

North York Moors National Park Authority

16 December 2019

On the Record

1. **National Park England**

Minutes of the meeting held on 30 October 2019 can be found at **Appendix 1**.

2. **Members Evening Seminar – January 2020**

Originally scheduled to take place on 28 January 2020, this evening session will now take place on Thursday 30 January 2020 and discuss the forthcoming review of the Management Plan – both the process and timetable but also some of the key issues such as Climate Change.

Further information on the evening will be provided in due course, a buffet will be available from 17.30 and the meeting will end by 20.30.

3. **Important Dates 2020 – A Reminder**

Please find at **Appendix 2**, a reminder of Authority meeting, training and evening seminar dates for 2020, members are requested to make sure these dates are in their diaries.

4. **Next Supertask**

The next Supertask takes place on Wednesday 25 March and will be at Runswick Bay. The task will be step work. There will be a quantity of stone to move and volunteers will need to work as a team in order to move it to the required location. The hope is that the weather will be nice and it is then, volunteers should get fantastic views from the cliff top and hopefully lunch on the beach depending on tides! Any members interested in attending should contact Rachael Poole, Volunteer Officer r.poole@northyorkmoors.org.uk

5. **New Staff Induction Day**

The next New Staff Induction Day will take place on 12 February 2020, 9.30 am to 3.30 pm, the morning will be spent in the Committee Room, followed by a packed lunch and visit to Sutton Bank in the afternoon. If any of our more recently appointed members wish to attend, please contact Joan Childs, Head of Volunteering j.childs@northyorkmoors.org.uk

6. **Members Visit to the Lake District, 29 – 30 April 2020**

Thanks to all Members for responding to this invitation so promptly. A total of 13 Members and 3 Officers have confirmed they wish to attend and accommodation has now been booked at Castle Green Hotel in Kendal www.castlegreen.co.uk More details on the visit will be provided in due course.

7. **Miscellaneous Report – for information**

- a) Hedgerow Removal Notices Determined by the Chief Executive (Hedgerow Regulations 1997, under section 97 of the Environment Act 1995).

Reference Number and Location	Applicant	Description	Decision	Decision date
NYM/2019/0631/HRN Nr High Leas Barn, Low Hawsker	Mr Dennis Stainthorpe	Removal of a 337 metre length of hedgerow	Hedgerow Retention Notice served. Hedge found to be 'important' because recorded in a document, held at the relevant date at a Record Office, as an integral part of a field system pre-dating the Inclosure Acts.	15/10/2019

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<p>10.</p>	<p>Matters Arising</p> <p>10.1 PH shared that no full annual report had been undertaken ahead of the Board Meeting given significant policy activity and a heavy meeting agenda. NPE will prepare slides for the January Board Meeting to showcase the achievements and challenges from the year.</p> <p>10.2 TD will be moving on from NPE and the recruitment process is underway. PH thanked TD for her support, and the YDNPA for assistance with the recruitment process. November 13th is the deadline for applications with interviews taking place on 3rd December for a start date as soon as possible.</p> <p>10.3 AM asked TG for an update regarding 7.4 of the minutes from last meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>TG noted the amount of time that a lead NPO spends on the role, sometimes up to a full day and a half a week and would like to discuss this with the other NPOs</i> <p>TG informed Directors that it has been tabled as part of the agenda for the NPO away days in December. TG will update directors following this discussion on the Lead NPO role time commitment.</p> <p>10.4 TG brought Directors attention to the June Board Meeting Item 9 – Rural Development in English National Parks and highlighted that the work undertaken had fed into the Landscapes Review. Defra had requested the paper and met with Andrew Lee, SDNPA. Defra have expressed initial interest in our rural development ambition and have requested further evidence. TB to ask Andrew Lee to forward call seeking evidence on Rural Development to NPOs, and NPOs to respond asap.</p> <p>10.5 KB drew attention to Item 10 from the June Board Meeting: Environmental Land Management System Update. He notified Directors that Defra had confirmed that they would provide additional funding for all the Stage 1 Tests and Trial proposals submitted and approved by NPAs and were no longer expecting NPAs to fund them from National Park Grant and/or reserves. Contracts were in the process of being issued for these Tests and Trials. The National Pilot for the Environmental Land Management System will now follow a modular structure and this could provide a further opportunity to influence design of ELMS and to extend/continue work being undertaken through the Tests and Trials programme. Given current political uncertainty there is some concern that the timetable for the introduction of ELMS could slip. A new Agriculture Bill is anticipated January 2020 and full implementation of ELMS will depend on this receiving Royal Assent.</p> <p>10.6 RM asked the group on intelligence for when NPAs might receiving notification of the National Park Grant. TG informed directors that there is a new team leader in the Protected Landscapes team, Saliya Jayaweera. As Sal is very new, he is keen to escalate any issues we want to raise such as the legal deadlines for budget setting that are a concern. NPOs to respond to TG regarding the outline of budgets email he sent out as soon as possible.</p> <p>10.7 TB met with Marie Southgate and Sal Jayaweera recently. MS promised to get a timetable round this week. There was support for the need to see a timetable before considering whether a 'letter of comfort' should go out to NPAs. TB to press again for timetable. DB suggested to collectively tell Defra how NPAs are planning their budgets for financial and legal reasons, so Defra are appraised of what assumptions NPAs are needing to make.</p> <p>10.8 There was a discussion around NPE's activity with the upcoming election. The Board agreed that to ensure NPA's were in a good position with new ministers, further work would be undertaken to promote the roadmap. This could provide opportunities for positive stories and quick wins.</p>	<p>PH/TD/ Coast</p> <p>TG</p> <p>TB/All NPOs</p> <p>All NPOs</p> <p>TB</p> <p>PH/CW</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p>Urgent Business notified to the Company Secretary</p> <p>11.1 No urgent business was notified.</p>	

