

Southern Area Parish Forum

Notes of the Meeting Held at Newton on Rawcliffe Village Hall

Tuesday 8 November 2011

1. **Welcome**

The Chairman welcomed members of the Forum and thanked Newton upon Rawcliffe Parish Council for providing the venue for the meeting.

2. **Apologies**

Robert Sword (Wykeham), Andrew Wyatt and Linda Mennel (Ebberston), Nigel Rylance (Forestry Commission), Bernie McLinden (Head of Park Management).

3. **Notes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 10 May 2011**

The notes of the meeting were agreed to be a correct record.

4. **Public Question Time**

There were no public questions.

5. **Matters Arising**

- a. The Convenor indicated that Highways understood that the relaxation of the use of red diesel in vehicles used for gritting roads would continue for this winter. The Chair asked if all parishes could contact the NYMNPA if they wished to lobby for a permanent change to the rules.

ACTION: Parishes to write to the NYMNPA if they wish to lobby local MPs to change the regulation to allow the use of red diesel in vehicles used for gritting roads.

- b. The Forestry Commission had presented at the joint Parish Forum and Alan Eves is presenting on the Forest Design Plans tonight.

- c. Environment Agency will be invited to the next Parish Forum to discuss flooding. The Chief Executive gave a brief update on the Slowing the Flow project in the Pickering area.

A brief discussion was held on the New Homes Bonus. Ryedale District Council is to make decisions on the distribution of the New Homes Bonus in 6-8 weeks time. The National Park Authority confirmed that they are involved in discussions with all the District Councils about the fair distribution to communities.

6. **Presentation on the Forest Design Plans by Alan Eves, Forestry Commission**

Further information available at www.forestry.gov.uk

7. **Presentation on the Review of the National Park Management Plan**

Further details available at <http://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/management-plan>

8. **Update on Governance and Finance**

The Chief Executive outlined the outcome of the governance review and the process the Authority had gone through to deal with the reduction in grant.

9. **Upkeep and Replacement of Memorial Benches**

Most parishes insure, repair or replace memorial benches where necessary themselves with assistance from the village caretakers. A suggestion was made that when a request for a memorial bench is received the donor should be made aware of repair issues and that it will be disposed of when it is beyond repair.

10. **Emergency Planning - Improvement to Communications**

The Convenor offered to contact mobile phone network providers to ascertain their proposals for network coverage in the area, although there is the issue of financial viability.

ACTION: Mobile phone network providers to be contacted to ascertain proposals for network coverage in Rosedale area.

Convenor

11. **Update on National Park Authority Business by Hawson Simpson, Parish Member**

- Management Plan
- Ministerial Visit
- Archaeology Day School
- Helmsley Police Station
- Gas Plant Inquiry
- Planning charges/pre-application advice

12. **Suggestions for topics at future Parish Forum Meetings**

- Environment Agency on flooding (from previous meeting)
- State of Roads in Rosedale area
- Potash mining - NYMNPA/Sirius or a 3rd party?

13. **Any Other Business**

Underground Cables - SLH to find out if Lockton was on the list for work but advised that the decision may take 6-8 months.

**ACTION:
Policy Manager to check if Lockton is on the list for underground cable work.**

A forum member raised a query with regard to access along a gated track Levisham to Stape. Alan Eves from Forestry Commission indicated he would ensure that signage was placed indicating this is a no through road.

The Chairman thanked Forum Members for attending.

12. **Time, Place and Date of Next Meetings**

Thursday, 9 February 2012 at 7.00 pm - Thornton le Dale Village Hall

Tuesday, 15 May 2012 - venue tba

Thursday, 15 November 2012 - venue tba

Present

Lockton PC

West Ayton PC

Thornton Dale PC

Newton and Stape PC

Rosedale PC

Sinnington PC

Kirkbymoorside Town Council

Ebberston and Yedingham

Jennifer Halmshaw, Jackie Edenbrow

Mike Baines, A L Cussons

Peter Mills (Chairman), Geoff Acomb

Elizabeth Fairburn

S Austermuhle, J Scarth

Roger Hudson, Ruth Wass

J Cossins

Graham Dixon

Members of Public

Jon Zigmond

National Park Members

Hawson Simpson (Gillamoor PC), Val Arnold, Janet Frank

National Park Staff

Chris France (Convenor and Director of Planning),
Andy Wilson (Chief Executive), Sarah Housden
(Policy Manager), David Smith (Senior Ranger), Jay
Marrison (Ranger), Judith Seaton (PA to Chief
Executive)