

## Clerk's report following 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023 meeting

### Follow up to matters arising:

#### Litter Bin

A request to replace the litter bin on the Top Green was submitted and an invoice received.

#### Street Light

The street light at Old Brook House has been reported to Richmondshire District Council.

#### Defibrillator

A date for the installation of the second defibrillator of Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March has been received and circulated to all parties. The grant funding monitoring form has been submitted

The original defibrillator is now out of warranty.

#### National Flood Forum Event

The Flood Forum event arranged in the Memorial Hall for the morning of 28<sup>th</sup> January 2023 was cancelled by the National Flood Forum. No new date has been arranged as yet.

The proposed Zoom meeting on the Emergency Plan has not yet been arranged.

#### Community Garden and Village Planters

The grant funding monitoring form for the Jubilee Fund has been submitted.

Hartley's have again been approached about the water leaking through the greenhouse doors and the following response received:

Since your correspondence with Lisa I have spoken with a number of fitters, unfortunately due to the exposed location of your glasshouse when it rains the wind will be pushing the water under the door. Andy has advised me he has sealed under the threshold but that will only stop so much water. The only option I can suggest is to fit a drip bar to the bottom of the door, this would divert any water running down the door to be sent over the threshold lessening the water ingress. However this isn't something we can assist with as we don't manufacture such an item, you could purchase something from a DIY store and fit yourselves.

#### *Copy of meeting notes attached*

#### Highways and VAS Signs

The Open Gardens were approached with regard to the installation of a VAS sign at the entrance to the village and the following response was received:

At our meeting last night, the request in your email of 11<sup>th</sup> January was discussed.

Our decision was :

1) we would not allow you to use our details in any funding application

2) we agreed the project one that we would consider contributing to.

Please make an application in the usual manner.

The formal offer of funding from Cllr Sedgwick has been received.

#### *Copy attached and item added to the agenda*

An application for additional funding has been submitted to the PFCC.

The Transport, Economy and Environment Overview & Scrutiny Committee 20mph Speed Limit and Zone Policy Update has been received.

#### *Copy attached*



**BELLERBY**  
NORTH YORKSHIRE

**GDPR/Data Protection Act 2018*****Copy of certificate attached*****Additional Road Gritting**

The following has been received from Highways:

Just to confirm that there is a page on the County Council website that shows a 'live' over view of what is taking place on the network with regard to winter maintenance activity. This information can be found by following this link:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/road-grittingNeed For Treatment>

The treatment of the roads in question would need to be authorised by the County Council as Local Highway Authority in each instance and such authorisation would only be given in accordance with the terms of our Winter Maintenance Policy. In this way an authorisation to treat the roads in question which we classify as 'Priority 3' would only be given as follows:

'Priority 3 routes will not normally receive treatment unless freezing conditions persist for more than 72 hours. Treatment of Priority 3 routes in advance of the 72 hour rule in certain weather conditions will be allowed.'

In view of the above you will therefore appreciate that a treatment of the roads would not be authorised until such time as the County Council was probably looking to treat the roads anyway. In this way there is therefore probably little to be gained with the Parish Council arranging for treatment.

**Reporting Of Treatment**

A mechanism would need to be put in place to ensure that confirmation of the conclusion of any treatment was advised to ourselves at the earliest opportunity. This notification would need to provide details of the roads treated and the start and end time of the treatment.

**Contractor Issues**

Further details of the equipment which would be used by your contractor will be required in addition to confirmation as to where they will source the salt from which would be used to treat the roads. Photos of the equipment will be required.

**Public Liability Insurance**

Notwithstanding the fact that the contractor will have Public Liability Insurance in place to cover their work in the Highway, confirmation will also be needed that the Parish Council has similar insurance in place as the organisation directing the work.

Apologies again for the delay in getting to this point and for the onerous list of requirements but you will appreciate that this kind of work is safety critical and is not to be undertaken lightly. If the Parish Council is still minded to move forward with this proposal then it is suggested that a meeting is arranged in order to go over things. In the meantime there is some other information about how Parish Councils can become involved in winter maintenance activities by forming a 'Community Gritting Partnership' which is held on our website. The information can be viewed by following this link:

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/community-gritting-partnerships>

With reference to the information you will however note that the focus of such activity would be on snow clearance and not preventative salting for frost.

