

Action Points following the October meeting:

- Cemetery Fencing
I have been in touch with Dave Robinson again regarding the re-wiring of the fence on the southern boundary of the cemetery, Dave assures me that he will tend to this soon he is just very busy at present.
- Digital Transparency Code Grant Application
During October the sum of £265.50 was deposited into the PC bank account by YLCA. Further to a request from councillors the clerk has enquired with the YLCA as to why the full amount which was applied for wasn't granted.

Butterwick Hospice

Butterwick Hospice is a registered charity providing services to local patients and their loved ones free of charge, the most local Butterwick hospices to us are based at Stockton and Bishop Auckland. The hospice is actively seeking additional support in terms of donations and volunteers. Would councillors consider making a donation to Butterwick?

New lung surgery services at The Friarage

An initial 150 patients per year are set to benefit from a new £95,000 investment in new lung surgery services at The Friarage Hospital, Northallerton.

New specialist imaging equipment, increased theatre capacity for lung surgery and outpatient clinics will now be provided at the North Yorkshire hospital, benefiting patients from across Hambleton and Richmondshire and further afield, who currently face a long journey to The James Cook University Hospital in Middlesbrough.

The development has benefited from a £14,000 donation from Friends of the Friarage, which will contribute to funding new specialist equipment needed to provide the service.

Parish Council Website

Since the initial launch of the Parish Council website, I have been ensuring the site is functioning fully and kept up to date. If anyone has any feedback, thoughts of improvement or any other ideas for items to be included on the website, please don't hesitate to say. In addition to Parish Council information, there is also a useful Community page which I have been updating with recent news items, please find this page here:<http://prestonunderscarpc.co.uk/community/>

I have also included recent road closure notifications from Highways on the website for your information.

Would councillors like to see any statistics / page visit information for the website?

There would be an initial set up cost of £60.00 for the developers to set up Google analytics to send a weekly email report of website hits.

Community Infrastructure Levy

Richmondshire District Council has published its Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule, covering the District outside of the National Park, for consultation. This has been prepared in accordance with the CIL Regulations 2010 (as amended) and Planning Act 2008 (as amended).

The Council is inviting representations on its CIL Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule and associated evidence from 24 October to 2 December 2016. The Council is also inviting representations on a draft Regulation 123 List during the same period, which sets out the types of infrastructure that the Council may fund, entirely or in part, through CIL.

The CIL Draft Charging Schedule, the draft Regulation 123 List and supporting documents have been published for inspection on the Council's website at <https://www.richmondshire.gov.uk/planning/local-plan/1047-community-infrastructure-levy>

Representations on the Preliminary Draft Charging Schedule should be made by email to localplan@richmondshire.gov.uk or by post to Planning Policy, Richmondshire District Council, Mercury House, Station Road, Richmond, DL10 4JX. The deadline for representations is 5pm on Friday 2 December 2016.

Budget Consultation

Richmondshire District Council is consulting on its budget and council tax levels for 2017-18. To help shape the budget proposals, the council is inviting you to have your say through this consultation until Friday 16 December 2016. The results of this consultation will be considered by Corporate Board on 17 January 2017 and full Council on 21 February 2017.

Please can you either:

1) Complete the consultation online at www.richmondshire.gov.uk/survey/budget
or

2) Return a completed paper form to one of the community offices based in Colburn, Hawes, Leyburn, Reeth or Richmond; or

3) Post a completed paper form to:

Freepost RTJZ-TSJJ-UTTU

Richmondshire District Council

Mercury House

Station Road

RICHMOND

DL10 4JX

4) Or alternatively, email the form as an attachment to consultations@richmondshire.gov.uk

For a copy of the form, please see the clerk.

Decision reached for the community health services consultation

Following results of a public consultation on community health services, NHS Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby Clinical Commissioning Group (the CCG) can confirm that a decision has been made.

The chosen option of the 'Transforming Our Communities' consultation will see a range of beds being commissioned by the CCG in areas of high demand for patients across Hambleton and Richmondshire. Patients will be supported by a team of healthcare professionals to include GPs, social care, community nurses and the voluntary sector.

This option does mean that the Lambert Memorial Hospital in Thirsk will need to be permanently closed and the building will return to the sole ownership of NHS Property Services. The CCG will therefore no longer be responsible for the building or services. South Tees Hospitals Foundation Trust will be permanently relocating all staff and equipment.

This will also mean that the community rehabilitation beds on the Rutson Ward at the Friarage Hospital will be decommissioned and the resources utilised in the community. The Rutson Ward will continue to have stroke rehabilitation beds.

“The CCG fully appreciate that some residents may feel concerned about this and we would like to provide further reassurance that care will be re-provided in the community, but in locations more accessible for wider Hambleton and Richmondshire communities.”

Barclays Bank update

Further to the October meeting I have called and visited Barclays Bank and have issued a written request to have the contact details for the current account amended to state the chairmans name and address as the main point of contact.

I have also confirmed that the officials for the current account are as follows:

Jan Jowett, PC chairman

Anna Hacket Pain, councillor

David Brooks, councillor.

The signatories for the current account are now:

Anna Hacket Pain, councillor and

David Brooks, councillor

I can also confirm that I have requested for Cllr. Jowett to have access to the online banking facility, Barclays will shortly issue the required log on information as required. I have arranged for Cllr. Jowett to be a signatory as well as an official.

Telephone Box update

Since the October meeting I have contacted Peter Featherstone at RDC highlighting the clear and overriding social requirements as to why we'd like our village phonebox to remain. I am awaiting a response and will ensure I keep the council informed in due course.