

## North York Moors National Park Authority

1 October 2018

On the Record

1. **National Member Induction Course**

The next course is due to take place as follows: **Tuesday 12 – Thursday 14 March 2019** – Brecon Beacons National Park. Any Member who has not already attended, please contact Vanessa, Committees Officer.

2. **Members Evening Seminar**

The next Members evening seminar will take place on **Thursday 11 October please add time**, Committee Room, Helmsley. More info on this seminar will be provided in due course but the session will provide members with an opportunity for early input to the 18/19 budget and longer term financial planning.

3. **Members training programme 2019F**

At FRAS Committee on 3 September, members were consulted on possible items for inclusion to the members training programme for 2019. Please see **Appendix 1** for more information. **Members are reminded that Member Development Discussion meetings need to take place before the end of this year**, again, more information on this can be found on **Appendix 1**.

4. **Meeting Dates 2019**

Please find attached at **Appendix 2** proposed meeting dates for 2019.

5. **HMRC Taxes/Members Expenses**

HMRC have confirmed that they regard any mileage claims to attend meetings at the Authority's HQ as a taxable benefit. These are being treated as such on all Members' mileage claims from April this year. The Authority and HMRC have agreed a back payment for the previous 6 years and the matter has now been resolved. Members' lunches are not deemed by HMRC to be a taxable benefit.

6. **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.

7. **Historic England Farm Buildings Course**

A number of our Members attended this one day event at the Yorkshire Dales on 17 July. David Jeffels has kindly written a short report on the day, which can be found at **Appendix 3**.

8. **Members visit to Northumberland National Park Review discussion and Sill tour– 23/24 October 2018**

A total of 10 Authority members are due to visit Northumberland on 23/24 October 2018. More details for the visit can be found at **Appendix 4**.

9. **Fylingdales Moor – Application to Carry Out Works on Common Land**

The Authority has been consulted regarding an application by the Manor of Fyling Court Leet to install approximately 5,000m of fencing and associated gates and stiles, on Stony Marl Moor which is part of Fylingdales Moor. The deadline for responses to the application was 31 August 2018.

The response to this application was made in line with the following National Park Management Plan Policies:

E32 The moorland will be managed in a way which maintains the open landscape, supports biodiversity and protects the cultural heritage.

U2 The public will be able to enjoy the National Park using the rights of way network and open access areas

In line with these policies it was determined that the Authority should object to the proposal on the grounds that:

- It would have a significant negative impact on the open landscape of the moor.
- It would introduce new restrictions to users of rights of way and open access.
- There is no consideration of any nature conservation benefit arising from the scheme.

### Suggested topics for Members training programme end of 2018/2019

- Standards/Planning update – a refresher has been provisionally scheduled to take place after NPA, Dec 2018
- H&S (Members' responsibilities) – short briefing session to be scheduled for the end of 2019
- Wildlife of the National Park
- Refresher on scope and size of the NPA's functions
- Local Plan - briefing for members

### Member Development Discussions 2018 – Guidance Note

At the FRASC meeting in September 2015 it was agreed to carry out Member Development discussions once every two years. This note provides information about the process and advice about preparing for your discussion.

The meeting involves a discussion between the discussion leader and one of his/her allocated Members. The discussion should follow a specific list of topics but, of course, you can raise any other matters during the meeting. The leads in this process are the Authority Chair and Deputy Chair and the Chairs of FRAS and the Planning Committees. Members have been allocated as follows:

Discussion Leads	Allocated Members
Jim Bailey	Christopher Massey, Janet Frank, Heather Moorhouse, David Jeffels
Malcolm Bowes	Guy Coulson, Ena Dent, Sarah Oswald, Caroline Patmore
Jeremy Walker	Michael Dick, Alison Fisher, Clive Pearson, Ted Sanderson,
David Hugill	Les Atkinson, John Ritchie, Andrew Scott, Patrick James

The purpose of the discussion is to give Members the opportunity to comment about the performance of the authority, our future plans and your role as a Member. These discussions are confidential.

Meetings should include discussions on the following:

- What has been your main contribution to the Authority during the past year?
- What has gone well during the past year?
- What could have been done better?
- What training would you like to be involved in?
- What would you like to achieve next year?

Members are encouraged to prepare a few notes on these topics before their 1:1. At the end of the discussion the Discussion lead and the member he/she is meeting should agree:

- The main conclusions from the discussion.
- Any conclusions or suggestions to feed back to other Members.
- The main actions arising from the discussion and the person responsible for taking forward these actions.

When all meetings have been completed, the discussion leads will meet to discuss the main issues which have arisen and report back to Members.

Discussion leads to arrange meetings with each of their allocated members before Christmas 2018, with feedback to Members taking place in the New Year and any concerns/issues raised with Senior Officers thereafter.

