

Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister Parish Report Kirkby Malzeard : October

24 Himalayan Balsam

Due to concerns about the spread of this invasive species I have asked Highways what their position is on this (with regard to the verges). They have confirmed that they are obliged to remove HB and that it would be helpful if verges with the weed could be reported to them. Environment Services at NYC have also confirmed that they work with volunteers to tackle this on their own land assets, through the Parks and Grounds teams, and within the Nidderdale National Landscape. I have asked Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust if their register <https://www.ydrt.org.uk/innsmapper/> could be used to identify NYC verges so that there is one point of contact to locate and track HB growth, to then report on to NYC and co-ordinate working parties.

Highways

I have updated the community on Facebook on progress with the road closures and HGV diversions, and the Chair has attended meetings with me with Highways and Yorkshire Water. I thank the Chair and the Clerk for their assistance with the public meeting and to the Chair for kindly holding the Highways and YW meetings in her kitchen. To date, the signs are up to try to prevent HGV through traffic using the Church Bank and Longswales Lane route, with signage in place for HGVs that need to access/exit from the west of KM to prevent them using Cemetery Lane, and to use the Laverton bridge on the way in and the lane out of Laverton to Warren Lane (one way) on the way out. I am aware of concerns about the impact the HGV traffic is having on Laverton, particularly regarding the bridge which does not have a weight limit but is not particularly robust. It's not a perfect solution, but if HGV traffic is limited just to vehicles needing to get to the construction site and businesses to the west of KM I am hoping that the impact will not be significant (over and above the normal levels HGV traffic using this route) I am continuing to chase Highways to update the One Network software showing the HGV closure which will feed into the HGV satnavs and direct through traffic away from both villages completely. I have written to the MD of Brierley Homes asking him to ensure these routes are observed by all traffic to and from his site. I am glad to hear reports that the agricultural traffic during the maize harvest ran smoothly.

Yorkshire Water

Following on from the meeting last week, I am hoping there will have been some activity on site today in preparation for starting work – please let me know. A noticeboard on the hoardings to keep residents up to date on progress was proposed, which is not yet in place, but there will be fortnightly drop-in sessions near the shop every Friday 10.00am – 12.00pm from this Friday onwards. There is no indication yet as to whether the programme has been confirmed to be 10 weeks.

Resilience

Can I bring your attention to www.yorkshirereadytogether.co.uk – this has been set up as an AI tool to help provide information on resources and solutions to prepare for the event of emergencies such as power outages, cyber security, severe weather etc.

Youth Council

I have not reported on this for some time as I have not yet been able to secure a base in Ripon from which to co-ordinate rural groups. I am working with Cllr Brodigan on this and she has approached another school in Ripon with a view to establishing this.

Long Course Weekend

There is a survey in circulation, which has been issued by Masham Community Office on behalf of Masham Parish Council. I have seen this in circulation on the KM Hub facebook page, but please spread the word to all residents. I'd like to get a balanced picture from all those who took part, volunteered or were impacted by the event taking place. The survey is here : <https://forms.office.com/e/DHTaj2aCQL>. The debrief is due in November (no date yet) – so responses need to be returned by the end of the month.

Community Partnership (Ripon)

The Partnership met in Masham last week and it was a very productive meeting. The aim was to establish common themes across the area, and public transport, connectivity, affordable housing were some of those raised and discussed. The next stage from here will be to establish working groups to take forward actions that are achievable which can take the form of lobbying, fundraising, liaising or on the ground solutions.

Connectivity

The announcement from Gigabit on which premises will get the next phase of broadband delivery has not yet been made. I will keep you posted.

Council Meeting & Executive Decisions None to report on

Boundary Consultation

A public consultation has been launched to help shape council divisions. The commission is asking for information about local communities and identities to support the identification of suitable boundaries. I suspect my division is up for review as I represent more than the average. Please visit <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/all-reviews/north-yorkshire>.

Destination Management Plan

This has approved by the Executive and launched. The delivery of this will now start which I will continue to monitor to ensure this division is promoted in the way it should.

Henry Jenkins

I will be attending a public meeting on 18th November (in the Mechanics). I have been liaising between the campaign group and NYC in terms of providing advice on the process for applying for a compulsory purchase order.

