

October 2016 Clerks Report

Action Points following the September meeting:

- **Village Map**
John Green has very kindly enlarged and improved the village plan which has been installed in the phone box. The PC is very grateful for Johns hard work.
- **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**
Our recent application to the Smaller Authorities Transparency Fund has been approved by the NALC Funding Board. The sum of £265.50 will be transferred by YLCA to the PC bank account.
- **Stanney Safety Signs**
Myself and David Ashforth have installed new safety signs in the Stanney, the signs have been mounted on laminated plywood and will hopefully withstand the winter weather.
- **PC Website**
The broken links on the contact us page of the PC website are now all functioning fully.

Warm & Well relaunched for 2nd year

Charities and organisations working to improve affordable warmth are ready for their second winter as part of a joint initiative.

Warm & Well is looking forward to supporting homes again this winter, with the combined experience and expertise of the partnership meaning every issue associated with fuel poverty can be addressed with a holistic and practical approach.

Visit www.first4contact.org to complete an online referral form for winter health and cold homes support. Call 01423 740 001 for any enquiries or help over the phone.

Dementia Carer Information and Support

Date: 20th, 27th Oct and 3rd November 2016 - 13:00 to 15:00

Location: Bluebell House, unit 22, Omega Business Village, Thurston Road, Northallerton, DL6 2NJ,

This programme is aimed at family members and friends who support a person with a recent diagnosis of dementia. Topics covered include understanding dementia, legal and money matters, providing support and care and coping day to day.

If you would like to attend, please let them know as soon as possible as there will be a limited number of spaces.

Tel: 01748—825817 Main Office; Tel: 01748—850453 Support team

Email: richmond@alzheimers.org.uk

National Association of Local Councils – *Changing Places Conference*

30 November, Royal National Hotel, London

The government is planning to bring in new rules which may force local councils to hold costly local referendums over increases to parish precepts. These proposals labelled as “a centralist sledgehammer to crack a nut” by the National Association of Local Councils (NALC), will “damage communities and local services and undermine the role of local councillors”.

The event will also look at how local councils are changing places with other parts of the public sector because of austerity, the financial climate and devolution. The opportunities for local councils to fill that vacuum of community leadership and service delivery have never been greater but there are challenges that come with this. This event will look to plot a way forward for local councils.

Would any councillors be interested in attending the conference at all?

The NHS Complaints Advocacy Service

Cloverleaf Advocacy delivers the independent, free and confidential NHS Complaints Advocacy Statutory Service for all North Yorkshire residents.

The NHS Complaints Advocacy Service is here to help anyone who normally lives in North Yorkshire and requires support in dealing with a complaint about a service they have received from the NHS.

For your information our annual report for 2015/2016 is now available on our website, www.helpwithnhscomplaintsnorthyorks.org. If you do have any comments or feedback about this report, please do not hesitate to contact us.

The Better Health Programme

The Better Health Programme is about how your local NHS can provide you and your families with the best possible services over the next five years, and beyond.

Health leaders, including doctors, nurses and other care professions in County Durham and the Tees Valley are looking at how we do this, in discussion with their colleagues and with patients and their representatives.

These are the questions that the NHS has been discussing with the public as part of the NHS Better Health Programme. The programme is about improving patient services including emergency care, maternity, and care outside hospital.

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| Catterick | Leisure Centre, DL9 3EL | Wed 19th October | 5.30-7.30pm |
| Hawes | The Fountain Hotel, DL8 3RD | Wed 26th October | 5-7pm |

Annual Grass cutting Invoice from Dave Spenceley

Despite several requests I have not been able to acquire any quarterly invoices from Dave Spenceley for the village grass cutting during this season. I am now pursuing the annual invoice and will hopefully have this available in time for the setting of the precept in November.