

## Clerk's report following 10<sup>th</sup> January 2022 meeting

### Follow up to matters arising:

#### Gritting

The responses to the list of questions about additional gritting in Bellerby have been forwarded to Highways.

#### Land Registry

The Local Council First Registration Pilot Project has now been postponed until the Land Registry have cleared the backlog of compulsory registrations. An update on the submission of February 2021 was therefore requested. A letter of confirmation of the submission was received.

#### Footpath

The following update has been sent through by Cllr Sedgwick:

At the Safer Roads Highways meeting on 21st Jan I asked for the latest update regarding the A6108.

This week, WSP will be meeting with the landowners, subject to their availability, regarding the Bellerby to Leyburn cycle/footpath. There is already a preferred 'line' but this is to make sure it fits in with what the landowners thought was a good plan. The route was walked 4 years ago.

There will be an update about progressing the design and how the meeting went.

A time line will be discussed and exchanges of information regarding the Flood Risk Management S19 options (yet to be decided) and the Safer Roads Project will be also be discussed.

It has been pointed out that the SR project was well underway before the 2019 flooding event.

Highways are aware of the interest shown by the Parish and Town Councils and will keep us informed of any proper developments or plans to be looked at.

Now that the A684 part of the Safer Roads Project is nearing completion, it is exciting to be starting the A6108 part of it. Bellerby to Leyburn path is only a part of it, but long awaited!

#### Speeding

Cllr Singleton has continued to lobby North Yorkshire County Council and promote the 20s Plenty campaign message. The clerk has worked with Cllr Singleton to identify the problem areas in the village to include with the Road Safety Report.

#### *Copy attached*

The road data monitor has been pencilled in for siting in Bellerby for the week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

#### Annual Parish Meeting

The invitations have been sent out to all the village groups for the Annual Parish Meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

#### Parish Council Annual Meeting

The date of the Parish Council Annual meeting has been changed to the 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 to fit in with the legislation for signing the Council documentation.

#### *Copy attached*

#### Insurance Policy

A letter of notice that the current insurance company are no longer able to provide Local Council Insurance at the renewal date has been received.



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***Item added to the agenda***

***Copy of Quote Request Form from BHIB Councils Insurance attached for reference***

**Information Commissioner**

The Direct Debit payment has been processed and the ICO Certificate for 2022 received.

**Defibrillator**

The defibrillator has been checked and status updated on The Circuit.

**Community Garden**

A group of seven members of the public have joined Cllr Hutchinson, Singleton and the Clerk on the Steering Committee. Three site meetings have been held and progress made.

Cllr Singleton and the Clerk attended the BOGEG meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2022 to update the group on the project.

***Copies of minutes and notes attached***

**Mental Health First Aid Champions Course**

The Clerk has completed the free Mental Health First Aid Champions Course promoted by Community First Yorkshire.

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**Flood Attenuation Project**

The Clerk attended the Public Flood Meeting in Thornborough Hall, Leyburn and spoke to the Flood Management Team. They are keen for the Parish Council to take the lead on the flood attenuation project at Quarry Heads and reconfirmed their support for the project. They also reconfirmed the potential availability of further funding for the works from NYCC.

They identified the Arkengarthdale NFM project as a useful reference:

<https://www.ydrt.org.uk/what-we-do/projects/developing-projects/arkengarthdale-nfm/>

A very helpful response was received from the Arkengarthdale NFM team however the project is in the very early stages and the demonstration site will probably not be ready to fit the timescale for the Bellerby project. They offered details of an additional site in Lancashire which it may be possible to arrange a group visit to view the implemented NFM works.

***Further details attached and item added to the agenda***

The FMT noted that if any landowner is interested in tree planting on their land they should approach the NYCC FMT who would put them in touch with the correct agency.

The Clerk was approached by the FMT to meet with a journalist to discuss the public meeting and the flood event. Cllr Hutchinson gave an interview on behalf of the Parish Council.

A meeting with the solicitors to arrange the land transfer has not yet been arranged.

**Tree Survey**

Bellerby Open Gardens will only fund projects submitted on an application form however they are aware of the proposal.

