

Clerk's report following 9th January 2024 Parish Council meeting

Follow up to matters arising:

Defibrillator

The routine check of the Memorial Hall defibrillator has been completed and the system updated accordingly.

Banking

The reserves have been transferred to the Lower Interest Account.

The High Interest Account is now open.

The new Local Government salary scales from 01/04/2023 are now agreed. The Clerk is currently on SCP 14.

Copy attached and item added to the agenda

Highways

A letter was submitted to Rishi Sunak MP requesting support with progressing the Flooding, Footpath and Gritting work.

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The Clerk & Chairman attended the Highways workshop at Area 1 Gatherley Road. The question of closing the road to prevent vehicles entering the village during a flood event was raised and the advice was to not attempt to close the road but inform the emergency services.

The issue of gritting the side roads of Bellerby was raised and the following follow up response received:

I am just emailing at this point to let you know that I have raised this at a Senior level with the County Winter Champion and the Head of Service. Unfortunately it may take some time to look at the potential wider implications of your request and due to current demand for service I can't provide a potential timescale for a decision. Ultimately this may lead to the development of a new policy as it is not a request we have dealt with historically and part of that process will be to engage with the Councils Legal and Insurance Teams to see what their thoughts are for the protection of all parties.

Please bear with us for now I will keep you informed as and when I know more.

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A copy of the Highways Safety Inspection Manual was circulated to attendees for useful reference.

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The Urban Highway Grass Cutting offer of £51.17 has been received.

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The posts for the VAS sign have been installed.

The reported street lights have been repaired/replaced.

Website and .gov.uk Domain

Following attending the on-line Parish Council Domains Helper Service meeting setup to encourage and assist Parish Councils to switch to the more secure .gov.uk domain service, quotes for the services have been obtained from a number of 'Approved Registrars'. Using an approved registrar will also unlock a £100 grant from the Cabinet Office to assist Parish Councils with the transition. This will be automatically applied to the bill of an agreed supplier from the 'Approved' list.

Copy of meeting notes and quotes attached



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Best Kept Village Competition

The Rotary Club of Richmond have invited the village to enter the Best Kept Village Competition 2024. The Clerk has provisionally agreed and a copy of the Judging Guidelines have been received.

As published the Judging will take place in the first two weeks of July. However we invite villages to provide guidance to the judges if they wish to do so. This may be sent to my e- mail address by the 25th of June. It will give you the opportunity to briefly signpost the effort the village has made. I will send you a reminder of this in early June.

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Great British Spring Clean

The Great British Spring Clean returns from 15 - 31 March 2024.

Burial Ground Groundwater Levels

A request for a review of drainage at the Church Yard was forwarded to North Yorkshire Council.

A quote for the paved area work has been requested from SG Drystone Walling.

Beck Clearance

The responses to the letter requesting approval for the work have been collated.

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Planning application ZD23/00629/FULL

A response was sent to the applicant following the correspondence received re the Parish Councils submission to the planning application. The application has since been withdrawn.

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Received from YLCA/NALC

S137

The appropriate sum for section 137(4) (a) of the Local Government Act 1972 (the 1972 Act) for local (parish and town) councils in England for 2024/2025 is £10.81.

YLCA website

The new Councillors password for the website has been sent through.

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White Rose Updates and Training Programme

Copies attached

Received from Police/Fire Service

Chief Constable

Tim Forber confirmed as next Chief Constable for North Yorkshire taking up post on 1st April 2024.

Tim Forber, who is presently serving as Deputy Chief Constable at South Yorkshire Police, was announced as the preferred candidate for Chief Constable of North Yorkshire Police by Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Zoë Metcalfe, following a robust recruitment process in December 2023.

Dales Police Report

Copies placed on the Facebook page.

Copies attached