



# BELLERBY

## NORTH YORKSHIRE

### **Clerk's report following 28th November 2016 meeting**

#### **Follow up to matters arising:**

YLCA have advised that they have received a response from Peter Featherstone, Planning and Development Manager at Richmondshire District Council who has confirmed a blanket permission to all parish and town councils in the district to copy planning applications in accordance with the principles laid out in NALC's Legal Topic Note 60.

YLCA has received notification from the National Association of Local Councils advising that council tax referendum principles have not been extended to local councils (parish, town, village, neighbourhood and community councils) in 2017/18. The secretary of state for communities and local government has just announced:

“[Town and parish councils] play an important role in our civic life. We have decided that we will defer our proposals this year, while keeping the level of precepts set by town and parish councils under close review. I expect all town and parish councils to clearly demonstrate restraint when setting increases that are not a direct result of taking on additional responsibilities. I am also actively considering with the sector ways to make excessive increases more transparent to local taxpayers.”

The Precept application has been submitted to Richmondshire District Council.

David Ward has completed the work to the bench at the bottom of Runs Bank.

Highways have installed a Footpath sign on Mill Lane.

The Speed awareness signs have been erected.

Community Right to Bid - Successful Nomination for the Cross Keys Inn confirmation has been received.

The Land Registration Application for the Memorial Hall and Playing Field has been submitted and an acknowledgement has been received.

A letter to Scott Wright Solicitors has been sent requesting an update to the position of the landowners they represent re the Bellerby-Leyburn Footpath. Their response to Cllr Hutchinson has been circulated to all the Parish Councillors and an acknowledgment has been sent in return. This item has been included in the agenda for discussion.

#### **Items for consideration:**

##### **30mph sign on A6108**

The loose sign on the Leyburn edge of the village has been reported to highways.

##### **Received from NYCC: Urban grass cutting payments 2017/18**

Our current records indicate that the County Council funds your Parish Council to carry out the urban visibility grass cutting in your parish.

We recognise that parishes across our region are facing significant financial challenges. To this end I am pleased to confirm that the amount of money given to those parishes that organise their own urban grass

cutting will rise from 6 pence per m2 to 7 pence per m2. This increase will apply to the 2017/18 financial year.

We have been able to fund this increase due to improved efficiencies across the whole of the highway grass cutting service. The funding for grass cutting of urban highway visibility splays to your Parish Council for 2017/18 will be £44.78.

We therefore need to confirm whether your Parish Council wishes to continue grass cutting in 2017/18 and would ask that you confirm which of the following options you wish to adopt:

Option PC: If your parish wishes to carry out urban highway visibility grass cutting in 2017/18: We will continue to fund five cuts per year of the visibility grass. The area of grass that we will fund has not changed from 2015/16. Details can be found at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/verges](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/verges).

***Council to decide if wish to continue with the grass cutting.***

**Received from YLCA: MEMBERSHIP OF YLCA, 2017/2018**

You will be aware that the subscription is divided into two elements; part to support the YLCA locally and part to subscribe the Council to the National Association of Local Councils (NALC). The YLCA subscription uses a banding system based on electorate and the NALC subscription is based on a pence per elector. YLCA is only a collection agency for the latter fee, ie that exact element of the subscription is passed to NALC; YLCA does not retain any of this.

Please find below the charging band for the YLCA element of the fee. Use this with the 6.73 pence per elector fee for NALC multiplied by the number of electors for your parish (at 3 December) and you will be able to calculate the fee for your Council for the next financial year.

Elector band relevant to Bellerby	YLCA Fee
150 - 349	105

***Bellerby currently has 313 electors which by my calculation gives a membership fee of £126. Council to decide if wish to continue membership.***

**Ward Boundary Review**

The Local Government Boundary Commission for England have agreed to the request for a review of District Ward Boundaries and it has now been put into their forward work programme. The first stage is a set of preliminary briefings which will take place on Thursday 19 January 2017. The session for Town/Parish Councils and Parish Meetings is at 6pm. A representative from each Town/Parish Councils and Parish Meetings is cordially invited to attend this session at Mercury House, Station Road, Richmond DL10 4JX. Please use the Civic Entrance.

***The Clerk is available to attend.***

**Register of Electors**

The latest Register of Electors came into force on the 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

***Clerk holds a copy.***

Signed

Date

## Notices and Consultations received

### Leyburn Town Plan

Leyburn Town Plan group are inviting local councillors to come to an informal meeting where we will explain our Leyburn Town Plan project. It is to be held on Thursday 26th January at 7pm at Leyburn Thornborough Hall in the Oak room.

It would help us if you would confirm that you are able to attend and how many of you there will be.

### Mobile Information and Advice Service

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

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

### 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 Grainger 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."

### GPs urge patients with flu-like symptoms to think about self-care

GP surgeries across Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby areas have seen a rise in patients with flu-like symptoms and are urging these patients to look at self-care options.

