facility providing extra care housing based in Sycamore Hall at Bainbridge, is not just a bed, but an entire flat funded by the Community Care Group (CCG). Patients who are referred to the facility by their local GP have access to their own kitchen, bathroom and living room as well as other communal areas including a garden with views of Wensleydale.

To help make patients feel even more at home, a generous sum of £500 was granted by Richmondshire District Council after an appeal by lay CCG representative and Richmondshire resident, Jane Ritchie MBE. Jane Ritchie MBE said: "I was so pleased to be told that Richmondshire District Council was happy to grant £500 towards furnishing the step-up/step-down bed in Bainbridge.

"Although the CCG fund the flat and the medical equipment, it's really important that patients, who aren't quite well enough to be in their own home, feel as 'at home' as possible. Therefore items like a television, wall clock and pay phone were kindly donated by residents of Richmondshire.

"West Burton Art Group has even donated a number of pictures for display in the flat."

Following the opening of the pilot at the end of August, the first patient was identified as a suitable 'step-up' patient by their own GP.

Woodland Trust report regarding Preston Springs

Following a recent talk for the women's group, Marion Donnelly has very kindly informed the PC about a query which was raised at the meeting surrounding Preston Springs. David Mason, who gave the talk has contacted Marion to confirm that unfortunately 90% of the new planting in Preston Springs is ash, and ash die back is now established in those trees. Mark Feather (site manager) is working up a programme of thinning work, so it's likely that we will see some work being carried out in 2017.

Marion would like the parish council and village as a whole to be aware as so many people from the village were involved in our mammoth planting initiative in Spring wood. As Marion quite rightly points out 'On the bright side, out of the thousand odd saplings planted, although they were predominantly Ash, there were also Beech, Oak and Rowan.' The PC will ensure everyone is kept informed of progress in due course.

Accidents at Whipperdale Bank Crossroads

During the week commencing 21.11.16 two accidents occurred on two consecutive days at the Whipperdale Bank crossroads (Leyburn to Reeth and Redmire to Catterick roads) our PC chairman has reported these accidents to the Highways Customer Communications Officer, who has responded.

Following the accidents, the Joint Agency (NYCC & NY Police) site investigation team visited the site and Ian Beighton, the Project Engineer from Highways North Yorkshire has issued the following information:

'I have recently attended a site meeting at the Crossroads with representatives of the local Police and the Police Traffic Management Department in order that the circumstances relating to the recent collisions could be discussed. As a result of this meeting we are reviewing a number of options for minor pieces of work at the junction. In the meantime I have asked that the 'Give Way' markings at the junction are 'refreshed' in order to give them extra emphasis.'

'With respect to the monitoring of locations with regard to the number and severity of Personal Injury Accidents Involving Motor Vehicles, I can confirm that colleagues in the Road Safety Team at County Hall will be aware of the recent incidents and this information will be factored into any future consideration.'

The PC will keep everyone informed of any further developments in due course.

Defib Message from: NHS HAMBLETON, RICHMONDSHIRE AND WHITBY CCG

Having easy access to a community Public Access Defibrillator (cPAD) means that immediate life-saving care can be provided in an emergency situation, such as cardiac arrest, in the vital minutes before the ambulance arrives.

We know that in many medical emergencies the first few minutes are critical and if effective treatment can be performed within those minutes, lives can be saved and disability reduced.

Using a defibrillator, which delivers a controlled electric shock to stop the heart so that it can naturally return to a normal rhythm, is very straightforward and can be carried out by anyone as the machine itself talks the user through what to do step-by-step.

Although defibrillators are a potentially life-saving resource, they can only be used by calling 999 in a medical emergency and on instruction from the ambulance call centre.

Training is not needed as the devices provide clear step-by-step instructions.

For any new residents to the village, please note that our Defib is located on the wall of St Margaret's Church.

Pest Control - RATS!

The PC has been informed that rats have been sighted in the middle of the village.

After seeking advice from RDC on how to eradicate the problem, the PC now requires all residents assistance please.

If you have any source of food that may attract rats in or around your homes, please remove it.

Sources include rubbish bags containing food and / or any pieces of bread which may have been thrown out for the birds.

One of the main sources of food for rats and potentially other vermin, is the vertical bird feeding stations which many residents do have in the village. Rats thrive on the food which is dropped on the floor from these stations.

Without residents help and assistance it is highly likely the rat problem will continue.

Barclays Bank Update

Since the November meeting I have contacted Barclays regarding updating the current account correspondence address. The required mandate forms have also been submitted to update the signing mandate to include Cllr. Jowett. I have also attempted to identify who has access to the online banking facility. Cllr. Brooks has also spent a significant amount of time contacting Barclays.

The signatories for the current account are: Cllr. Jowett, Cllr. Brooks and Cllr. Hackett Pain.

Cllr. Brooks is due to receive a pinSentry machine, Authentication Card and Pin to enable him to access the online banking facility. The correspondence address should have been updated to be Cllr. Jowett's address.

I am no longer an official or a signatory for the current account.