Defibrillator Fund

London Hearts have announced they have been appointed to administer a £500K defibrillator fund, providing new defibrillators and cabinets for both public access and internal. Match funding is required. For public access defibrillators, applications can be made at: www.defibrant.co.uk For internal defibrillators, applications can be made via : <https://londonhearts.org/apply-for-a-defib/>

Locality Budget

I have been approached by several organisations for financial support, but there is still a small amount of funding available.

Planning

I raised my concerns about the Brierley Homes site progressing without provision for the surface and spring water being in place. This was followed up by the Enforcement Officer and a design statement has now been submitted, and circulated to the Parish Councillors. This shows provision on an attenuation tank, for discussion this evening along with the other recent submissions made in relation to the site.

New Recycling Bins

The attached map shows the locations of dwellings that will receive the new blue lidded recycling bins. They will first receive letters from NYC, and delivery of the bins will follow. The bags for paper will continue to be used – the old black boxes are for residents to use for storage or take to recycling.

Let's Talk Money

North Yorkshire Council is now in the second year of providing many of your local services, from rubbish collection and recycling, public health, social care and education, roads, transport and leisure services as well as support for businesses. The council has brought together the services previously provided by eight councils into one, but there is still a significant task ahead as we continue to transform services now and in the years to come. We remain passionate about providing value for money services, and improving outcomes for local people, businesses and communities

across North Yorkshire. But, like all councils, and many of you, we are facing major financial challenges. We are also experiencing ongoing increases in demand for services like adult social care and children and young people with special educational needs. We spend about £1.3 billion every year delivering local services to people and businesses. These include:

- The collection of around 310,000 tonnes of waste from more than 300,000 properties. 45 per cent is reused, recycled or composted.
- Maintaining over 9,250 kilometres of highways and with direct responsibility for nearly 7000 kilometres of public rights of way, and over 1,645 bridges.
- Managing and maintaining 8,300 council houses
- Processing over 50,000 housing benefit changes every year.
- Providing 15,700 children and young people with special educational needs support
- Providing 26 Leisure venues, including 18 with swimming pools
- And supporting more than 3,300 children and young people via our children and families service

We want to hear from you about what is important to you and how you think we should spend the money the council has available. There are several ways you can take part in Let's Talk Money: You can fill in an online survey here <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalk> **If you would prefer, you can pick up a paper copy from your local library or main local office and return it in the envelope provided.** You can also email letstalk@northyorks.gov.uk or call 0300 131 2 131 (please say 'Let's Talk' when prompted) to request a survey. You can write to: OFFICIAL Let's Talk North Yorkshire Council County Hall Northallerton DL7 8AD Accessible formats of the survey are available on request. Please share your views with us and encourage your colleagues, friends and family to do the same. The survey closes on 9 December 2024.

Police & Crime Plan and Fire & Rescue Plan Consultation

You are invited to have your say on the York and North Yorkshire Police and Crime and Fire and Rescue Plans as part of the regional consultation on priorities in these areas for the next four years. These plans will set the strategic direction and priorities for North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service to ensure the best service for the communities of York and North Yorkshire. It is really important that these plans reflect local priorities and public opinions. The consultation is open for 6 weeks, from Monday 7 October 2024 until Monday 18 November 2024. Please share your own views completing the survey at : www.YourPoliceAndFire.com

Commuted Sums

I attach a statement received from Sam Biddulph, Parks and Grounds Development Officer, of available commuted sums along with a guidance document. Please note this information is not related to CIL, parish councils are notified about any CIL Neighbourhood Funds separately. NYC are aware that there have been some projects already approved, which might still have the sums on these lists as available. Commuted sums are allocated to specific sites to use under specific typologies (as per the guidance document). Some sums are past the use by date, and NYC advise that

whilst these should be offered back to the Developers, at present they haven't contacted all the developers to offer the unspent commuted sums back. This seems to be a grey area in that NYC are obliged to return sums if requested by a developer – but appear to be available to be spent, and I have asked for clarification on this. If you have any projects in mind and you are wanting to spend commuted sums please contact us by emailing Commuteds@northyorks.gov.uk to request a Project Initiation Document (PID) along with 3 quotes, one of the team will then get back to you to confirm whether or not it is an eligible project for using commuted sums and the next steps.

Funding

The October issue of the Rural Funding Digest has been issued and I thought this link might be helpful for anyone looking for funding :

<https://rsnonline.org.uk/images/Funding>

[Digest/October_2024_Funding_Digest.pdf](#)

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