Winter can generally bring more seasonable illnesses such as the flu-virus. November saw an increase in patients visiting their GP with flu-like symptoms which can potentially be managed at home or by visiting a local pharmacist.

Opening times for local pharmacies over the festive period can be found on the CCG's website:

<https://www.hambletonrichmondshireandwhitbyccg.nhs.uk/news/-/blogs/local-pharmacy-opening-times-over-christmas-period>

Details of local healthcare options available to help you get the treatment you need as quickly as possible can be found on the Your Health website: [www.yourhealthvoice.org](http://www.yourhealthvoice.org)

### Changes to Waste and Recycling Collection Rounds

I am writing to all Parish Clerks concerning the above change for households within Richmondshire. As from 16 January 2017, most households will see their waste and recycling collection day change. This is due to the Council changing working practices within the collection teams in order to reduce the number of refuse collection vehicles needed. A communications plan is currently being implemented to ensure that all our residents are aware of the changes. Communications include:

- A leaflet has been sent to every household in the district giving household specific information.
- Press releases have and will continue to be issued.
- Area Partnerships are being updated.
- The Council's website, richmondshire.gov.uk, has details of the changes including a postcodefinder – simply input your postcode and it will confirm your new collection day.

- We have a Facebook page providing details and receiving feedback.
- We have placed adverts in local media and on the side of our refuse vehicles

### **Superfast Broadband is planned for parts of your Parish**

NYCC and BT are planning to upgrade most of the properties in Bellerby to superfast broadband by the end of summer 2017. Whilst this depends on positive results from a detailed physical survey, we are confident that these results will show that the work can be completed within the budget.

#### Business Rates Consultation Meeting – 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017

I am writing to let you know that the District Council is holding a consultation meeting for Business ratepayers on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 at 1.00pm at Mercury House, Richmond.

I would be grateful if you could publicise this to the Businesses in your area by sharing the consultation poster, available at the following link:

[http://www.richmondshire.gov.uk/images/files/Business\\_Rates/Business\\_Ratepayers\\_Consultation\\_23\\_Jan\\_2017.pdf](http://www.richmondshire.gov.uk/images/files/Business_Rates/Business_Ratepayers_Consultation_23_Jan_2017.pdf)

The meeting will cover the 2017 business rates revaluation, localisation of business rates including discounts, reliefs and the ability to raise additional monies for specific projects. The meeting is designed to be interactive and there will therefore be an opportunity to raise questions and discuss issues.

If you have any queries, please contact [julia.chapman@richmondshire.gov.uk](mailto:julia.chapman@richmondshire.gov.uk) or 01748 901005. Please note any businesses wishing to attend are requested to confirm their attendance on these contact details by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January to allow for planning of accommodation.

### **AUDITOR APPOINTMENTS FOR SMALLER AUTHORITIES FOR THE 2017/18 – 2021/22 FINANCIAL YEARS**

YLCA has received notification that following a successful procurement exercise the appointed external auditors for all parish and town councils and parish meetings in North, South and West Yorkshire who have not opted out of the Sector Led Body will be PKF Littlejohn LLP.

Please do note that for the financial year 2016/17 there will be no changes to your existing external audit arrangements and you should continue to work with your existing external auditors on limited assurance reviews for accounts for this financial year. The new appointments only become effective for the five year period in relation to accounts for the financial year beginning on 1 April 2017. Further information about the audit appointments can be found at the SAAA website below.

<http://www.localaudits.co.uk/appts.html>

### **Highways Reports**

#### **NOTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - HARMBY TO SPENNITHORNE**

I am writing to advise you of a forthcoming temporary road closure, which will take place at the above location. A map which illustrates the section of road which is to be closed and also highlights the alternative route which will be signed for diverted traffic, can be viewed on-line by following this link:

<https://roadworks.org?tm=97696>

I would confirm that the closure has been requested by BT in connection with works to underground apparatus and it is anticipated that the road will be closed to through traffic between 9:30 am and 3:30 pm on Wednesday 22 March 2017

#### **NOTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - WENSLEY TO REDMIRE ROAD - WENSLEY**

I am writing to advise you of a forthcoming temporary road closure, which will take place at the above location. A map which illustrates the section of road which is to be closed and also highlights the alternative route which will be signed for diverted traffic, can be viewed on-line by following this link:

<https://roadworks.org?tm=97945>

I would confirm that the closure has been requested by County Council colleagues in connection with highway maintenance works and it is anticipated that the road will be closed to through traffic from Thursday 2 February 2017 for a period of 2 days.

**NOTIFICATION OF TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE - LOW LANE, WENSLEY**

I am writing to advise you of a forthcoming temporary road closure, which will take place at the above location. A map which illustrates the section of road which is to be closed and also highlights the alternative route which will be signed for diverted traffic, can be viewed on-line by following this link:

<https://roadworks.org?tm=98024>

I would confirm that it is anticipated that the road will be closed to through traffic for one day on Wednesday 18 January 2017.