

Clerks Report February 2017

Action Points Following the January meeting:

Highways Report

Cllr Brooks has received the following report from Steve Barker of NYCC Highways Department:

Bolton Estate have been in contact with me since your e-mail and they have been to the site to identify if their operations are causing the carriageway debris problems and they do not feel that they are. When I visited the site, there seemed to be less mud than appeared in the photographs - slippery road signs were, however, erected and will remain on the verges until further notice.

I have asked my Highway Officer to monitor the situation as are staff at Bolton Estates. A meeting has been arranged with myself and a member of staff from Richmondshire District Council next week in relation to carriageway sweeping at a couple of locations in the locality.

Bolton Estates have requested that their timber contractor removes the brash from the roadside drainage ditch in an attempt to avoid any future drainage problems.

Light for the Defibrillator

The discussed lighting has been purchased and passed to Cllr Jowett.

Broadband

The following response from Chloe Lewis has been forwarded by Ian Warhurst:

The only information I have, is that fibre has been proposed for Preston under Scar and I'll only be notified when it's actually been installed and live for residents to order unfortunately. As the village is listed under Phase 2 of the programme rollout, then it is likely that the upgrade will take place before July 2017 (as this is when phase 2 is contracted to end)

Sorry I don't have any exact details to give you. However once a fibre upgrade has taken place, Superfast North Yorkshire will write out to all the properties who can benefit from the service, to know that they can now upgrade their broadband, should they wish to.

Grass Cutting contract for 2017

Dave Spenceley has been contacted and requested to continue grass cutting for 2017.

Precept Application

The precept application for 2017-2018 has been submitted.

Biannual Quarry Meeting

Jason Lawes has been invited to attend a meeting to deliver an update on the workings at the quarry. A provisional date has been arranged for 6pm 15th March 2017.

Meetings Attended

The Richmondshire District Council Boundary Review Meeting at Mercury House:

RDC had requested a boundary review plus Richmondshire met the criteria to trigger a boundary review. The Boundary Review Commission was currently carrying out an initial analysis which involved liaising with RDC about the number of Councillors required prior to developing a consultation plan. The consultation plan would be available for comment in May and the Boundary Review Commission were seeking input from as many residents and Councils as possible to ensure the plan adopted mapped the reality of the communities for topography, demography and infrastructure.

The BRC would circulate the presentation to all parishes and the clerk would post to the website.

Business Revaluation Meeting:

The clerk had been unable to attend but RDC would circulate the presentation which the clerk would post to the

website.

Leyburn Town Plan Meeting:

Cllrs Jowett and Brooks attended and collected an information sheet which has been posted to the website.

YLCA Richmondshire Branch Meeting

Peter Featherstone provided a brief presentation on planning decision making in Richmondshire. The handout will be scanned and circulated to councillors.

The January Edition of the YLCA White Rose update has also been received.

Next meeting 8th June 2017 at Middleham Key Centre (to be confirmed).

Notices Received:

Property Marking Opportunity

Leyburn Police have a brand new, state of the art, property marking machine. Manufactured by Telesis, the kit allows us to quickly mark multiple items of property with a postcode or other identifying mark using a process called 'dot peen'.

The full letter has been posted to the website.

North Yorkshire County Council's Countryside Access Service

NYCC is reviewing how it manages and maintains the county's public rights of way network.

We are now formally consulting the public on a new proposed approach to prioritising management and maintenance of public rights of way within North Yorkshire, excluding those managed on our behalf by The North York Moors and Yorkshire Dales National Parks.

The proposals include a suggestion that Parish Councils should play a formal role in the prioritisation of the network of paths.

A set of proposal documents and a consultation questionnaire is now available on the NYCC website and will be available until 19 March 2017. I would be very interested to receive your views as part of this consultation exercise.

The documentation is available using the following link:

www.northyorks.gov.uk/prowconsultation

New website for Richmondshire

I am contacting all town and parish councils and meetings in Richmondshire to introduce myself (Joe Willis) and our new on-line news website richmondshiretoday.co.uk

I formerly worked for The Northern Echo and Darlington and Stockton Times but left earlier this year to launch the website. We focus solely on news from Richmondshire and are funded by advertising from local businesses. The aim is to provide a comprehensive on-line news service for the district.

I would be grateful if you would highlight our site to members. We are more than happy to include minutes from meetings on the site and would be very happy to highlight any issues, events or items of news that your community may have.