

North York Moors National Park Authority

23 March 2015

Parish Forum Update

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform Members of the issues and actions arising from the last round of Parish Forum meetings and to enable them to raise any issues arising from the Forums.

2. Issues and Actions Arising

- 2.1 A list of main issues raised at the last round of Parish Forum meetings is attached at **Appendix 1**.
- 2.2 The issues raised will be used to help inform Members and Officers about local Priorities and concerns which will be used in Customer Service Excellence and service delivery decisions.

3. Financial and Staffing Implications

- 3.1 There are no financial or staffing implications.

4. Contribution to National Park Management Plan

- 4.1 Communities will be better able to influence the delivery of services and decisions affecting the National Park under policy C1 of the National Park Management Plan where local views will be sought in developing policies, priorities and activities in the National Park.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications.

6. Recommendation

- 6.1 That the issues raised at Parish Forums be noted.

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Background documents to this report

	File Ref.
1. Northern Parish Forum File	1031/6
2. Coastal Parish Forum File	1031/7
3. Western Parish Forum File	1031/8
4. Southern Parish Forum File	1031/9

Issues Raised at the Coastal, Western, Northern and Southern Parish Forum Meetings.

All Parish Forums considered the following items:

- a) Mobile Phone Coverage presentation by Arqiva and DMCS: concern was expressed to varying degrees about the delays. All wanted to pursue poor Mobile and Broadband in deep rural areas.
- b) Tour de Yorkshire
- c) New Ranger and Field Service arrangements presented by the Senior Ranger
- d) Volunteer strategy
- e) Parish Member Elections to the National Park in May – procedure and timetable
- f) Suggested change of format for future meetings – all Fora agreed that a sharing of information, best practice and experiences from all parishes should feature on all parish forum agenda. To include items on social care, transport, contractors for grass cutting and maintenance of village areas in rural communities. Involvement of other authorities, newly elected MPs and Stronger Communities Adviser to be invited to attend future meetings.
- g) 2016 Change of Meeting Dates - the Fora agreed that meetings should be held in April and October with the joint forum in June or July starting from 2016. The next Joint Parish Forum to be held in September 2015 for this year only - date and venue to be confirmed.

1. Coastal Area Parish Forum

Agenda Items

- A verbal update on the Cinder Track (including the section north of Whitby) was given to the Forum from Richard Gunton, Bernie McLinden and Councillor Jane Mortimer. A further update will be given when the outcome of the funding bid is known. SBC is in the process of repairs to the track.
- Closure of public toilets by Scarborough Borough Council – Jane Mortimer indicated that work is progressing on some toilets being administered by parish councils, some are closing where alternative facilities are available (Grosmont) but efforts are being made to prevent closure of as many as possible.
- High cost and provision of vehicle activated signs was discussed with Jane Mortimer offering to contact Highways and Scarborough Borough Council's representatives (particularly the Hinderwell Parish) to find out future use of the signs.

2. Western Area Parish Forum

- An update was given on the Kirkby Bank Trod. Following the working group's report NYCC Rights of Way Department are to consider the options for this route.
- Affordable housing restrictions briefly discussed – to be part of the parish training event to be arranged.
- Barry Wilton-Middlemass was thanked at his last meeting for his contribution to the WAPF as Chair. He responded by presenting his own work of a fabulous oil painting "Over Blakey View to Rosedale" to the Authority.

3. Northern Area Parish Forum

- Parish involvement in the planning process – a response on procedure was given by the Director of Planning and included in the notes of the meeting as no representative from Danby Group was present at the meeting.

4. Southern Area Parish Forum

- Conditions of footpaths/bridleways and solutions for maintenance were discussed and answered by David Smith, Senior Ranger South, prior to the meeting. Clarification is also to be given on permissive footpaths in the Sinnington area.
- Plant health (larch trees) update was given by Alan Eves, Forestry Commission.
- Hawson Simpson announced his imminent retirement and offered his advice to anyone who was considering standing in the parish elections. Richard Gunton thanked Hawson Simpson for his input and dedication throughout the years and wished him well.