

Clerk's report following 23rd January 2017 meeting

Follow up to matters arising:

To receive an update on obtaining landowners signatures on agreement to progress Footpath Works

The letter to confirm all landowner's agreement in principle to the footpath has been sent out to Mr Ford and Mr Scott. Responses have been received from both. Cllr Hutchinson has contacted Scott Wright solicitors in response to their queries.

To discuss the offer of Matrix Signs from NYCC & level of interest from other Councils

The signed Matrix forms have been submitted to Darren Griffiths of NYCC Highways Department at County Hall. The signed documentation has been returned to Cllr Hutchinson.

Leyburn have been approached to determine if they have arranged a shared partnership with Bellerby but they are currently uncertain as to who they are to share with.

To decide whether to accept the NYCC urban grass cutting payments 2017/18

The form to accept NYCC Urban Grass Cutting payments has been submitted.

Leyburn Town Plan

A copy of the information sheet is available at:

http://prestonunderscarpc.co.uk/document-archive/

Burial Ground

Payment has been received for two cremation plots and the certificate of Exclusive Rights of Burial has been issued.

Items for consideration:

Website

YLCA are hosting a free Transparency Code support and guidance session on 21st March at Middleham Key Centre 7pm – 9pm for Councillors and Clerks. The clerk has submitted a booking form for a place.

YLCA have reiterated that DCLG are doing spot checks on Parishes that have obtained funding to check on compliance.

Bellerby Open Gardens and Events Group have a new website at <u>www.bellerbyuk.wordpress.com</u>.

This item will be added to the agenda for consideration.

Small Parish Insurance Scheme – Letter from Richmondshire District Council

It is with regret that I write to inform you that the Council will no longer be offering the Richmondshire Small Parish Insurance Scheme to Parishes. Due to cuts in budgets and depleting resources, we find that we no longer have the capacity to administer this scheme on behalf of the parishes. However, Zurich are more than happy to offer insurance cover to all the parishes should they wish to contact them directly. This item will be added to the agenda for consideration.

Meetings Attended

YLCA Richmondshire Branch Meeting

The latest edition of the White Rose Update has been received.

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

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

Notices and Consultations received

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 online 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.

Leyburn Police

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'.

Further details are available at:

http://prestonunderscarpc.co.uk/police-property-marking/