

North York Moors National Park Authority

3 October 2016

Joint Parish Forum Update

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform Members of the issues and actions arising from the Joint Parish Forum meeting held on 31 August 2016 and to enable them to raise any issues arising from the Forum.

2. Issues and Actions Arising

- 2.1 A list of main issues raised at the Joint Parish Forum meeting 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 the Joint Parish Forum 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
5. Joint Parish Forum File	1031/10

Issues raised at the Joint Parish Forum Meeting held on Wednesday, 31 August 2016 at Rievaulx Abbey

Attendees were welcome to explore the Rievaulx Abbey site and received a background talk by Mike Ward, Manager of the site, in The Chapter House. The meeting was well attended and good weather for the outdoor visit.

1. **Broadband Update** – an introduction was given by Chris France, Director of Planning, who outlined how the National Park has supported broadband initiatives. Ian Marr from NYnet gave a presentation on the roll out of Superfast Broadband explaining the difficulties but that 91% of properties in North Yorkshire now have access to broadband. NYnet have assisted several community based broadband providers with funding and advice on setup (Moorsweb and Beeline) which are now operating independently. NYnet are now looking at the procurement process for Phase 3 which should hopefully see 96% of properties in North Yorkshire having access to broadband – this process is currently commercially sensitive and no further details are available.
2. **External Funding** – David Renwick updated the Forum on the HLF bid for Ryevitalise and the progress on the successful bid for This Exploited Land. Andy Wilson presented on suggestions for any future external funding bids and asked the Forum to forward any ideas directly to the Authority. Some ideas suggested at the meeting were:
 1. Fishing industry/history and Coastal Tourism
 2. Ravenscar Railway Tunnel
 3. Parking issues and Car Parking
 4. Footpath erosion in Farndale, replanting of daffodils
3. **Local Plan** – Paul Fellows outlined the timetable and process for the Local Plan consultation, with the issue shortly of a questionnaire “First Steps” for Parishes and the public to complete with suggestions and ideas of what they wish to see in the new Local Plan.
4. **National Park Update**

Andy Wilson advised the Forum that following the issue of the fourth Residents’ Survey the Authority had received over 600 responses (being half of the residents of the National Park). Of these, 75% had written comments. Thanks were expressed to all who had responded and the full analysis of the survey will be reported to Members and published.

With the exit from the European Union, there are issues for farmers/agriculture. The Chair of the Authority, Jim Bailey, is leading on the implications for the National Park through National Parks England.