**Urban Highway Grass Cutting**

The Urban Highway Grass Cutting offer of £47.98 in 2023/24 has been received.

***Copy attached and item added to the agenda*****Walking in Yorkshire**

The following useful information was received:

Walking in Yorkshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/yorkshire> has loads of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

## Received from RDC/NYC

### Community Investment Fund

The current Community Investment Fund has now gone live.

Launched in 2019, the Community Investment Fund is designed to support specific community projects or activities taking place within one of the five growth areas of Richmondshire.

For this round of funding we have a total allocation of £120,000. Applications are encouraged from all Richmondshire areas.

Applications will be considered following the February and May deadlines, and the scheme will close following the allocation of the total funds available. If the scheme is closed early this will be advertised on our website and social media.

Receipt of proposal	Panel meeting	Expected decision date
14 May 2023	Week commencing 5 June 2023	12 June 2023

Please note, due to the changes ahead with the Local Government Review process, Richmondshire District Council will cease to exist on 1st April 2023. As such, this is potentially the last round of Community Investment Fund monies available and will be awarded on a competitive basis. We advise you to be as thorough and comprehensive as possible when completing your application form.

### Draft Parish Charter

The Draft Parish Charter consultation is open until 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023.

#### *Copies attached and item added to the agenda*

### Plans to progress proposed devolution deal backed by councillors across York and North Yorkshire

Both City of York council and North Yorkshire County councils have met to consider the findings of the statutory consultation for devolution that almost 2000 people took part in between October and December last year.

Following their considerations both councils have agreed to progress devolution to the next stage, which is to submit the consultation results and the associated scheme for devolution, to the Secretary of State.

### Agenda for Hambleton & Richmondshire Rural Transport & Access Partnership meeting - 2pm, Monday 6th March 2023

We would like to invite you to the next meeting of the Hambleton & Richmondshire Rural Transport & Access Partnership meeting at 2pm, Monday 6th March. The meeting will again be held by Zoom.

#### *Further details and link available from the Clerk*

## Received from YLCA/NALC

### White Rose Updates and Training Programme

#### *Copies attached*

### NALC Parliamentary Briefing - Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill

***Copy attached***

**Engagement meeting with Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission ( YHCC)- Thursday 23 March 2023 at 6:30pm**

As mentioned in recent editions of the White Rose Bulletin, YLCA has been working closely with the Yorkshire and Humber Climate Commission (YHCC).

The YHCC would like to meet with parishes to start engagement and the date of Thursday 23 March at 6:30pm has been arranged on Zoom for this.

The brief agenda for the meeting is:

1. Introductions
2. Introducing the Yorkshire & Humber Climate Commission and the Regional Climate Action Plan
3. Results from YLCA member survey on climate
4. Local councils & parish meetings and the climate emergency: discussion of role and experiences
5. Working with the Commission
6. Any questions

***Clerk has registered***

***Link for Councillors to register available from the Clerk***

**Section 137 limit for 2023/24**

DLUHC has written to us to confirm the appropriate sum for section 137(4)(a) of the Local Government Act 1972 for 2023/24 is £9.93. The amount is a result of increasing the 2022/23 figure of £8.82 by the percentage increase in the retail index between September 2021 and September 2022 under Schedule 12B to the 1972 Act.

**Procurement Threshold**

The Government increased the £25,000 threshold for Contracts Finder to £30,000 from 21 December 2022. This puts the local council sector back to the position where it is effectively contracts over £25,000 plus VAT (rather than £25,000 including VAT) that are advertised.

Public contracts, with an estimated value (including VAT, from 1 January 2022):

- over £213,477 (previously 189,330 ex VAT) for goods or services, or
- over £5,336,937 (previously £4,733,252 ex VAT) for public works (construction),

must comply with the full requirements of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015. These include specific tendering methods and timescales, as well as a requirement to advertise on both the Contracts Finder website and Find-a-Tender (the UK e-notification service).

**Received from Police/Fire Service**

**PFCC**

Commissioner Zoë responds to HMICFRS's latest report on North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service

***Copy attached***

**Dales Police Report**

Copies placed on the Facebook page.

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