## Provisional List of Meeting Dates for 2019

Meeting	Date of Meeting	Chairs Briefing
<b>January</b>		
Planning Site Visit	<b>Friday 4 January</b>	
Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 17 January</b>	<b>Monday 14 January @ 10am</b>
CLM Forum	<b>Monday 28 January</b>	
<b>February</b>		
Planning Site Visit	<b>Friday 1 February</b>	
FRAS Committee	<b>Monday 4 February</b>	<b>Tuesday 29 January @ 10am</b>
Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 14 February</b>	<b>Monday 11 February @ 10am</b>
<b>March</b>		
Planning Site Visit	<b>Friday 1 March</b>	
Members Training Day	<b>Wednesday 6 March</b>	
Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 21 March</b>	<b>Monday 18 March @ 10am</b>
NPA	<b>Monday 25 March</b>	<b>Friday 22 March @ 1pm</b>
<b>April</b>		
Northern Parish Forum	<b>Tuesday 2 April</b>	
Southern Parish Forum	<b>Thursday 4 April</b>	
Planning Site Visit	<b>Friday 5 April</b>	
Western Parish Forum	<b>Tuesday 9 April</b>	
PLUG	<b>Thursday 11 April</b>	
Coastal Parish Forum	<b>Thursday 11 April</b>	
Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 18 April</b>	<b>Monday 15 April @ 10am</b>
ARB Forum	<b>Tuesday 23 April</b>	
Members Evening Seminar	<b>Thursday 25 April</b>	
<b>May</b>		
Planning Site Visit	<b>Friday 3 May</b>	
CLM Forum	<b>Wednesday 15 May</b>	
Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 16 May</b>	<b>Monday 13 May @ 10am</b>
FRAS Committee	<b>Tuesday 28 May</b>	<b>Friday 23 May @ 10am</b>
<b>June</b>		
Planning Site Visit	<b>Friday 7 June</b>	
Local Access Forum	<b>Wednesday 12 June</b>	
Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 20 June</b>	<b>Monday 17 June @ 10am</b>
NPA/AGM	<b>Monday 24 June</b>	<b>Friday 21 June @ 1pm</b>
<b>July</b>		
Members Training Day	<b>Wednesday 3 July</b>	

Planning Site Visit	<b>Friday 5 July</b>	
Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 18 July</b>	<b>Monday 15 July @ 10am</b>
NPA Scrutiny	<b>Monday 29 July</b>	<b>Friday 26 July @ 1pm</b>
<b>August</b>		
Planning Site Visit	<b>Friday 2 August</b>	
Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 15 August</b>	<b>Monday 12 August @ 10am</b>
Members Evening Seminar	<b>Thursday 22 August</b>	
FRAS Committee	<b>Tuesday 27 August</b>	<b>Friday 23 August @ 10am</b>
Planning Site Visit	<b>Friday 30 August</b>	
<b>September</b>		
RAF Fylingdales	<b>Tuesday 17 September</b>	
Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 19 September</b>	<b>Monday 16 September @ 10am</b>
PLUG	<b>Thursday 26 September</b>	
NPA Committee	<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>	
Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 17 October</b>	<b>Monday 14 October @ 10am</b>
Western Parish Forum	<b>Tuesday 22 October</b>	
Members Training Day	<b>Wednesday 23 October</b>	
Coastal Parish Forum	<b>Thursday 24 October</b>	
<b>November</b>		
ARB	<b>Thursday 7 November</b>	
Planning Site Visit	<b>Friday 1 November</b>	
Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 14 November</b>	<b>Monday 11 November @ 10am</b>
FRAS Committee	<b>Monday 18 November</b>	<b>Tuesday 12 November @ 10am</b>
Planning Site Visit	<b>Friday 29 November</b>	
<b>December</b>		
CLM	<b>Monday 2 December</b>	
Local Access Forum	<b>Tuesday 3 December</b>	
Planning Committee	<b>Thursday 12 December</b>	<b>Monday 9 December @ 10am</b>
NPA	<b>Monday 16 December</b>	<b>Friday 13 December @ 1pm</b>

### Historic England Seminar on Farmstead Assessment Frameworks

A well-attended conference held at Hawes and organised by Historic England (formerly English Heritage) focussed on working with the historic character and significance of the site of traditional farmsteads, of which, of course there are many in the North York Moors and Yorkshire Dales.

The purpose of the conference was to give guidance to help secure sustainable development and the conservation of traditional farmsteads and their buildings through the planning system.

Specialist speakers from HE outlined the changes of farmsteads and to understand the constraints and opportunities such as including space for job-creating businesses, housing and their potential to work together.

Issues to be considered included landscape, historic environment, neighbourhoods, biodiversity, siting and design, delegates were told.

HE speakers made the point that the organisation wants to encourage new uses which sustain farmsteads and make them contribute to the landscape character and local distinctiveness, especially as a result of an increasing number have become redundant with the change in agriculture and changes in the rural economy. It was predicted that the pace of change will accelerate further in the future with diversification and restructuring of farm businesses.

Delegates were encouraged to produce site assessments - an initial understanding of the farmstead site which can be developed without specialist knowledge.

Assessing heritage significance was crucial especially where farms were within or near archaeological remains, and as many farmsteads date back to the 18th century or earlier, the building materials were of particular importance - earth walling, historic fittings (doors, windows stalls etc.) as well as inscriptions.

During the day-long conference we went on a visit to a typical Dales field barn, which was still in use but in need of some attention.

On the building of new farm buildings, speakers suggested they could be erected on the footprint of lost buildings or to the historic nature of the area and its landscape.

David Jeffels

## North York Moors Members' Visit to Northumberland

23 – 24 October, 2018

### Programme

#### Day 1

	Arrive
15:00 – 17:00	Tour of The Sill
17:00 – 18:45	Down time/check in  (If you want you could have a tour of the microbrewery at Twice Brewed for £5.00 per head)
19:00	Evening meal at The Sill  (Ice breaker/discussion)

#### Day 2

09:00 - 12:00	Travel to Smithshield  Topic for discussion:  Forest development in National Parks
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch at The Sill
13:00 – 15:00	Designated Landscapes Review
15:00 – 15:30	Wash up and depart