

## North York Moors National Park Authority

17 December 2018

### On the Record

1. **Revised Meeting Dates 2019**

Please find attached at **Appendix 1** revised meeting dates for 2019 as approved by members at Special NPA on 1 November 2018 and e-mail out to members on Monday 26 November 2018.

2. **NPUK Conference 2019 – Yorkshire Dales**

The conference will take place at the Coniston Hotel, Coniston Cold, near Skipton from **Tuesday 17 September to Thursday 19 September 2019**. As members will be aware, 2019 sees the 70th anniversary of the 1949 Countryside and National Parks Act. The conference will form part of the celebration of the birthday of national parks in the UK. But will also look forward to the next 70 years, through a '**New horizons**' theme. There will also be a range of tours for delegates to choose from on the conference's middle day. As is normal practice each National Park Authority will be allocated, in the first instance, four places. Invitations will be sent out in the spring, together with full details of the programme and speakers. At this stage, members are asked to just note the date in their diaries.

3. **National Issues**

Chair and Chief Executive to update members at the meeting.

4. **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cleveland Way**

In 2019 we are looking forward to the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Cleveland Way, the second of the Long Distance Paths (now National Trails ) to be opened.

We have a number of celebratory events and activities taking place over the year, with the main highlight being the celebration on the day itself – 24 May 2019.

This will take the form of a walk between Helmsley and Rievaulx Abbey in the afternoon. The walk will begin at Helmsley YHA, from where the trail was originally launched. The National Park Department had been instrumental in the development of Helmsley YHA a few years earlier. Members may be interested in this article from Youth Hosteller Magazine at the time, shown as **Appendix 2**

The walk takes us on the classic section through to Rievaulx Abbey, where there will be a fitting celebration and a chance to see the winning film in the Cleveland Way promotional film competition. We hope that members will be interested in joining us for this special day.

5. **NPE Meeting**

Minutes of the 28 November 2018 NPE meeting can be found at **Appendix 3**.

## Confirmed List of Revised Meeting Dates for 2019

Meeting	Date of Meeting	Chairs Briefing
<b>January</b>		
Planning Site Visit	Friday 4 January	
Planning Committee	Thursday 17 January	Monday 14 January @ 10am
Development Plan WG (pm)	Thursday 17 January	
CLM Forum	Monday 28 January	
<b>February</b>		
Planning Site Visit	Friday 1 February	
FRAS Committee	Monday 4 February	Tuesday 29 January @ 10am
Members Evening Seminar	Wednesday 13 February	
Planning Committee	Thursday 28 February	Monday 25 February @ 10am
<b>March</b>		
Members Training Day	Wednesday 6 March	
* NPA (9.30am start)	Monday 25 March	Friday 22 March @ 1pm
<b>April</b>		
Northern Parish Forum	Tuesday 2 April	
Southern Parish Forum	Thursday 4 April	
Planning Site Visit	Friday 5 April	
Western Parish Forum	Tuesday 9 April	
PLUG	Thursday 11 April	
Coastal Parish Forum	Thursday 11 April	
Planning Committee	Thursday 18 April	Monday 15 April @ 10am
ARB Forum	Tuesday 23 April	
<b>May</b>		
Members Evening Seminar	Thursday 23 May	
Planning Site Visit	Friday 24 May	
FRAS Committee	Tuesday 28 May	Friday 23 May @ 10am
<b>June</b>		
Planning Committee	Thursday 6 June	Monday 3 June @ 10am
Local Access Forum	Wednesday 12 June	
* NPA/AGM (9.30am start)	Monday 24 June	Friday 21 June @ 1pm
<b>July</b>		
Members Training Day	Wednesday 3 July	
Planning Site Visit	Friday 5 July	
Planning Committee	Thursday 18 July	Monday 15 July @ 10am
* NPA Scrutiny (9.30am)	Monday 29 July	Friday 26 July @ 1pm
<b>August</b>		
Members Evening Seminar	Thursday 22 August	
Planning Site Visit	Friday 23 August	
FRAS Committee	Tuesday 27 August	Friday 23 August @ 10am
<b>September</b>		

Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 5 September</b>	<b>Monday 2 September @ 10am</b>
RAF Fylingdales	<b>Tuesday 17 September</b>	
PLUG	<b>Thursday 26 September</b>	
* NPA Committee (9.30am start)	<b>Monday 30 September</b>	<b>Friday 27 September @ 1pm</b>
<b>October</b>		
Northern Parish Forum	<b>Thursday 3 October</b>	
Planning Site Visit	<b>Friday 4 October</b>	
CLM	<b>Monday 7 October</b>	
Members Evening Seminar	<b>Thursday 10 October</b>	
Southern Parish Forum	<b>Tuesday 15 October</b>	
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<b>December</b>		
Local Access Forum	<b>Tuesday 3 December</b>	
Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 5 December</b>	<b>Monday 2 December @ 10am</b>
* NPA (9.30am start)	<b>Monday 16 December</b>	<b>Friday 13 December @ 1pm</b>

\* denotes 9.30am starts

## Helmsley Opens Its Doors

Not very often does the YHA open a hostel specially built for the purpose. Not very often is a new hostel first opened to members on the day it has its official opening. Not very often is an official opening graced by the presence of most of the National Executive Committee.

Helmsley Hostel deserves to be so honoured. It is a charming hostel in a charming setting, and it demonstrates that simplicity need not mean inconvenience either for members or warden. It is the result of happy co-operation between the YHA and the North York Moors National Park Planning Committee. In July 1960, the YHA informed the Park Planning Committee that there was no hostel accommodation in the western part of the Park. They asked if the Committee would build a hostel at Helmsley under the provisions of the National Parks Act, and sell or let it to the YHA. Such projects can qualify for 75 per cent grant from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

The Park Planning Committee expressed their interest, a site was found in Helmsley and acquired by the County Council, and the project was approved for grant by the Ministry. Details were worked out for a 40-bed hostel built in local stone. The County Council agreed to construct the building at an estimated cost of £15,200, on the understanding that it would be conveyed to the YHA for £4,000 on condition that, should it ever cease to be used as a hostel, it would be offered back to the Council at the same price or the open market value if less. The YHA has furnished the hostel.

At the opening ceremony on 4th July, County Alderman Colonel R.J.L. Jackson, OBE, JP, Chairman of the North York Moors National Park Planning Committee, presided. Colonel Jackson introduced Lord Strang GCB, GCMG, MBE, Chairman of the National Parks Commission, who formally declared the hostel open. In his remarks, Lord Strang paid tribute to the work of the YHA in amenity matters. The deeds were formally handed over by Colonel Jackson to our President, Mr John Cadbury, who moved a vote of thanks to the North York Moors National Park Planning Committee. This was seconded by Mr Peter Rowntree, Chairman of York, Scarborough and Hull Region, who mentioned many other people who had helped in various ways to make the hostel a reality.

A large number including local people, representatives of local and county councils, and hostellers then inspected the hostel and enjoyed the refreshments. The programme for the Official Opening, held on the same day, gave this account:

The National Park Committee felt that they would like to help the Association and, after consultation together, a site at the junction of Carlton Road and Carlton Lane, Helmsley, was chosen and acquired by the County Council. The Minister of Housing and Local Government approved the expenditure as grant earning. The Minister has approved this expenditure as grant earning at rate of 75%. The Association have furnished the Hostel and are responsible for all the day-to-day running expenses.

The building is the first purpose-built Youth Hostel in any National Park that has been provided, in the manner described above, since the coming into force of the National Parks and Access to the Countryside Act, 1949.

**NATIONAL PARKS ENGLAND  
MEETING**

**Minutes of meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2018 between 12.00 – 13.00 at St Brides Hotel,  
Saundersfoot, Pembrokeshire Coast National Park**

