

North York Moors National Park Authority

22 September 2014

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.

Contact Officer
Judith Seaton
PA to Chief Executive
01439 772700

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:

- a) Coastal, Northern and Southern Forums suggested that they wished to look at how to get things done more efficiently and cost effectively (including grants and funding) and share information/ideas across the forum areas. It was suggested that the future format of the Parish Forum meetings change to facilitate this sharing of information/expertise from all parishes.
- b) LEADER Consultation Events

1. Coastal Area Parish Forum

Agenda Items

- A written update on the Cinder Track to be provided to the Forum.
- Closure of public toilets by Scarborough Borough Council – Dorothy Clegg is to report back to the Forum after meetings of the working group at Scarborough Borough Council. The Authority is to write to the Borough Council expressing our concern.
- NYCC proposals to cease cutting roadside verges. Further discussions to be held after October when a map is to be issued by NYCC to indicate where verge cutting will take place.
- A presentation was given by York Potash.

2. Western Area Parish Forum

- Mark Hill gave a presentation on fracking.
- Mark Hill gave an update on Mobile Phone and Broadband Coverage.
- A discussion was held on how to encourage young people in to agriculture and suggestions to contact LEADER for possible advice/assistance on this.

3. Northern Area Parish Forum

- Discussion on possible closure of public toilets by Scarborough Borough Council. Suggestions were to contact Osmotherley Parish Council who successfully look after their own conveniences.
- NYCC proposal to cease amenity cutting of roadside verges and agreed that the Convenor contact NYCC to find out the impact on the North York Moors area.
- A presentation was given by York Potash.
- PCSO Lynne Butler gave an update on the crime statistics. The performance report from Whitby Safe Neighbourhood Command was made available upon request.

4. Southern Area Parish Forum

- Clarification was sought on the Authority's policy on agricultural buildings converted to residential.
- Mark Hill gave a presentation on fracking.
- A discussion on future work on public rights of way and how parishes can assist. Advice for signage for landowners was emailed to all parish clerks.
- Replacement of wooden street lighting poles in villages was discussed and the liability for paying for these. Parish Councils were advised to contact NYCC for advice and David Jeffels indicated he would also make enquiries of NYCC.