

Clerk's report following 23rd August 2021 meeting

Follow up to matters arising:

Electrical Connection

A date of 13th October 2021 has been arranged for the installation of the meter and electrical connections at the village green.

Bellerby Open Gardens and Event group have decided not to move the Christmas Tree to the main green.

Section 19 Report

The feasibility study is now available to be presented back to the Parish Council. A meeting is to be arranged between the Parish Council and NYCC Flood Management Team to discuss.

Village Benches

The memorial bench has been installed on the top green. The Bellerby bench has been installed and stone flags have been inset at the East Green to effectively raise the bench.

The family and Parish Council thanks everyone involved.

Best Kept Village Competition

Unfortunately Bellerby did not win this year.

External Audit

The External Audit has been completed. The relevant documents have been forwarded for inclusion on the website and uploaded to the NYCC Data platform. Paper copies have been placed in the noticeboards.

Highways

An update on the design planning stage for the Bellerby to Leyburn footpath has been repeatedly requested. No response has been received.

The following response to the request to extend gritting in the village has been received:

I am writing to confirm that the Corporate Director and Executive Members for Business and Environmental Services met recently to discuss requests for amendments to winter gritting routes. At that meeting your request for amendment for the coming winter was considered but not approved. This was because the current level of treatment is in line with the County Councils policy and is consistent with the approach elsewhere in the County. I am therefore sorry to inform you that the Authority is unable to implement your request.

Please note however that North Yorkshire County Council routinely treats more roads than any other County Council, (more than 50% of its road network) and operates to standards well above national guidelines. Unfortunately even with this level of commitment there will inevitably be some roads which we are unable to routinely treat in ice/frost conditions. In line with our policy, however, I would re-affirm that we would still seek to clear as much of the whole county road network as possible in snow condition. For details of the priority attached to particular routes, including the one you asked about, please see the winter gritting information on our website via the link below:

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

I am sure you will be aware that the current financial situation for local authorities has meant that a number of services have been affected. However I am pleased to be able to reassure you that despite decreasing funding, we have not reduced our gritted network and this will be the case again for the coming winter season.



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Please accept my apologies that I am unable to offer the response you may have been hoping for on this occasion.

Additional quotes have been requested from commercial companies, however to date no responses have been received.

Emergency Storage

A number of the sandbags in storage have perished. Empty bags have been requested from the District Council.

Community garden

Permission has been granted for a resident to trim the Community Garden and adjacent verge.

Street Lighting

Confirmation of receipt of application for additional lighting has been received.

Received from RDC/NYCC

A648 Safer Roads fund - Leyburn Improvement Works

Details attached

Received from YLCA

Autumn Conference

The conference has unfortunately been cancelled due to a lack of bookings. A face-to-face conference is to be held in the spring. The Clerk has booked onto the Policies – Mandatory and Best Practice and Preparing a Budget webinars.

Cllr Singleton will book onto the Off to a Flying Start course for new Councillors.

YLCA Telephone Number

Please note that with immediate effect the new telephone number is: 01937 228602.

White Rose Updates

Copies attached

LGA Report

The WRU 10 September 2021 contains a link to an LGA report of 'A Delivery Framework to support parish and town councils'.

Word version attached

Training Updates

Copies attached

MHCLG changes name to focus on levelling up

The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) is to be renamed the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC), after Michael Gove's appointment as secretary of state in a cabinet reshuffle.

According to the government, the Secretary of State will drive cross-Whitehall efforts to deliver a programme of tangible improvements in every part of the UK, as the country builds back better from the Covid-19 pandemic and deliver on the people's priorities.

Former Bank of England Chief Economist, Andy Haldane, was appointed as the new Head of the Levelling Up Taskforce and will join as a Permanent Secretary in the Cabinet Office on secondment from the Royal Society of Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA) for six months

The Secretary of State will have responsibility for the UK's governance and elections. He will also take on the additional title of Minister for Intergovernmental Relations, working closely with the Territorial Offices and leading coordination with the devolved administrations on the Prime Minister's behalf.

He will be supported in the Department by new Minister of State, Kemi Badenoch, as well as Neil O'Brien, who has been appointed as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State.

Reappointed to the Department are Ministers of State, Christopher Pincher and Lord Greenhalgh, as well as Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, Eddie Hughes.

Commenting, Prime Minister, Boris Johnson said:

"This government is committed to uniting and levelling up every part of the UK and I am determined that as we build back better from the pandemic, we are geared up with the teams and expertise to deliver on that promise.

Received from Police

Speeding

North Yorkshire Police have confirmed receipt of the Speed Concern Form for Bellerby.

Speeding vehicles can be reported at: <https://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/do-it-online/report-it/road-policing/community-speed-watch/>

The North Yorkshire road safety strategy has been renewed. The press release is available at:

<https://www.richmondshiretoday.co.uk/new-road-safety-strategy-planned-for-north-yorkshire/>

Cllr Singleton has prepared a report for discussion which will follow shortly.

The following has been received from the 20s Plenty campaign:

The **North Yorkshire branch of 20s Plenty** would like you to please circulate [this briefing](#) and this link to a 7 minute video <https://vimeo.com/605870288> to all your Parish Councillors and to consider showing [this video](#) and discussing at a Parish Council meeting this motion:

"This parish/town council supports the implementation of 20mph as the default speed limit for our parish and in all the urban and village streets in North Yorkshire where people live, work, shop, play and learn. This parish council will write to the Leader and Cabinet Member for the Highway Authority (currently North Yorkshire County Council) to implement a County wide policy on this issue to support 20mph as the default limit with higher limits only where the needs of vulnerable road users are fully taken into account"

Please let us know your decision and when you pass the motion on 20sPlentyforNorthYorkshire@gmail.com

Items added to the agenda