

North York Moors National Park Authority

25 June 2012

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. Sustainability Appraisal

- 4.1 A Sustainability Assessment is not required because the report is an administrative issues report.

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 Parish Forum, Western Parish Forum, Northern Parish Forum and the Southern Parish Forum Meetings.

All Parish Forums considered the following items:

- Election of Chairs
- Committee Structure and Community Forums
- Landscape Partnership Bid - This Exploited Land
- Digital switchover of Tyne Tees TV region to take place on 12 September

1. Coastal Area Parish Forum

Matters Arising

- The Old Victorian Schoolhouse in Troutsdale - Building Conservation is in discussion with the owners regarding new use and possible grant assistance.
- Dale House Bridge - the Authority is establishing responsibility (probably Redcar and Cleveland Borough Council) for the bridge and future maintenance issues.

Agenda Items

- The Director of Planning gave an update on potash.
- A talk on wind energy to be given at the November meeting.

Any other Business

- John Beech updated the Forum on the Coastal Communities Fund application to diffuse pollution in the Staithes catchment area.

2. Western Area Parish Forum

Matters Arising

- It was reported that the Battersby Junction Station Car Park is now operational with the Ranger Service having carried out resurfacing work. The Northern Rail brochure now advertises a car park at the Station.

Agenda Items

- Hawnby Parish Council again expressed concern over the planning issues relating to the Bungalow at Hawnby. The Authority and Natural England are currently working with the owner and his advisers to achieve a licence to re-house the bats, though we have also been advised that the owner will be exercising his right to make a further appeal against the recent refusal.
- Barry Nicholson, Clerk to Hawnby Parish Council on his retirement was thanked by the Chair for his valued long service.

3. Southern Area Parish Forum

Matters Arising

- The Convenor indicated that HMRC had allowed the use of red diesel in vehicles used for gritting roads for this winter again. However, this was a temporary relaxation of the rules and the issue is still ongoing.
- Mobile phone network providers have been contacted by the Convenor and the National Park area is not included in any plans for the near future to provide mobile coverage as it is not commercially viable at present.
- The Policy Manager has contacted Lockton PC to advise that NEDL had confirmed the cable undergrounding scheme is still in the design stage and work still some time off but completion should be expected in 2013/14.

Agenda Items

- Forum Members raised the issue of tendering and NYCC not using local firms to provide school transport
- A query was raised on the issue of placing local occupancy restrictions on renovations/demolition and rebuild of existing properties as locals were unable to afford to renovate them. The Director of Planning confirmed that the Authority is to undertake a review of the local plan taking in to account the new government policy and current economic conditions, in consultation with residents, and this particular issue will be addressed in the review
- Richard Marr of NYCC Highways Department to be contacted regarding the poor condition of road surfaces and verges issues particularly in the Rosedale and Lastingham areas.

4. Northern Area Parish Forum

Matters Arising

- Inspector Andy Colborne has been invited to attend the November meeting..

Agenda Items

- A presentation on Broadband from Liz Dowson, Regeneration and Planning Services at Scarborough Borough Council.