***Item added to the agenda***

**Unitary Authority**

**Sub-station Gates – Church Street**

An update has again been requested from Northern Powergrid with regard to the renovation of the gates.

## Received from RDC/NYCC

### Little White Bus

The following has been received for comment:

I am writing to you as your parish sits on the route that the Little White Bus 156 service bus route takes through Wensleydale.

Little White Bus is looking to make some changes to the route and we are looking for support from your parish. The route has evolved over time and Little White Bus would like to make some adjustments in order to;

1. Reduce the number of times each day the buses need to use inappropriate roads (Worton Bottoms and Aysgarth Falls)
2. Eliminate as much as possible the demand response service of the current route
3. Add in a town loop around Leyburn
4. Maintain, or increase the number of times each day the bus visits most of the major villages on the route.

I have attached a draft timetable and some additional commentary for your consideration.

Little White Bus would like to make a submission to the Traffic Commission by the middle of March with the aim of adopting this new timetable from 1st May 2022.

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

#### **Local Government Reorganisation**

The second update for the Unitary Authority has been circulated.

#### ***Copy attached***

The latest meeting for the new Unitary Authority has been held.

We anticipate that the next webinar and written briefing on LGR for all parish and town councils and meetings will held / circulated around June 2022. The invitation and briefing will be sent to all parish clerks, for forwarding to councillors.

#### Parish Charter

- We will ask the YLCA to invite each of its branches in the county to nominate one person to join a steering group with us to work on development of a draft parish charter
- As part of its work, the steering group will ask all parish and town councils and parish meetings, through a survey, for views on what should be included in a parish charter
- The steering group will consult with all parish and town councils and parish meetings on the draft parish charter, probably in Autumn 2022, with a view to it being adopted prior to 1 April 2023 (vesting day for the unitary council)

#### Double devolution:

- We envisage writing to all parish and town councils around June inviting interested councils to submit a formal expression of interest in piloting double devolution
- We will evaluate these and then work with a number of these with a view to developing around six pilots
- Several participants at the meeting felt that the Quality Award of the Local Council Award Scheme should not be an essential requirement for double devolution, particularly because of the requirement that at least two-thirds of the seats on the council must be filled by councillors who stood for election

#### ***Presentation attached***

#### **Minerals and Waste Joint Plan**

North Yorkshire County Council Members adopted the Minerals and Waste Joint Plan on the 16th February 2022, please see the attached letter and Adoption Statement for details.

Please note that City of York Council and the North York Moors National Park will adopt the Plan separately.

***Copy attached***

**Urban Grass Cutting**

Acceptance of the annual urban grass cutting offer has been submitted.

**Parish Council Elections**

The Clerk has booked on to the 9<sup>th</sup> March Parish Election meeting at Mercury House when the Nomination Packs will be available for collection ready for the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2022 meeting.

**Received from YLCA**

**Parish Council Elections**

An advice notice has been sent out containing details and the timetable for the May 2022 elections. The recommended practice around publicity is also attached.

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**Levelling Up White Paper**

A summary of the Levelling Up White Paper has been circulated

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**NJC New Salary Award**

The new Clerks salary award for 2021-2022 has been circulated. Back pay for April 2021 – March 2022 has been calculated.

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

**North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner meeting 26 May 2022 6.30pm - 7.45pm**

A meeting has been arranged with Zoe Metcalfe, the North Yorkshire Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner on 26 May 2022, 6.30pm – 7.45pm.

The meeting will be an opportunity for her to introduce herself and her work including the Police and Crime Plan and Fire and Rescue Service Plan, to our North Yorkshire area members. All North Yorkshire Branch representatives are invited to attend. If representatives are not available, any councillor may represent the council at this information giving meeting.

The commissioner would like to invite members to submit questions prior to the meeting. Please submit questions to [admin@yorkshirelca.gov.uk](mailto:admin@yorkshirelca.gov.uk) by no later than 3 May 2022 so that they can be collated and sent to the commissioner three weeks before the meeting. We hope this will lead to an informative evening for all involved.

***Item added to the agenda***

**White Rose Updates**

***Copies attached***

**Training Updates**

***Copies attached***

**Received from Police**

**Dales Police Report**

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