

Clerks Report May 2016

Highways update

i. Outside the cemetery

Since the April meeting, I have now received a response following my email to Highways about the water running from the highway, through the main gate into the cemetery: 'The Highways Officer is going to complete further investigation with regard the issue I have reported with an Engineer. Highways will provide an update in due course. Unfortunately, due to the amount of flooding issues which require attention across Richmondshire Highways are not in a position to advise when or what will be done at this time.'

ii. Pothole was filled by the Highways Officer at the time of inspection.

iii. The bus stop sign has been reported to the Passenger transport team who will organise maintenance.

Please note for future reference the easiest way to report highway defects is by using their online facility, please use this link: www.northyorks.gov.uk/reportit

Since receiving the above responses from Highways, I have responded again to state that in my opinion the pot hole outside the Old Reading Rooms has been insufficiently filled and I have requested them to return and fill the entire hole properly. I have also reported that the man hole cover / telecoms cover that is on the left hand side of the road before the railway bridge is, in my opinion, dangerous. Especially as when you are driving from Wensley to Redmire local vehicles drive over onto the right hand side of the road to avoid. It as it is a significant hollow on the road when you drive over it.

Do councillors feel that the problem regarding the water running from the highway, through the main gate into the cemetery should be escalated at this time?

I will ensure I keep everyone up to date on progress going forward.

Pest Control

I have recently been contacted by Gary Hudson at Richmondshire District Council (RDC), who would like to highlight how they are available to help and eradicate any pest problems. I have placed a notice on the board with information detailing exactly what can be done and by whom to help and eradicate any problems. Should anyone require a copy of the leaflet, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Marie Curies 'Blooming Great Tea Party'

I have recently been contacted by Marie Curie who are promoting their upcoming appeal 'Blooming Great Tea Party'. They are asking people to get together and hold a tea party in return for donations to Marie Curie. It's all about having a blooming great time while raising money for a blooming great cause! Whether it's a garden gala, a community get together in the village hall or your very own blooming great bake off, they're asking everyone to get involved and hold their own tea party between 20th and 29th June 2016. For any further information, please visit the website at www.mariecurie.org.uk/teaparty

YLCA Branch Meeting

YLCA branches are an opportunity for councillors and clerks of member councils to meet together to discuss issues of mutual interest and concern. Branches can and do invite speakers on parish matters. Our council can influence local, regional and national issues via the branch meeting. The Annual Meeting of the Richmondshire Branch of the YLCA will be held on 09.06.16 at 7.00pm in West Burton Village Hall.

Would all councillors be happy for me to attend the meeting? Also, would any councilors like to attend the meeting as well?

Website update

Following the councils request during the April PC meeting, I have contacted several other parish councils whom have had their websites built and maintained by Town and Parish Council websites (TPCW). Town and Parish Council websites are the company who have quoted us to build and maintain a website on our behalf. Out of three requests I have received two responses from other parish councils, a summary of the responses is as follows:

‘ I found TPCW extremely professional and efficient (and friendly as well)

They were very timely – I was surprised at how quickly things took shape. They were quick to respond to emails and telephone messages.

I would definitely recommend them. Having said that, of course, I have no experience of other providers – we did not go out to tender for this. I also hope to recover all or some of the cost through grant funding’

‘We considered free and local options, but the one we chose seemed to be geared up specifically for parish councils. They set up the pages to our requirements, so that it should then be a matter of dragging and dropping documents in easily. The clerk did most of the dealing with them, it was done in a short time and she operates it.’

Do councillors require any further feedback from other parish councils who have used Town and Parish Council websites, or are councillors happy that I can proceed and organise for our website to be built by Town and Parish Council websites?

Rabbit Eradicating in the Cemetery

Cllr. Hackett Pain and Cllr. Jowett have recently noted that the rabbit problem in the cemetery is becoming extremely excessive. I have contacted our local gamekeeper on several occasions, however due to the busy bird nesting season he is simply too busy to help us with the problem at this time.

In light of the excessive problem, would Cllr. Amsden be able to help with the eradicating of rabbits in the cemetery as a matter of urgency?