**Items listed in order of discussion**

	<p><b>Present</b></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>Directors</u></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>NPAs</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bill Dickson</td> <td>Broads Authority</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bill Hitchins</td> <td>Dartmoor NPA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Robin Milton</td> <td>Exmoor NPA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Michael McKinley</td> <td>Lake District NPA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jim Bailey</td> <td>North York Moors NPA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Jean Davidson (by phone)</td> <td>Northumberland NPA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Andrew McCloy</td> <td>Peak District NPA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Margaret Paren (Chair)</td> <td>South Downs NPA</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Carl Lis</td> <td>Yorkshire Dales NPA</td> </tr> </table> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>Contributors</u></td> <td style="width: 50%;"><u>Organisation</u></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Paul Hamblin (Executive Director)</td> <td>National Parks England</td> </tr> </table>	<u>Directors</u>	<u>NPAs</u>	Bill Dickson	Broads Authority	Bill Hitchins	Dartmoor NPA	Robin Milton	Exmoor NPA	Michael McKinley	Lake District NPA	Jim Bailey	North York Moors NPA	Jean Davidson (by phone)	Northumberland NPA	Andrew McCloy	Peak District NPA	Margaret Paren (Chair)	South Downs NPA	Carl Lis	Yorkshire Dales NPA	<u>Contributors</u>	<u>Organisation</u>	Paul Hamblin (Executive Director)	National Parks England	
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Item		Agreed Actions
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>Welcome and introductions</b></p> <p>1.1 The Chair welcomed Deputy Chair of the Broads Authority Bill Dickson, and Northumberland Deputy Chair Jean Davidson (by phone), to the meeting.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>Apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies were received from Oliver Crosthwaite-Eyre (New Forest NPA), Glen Sanderson (Northumberland NPA), and Hayden Thirtle (Broads Authority).</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>There were none.</p>	
<b>4.</b>	<p><b>National Parks England's response to Glover Call for Evidence</b></p> <p>4.1 PH introduced the paper, which was the culmination of discussions by the Board, NPOs, and Working Groups. It responded to intelligence gathered about what the Glover Review was looking for but was an important moment in setting out NPE's collective aspirations. PH also shared that OCE (who had needed to send his apologies to the meeting) was in full agreement with the paper as drafted.</p> <p>4.2 BH tabled a second version of a NPE response that was a re-draft of the Board paper, and which he and JP had worked on. They had found the response obscure and had wanted to simplify it. The Chair advised the Board to focus on the Board paper that had been prepared as the basis of our response, but to refer to the paper proposed by the Boards where this might help.</p> <p>4.3 The Board then went through each element of the response, and the following points were <b>agreed</b>:</p>	

	<p>Purposes and Vision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The response should include reference to the socio-economic duty on NPAs and explain why it was right that it was subordinate to the purposes given LAs lead this work in the main.</li> <li>• Reference to the Vision being “broadly right” should be removed in order to signal a greater acceptance for amending it.</li> </ul> <p>Big Opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The opportunity around biodiversity should not include reference to transferring powers to NPAs, but rather seek greater effort from those who already have the powers to enhance wildlife in our NPs. Our other asks on the National Park Management Plan and Section 62 strengthening would contribute to this agenda too.</li> <li>• The big opportunity on profile should refer to ‘harnessing’ the public’s passion for NPs given that many people already were passionate about them. Reference to other countries at the last sentence in this section should be removed.</li> <li>• The contribution of NPs to support mental health in particular, and the development of life skills through hands on activity within National Parks needed to be brought out more.</li> </ul> <p>Levers to achieve these opportunities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional wording should be added to explain that we work with our resident communities, are place shapers, and aim for our communities to be our advocates.</li> <li>• The response would benefit from being clearer – in particular around the legislative changes that we sought. This was also a lever rather than an opportunity.</li> <li>• Reference to investment in NPs should make it clear that we are seeking a transfer of funds in response to enhanced NPA responsibilities, rather than additional money.</li> <li>• Reference to ‘modern governance’ was unclear and should instead refer to effective, flexible governance that was responsive to the different needs of different NPAs.</li> <li>• Partnerships could be exciting but may also be mundane and necessary.</li> <li>• Given NPAs experience, the Board felt NPAs should offer to take a strategic lead with AONBs.</li> <li>• A number of more minor textual changes were also suggested.</li> </ul> <p>4.4 A number of other issues were raised and it was understood that it would be for individual NPAs to include these in their own responses.</p> <p>4.5 It was <b>agreed</b> that PH and MP would seek to incorporate the above change into the final response that would then be submitted to Julian Glover and distributed.</p>	<p><b>MP / PH</b></p>
	<p><b>Dates of future meetings</b></p> <p>31st January – Peak District National Park          06 June – London          02 October – London (AGM)</p>	