12.	<p>Chairs Report to end Oct '19</p> <p>12.1 MP gave a short report stating that with the political situation being chaotic it has not been easy to contact Ministers. There had been a poor response to letters she sent to new Secretaries of State. MP reflected on how we target ministers. NPE staff to consider post-election letter writing to new Ministers – with a focus on where opportunities arise, rather than writing as a matter of course.</p> <p>12.2 An update on the meeting between Lord Gardiner, NPE and NAAONB was given and the clear message from the Minister was that NPAs and AONBs should work together locally and nationally. MP stated how helpful the conference and meetings with NAAONB have been and the importance of keeping the dialogue going.</p> <p>12.3 The MOU has been signed with Highways England. NPE staff to circulate the signed MoU with Highways England to all NPAs.</p>	<p>PH/ CW/ TG</p> <p>TD/CW</p>
13.	<p>Preparation for meeting Natural England Chair</p> <p>13.1 Directors reflected on Tony Juniper's (TJ) speech at the UK National Parks conference. PH had shared with Directors the items on the agenda and who might lead on those items.</p> <p>13.2 TJ will be joined by Caroline Cotterell, Director of Strategy Implementation at NE and, following the Board meeting were meeting Julian Glover, although the two meetings are not linked.</p> <p>13.3 The group discussed strategy and how to move forward with a strengthened relationship with Natural England.</p>	
14.	<p>Meeting Natural England Chair</p> <p>14.1 Introductions were made, and CL introduced the discussion.</p> <p>14.2 <i>Jean Davidson arrived at this point in the meeting</i></p> <p>14.3 TJ presented what the Natural England Board are hoping to change over time. A new <i>Strategic Approach</i> document was being prepared. This included a new Vision, and four goals and aimed for NE's work to be strategic, inspirational, and effective. It was important for nature recovery and landscape to work in synergy. Natural England are well placed to take a lead on SSSI's, biodiversity and nature recovery. TJ stressed the need to build partnerships for nature recovery and the importance of collaboration with many different organisations. NE already had important duties for landscape under the NERC Act and it was unclear to them why a new National Landscape body was therefore necessary. The NPE Board signalled their desire to focus on outcomes rather than delve into particular structures.</p> <p>14.4 There was a good discussion on NPE's priorities and suggestions on how to move forward on joint working. Agreed the following points would be taken forward by way of collaboration with Natural England:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreeing a joint vision on the NRN at local and national levels • NE feeding into NP management plans through its Area Teams • NPE and NE to look for extent on commonality on views on Env. Bill in the next 6 weeks (possibly leading to joint briefing) • Linking up with scientific working groups • Joining up messages on ELMS • Seeing if we can align around input to peatland and tree strategies (including on new ways of funding peatland restoration) <p>14.5 NPE Chair to write to Tony Juniper to thank him for attending, seek an opportunity to</p>	<p>AW All NPAs PH Policy NPOs KB</p> <p>CW/PH/SF</p>

	<p>feed into their new 'Strategic Approach' and confirm intention to work together in these (and possibly other) areas.</p> <p>14.6 A less formal meeting to be arranged between TJ, CL, and Phillip Hygate.</p> <p>14.7 Following TJ's request it was agreed collectively to create opportunities for Marian Spain and for TJ to visit NPAs.</p> <p>14.8 CL thanked TJ and CC for their time. TJ thanked Directors for the invite to join the meeting.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>TD</p> <p>PH/NPOs</p>
<p>15.</p>	<p>Landscapes Review – NPE Analysis and next steps</p> <p>15.1 CW introduced the paper and gave a brief summary. Wording in paragraph 3.4 of the paper was clarified as needing to read as: "It is perhaps weaker in its clarity on the precise role for NPAs than we would expect and does not support NPAs directly administering ELMS".</p> <p>15.2 TG drew attention to the questions listed in the paper and there was discussion on how and when NPE responds to the Landscapes Review, proposals on the wording of the statutory purposes and thoughts on the proposed National Landscape Service. Defra have agreed to continue dialogue with NPE which allows opportunity to feed into the government response.</p> <p>15.3 A wide ranging discussion then followed which included the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The importance of being positive and upbeat overall • That NPE should not feel rushed into deciding on all 27 proposals • The proposals that align with our Roadmap were particularly positive and should be pushed. We shouldn't wait for Government approval to proceed on them • People will be looking for NPE's views and, where we can, we should publicise them • There would be value in officers considering the detailed implications of some of the proposals and to report back to the Board and/ or share analysis with officials • The resources issue had been side-stepped by Glover report and needed addressing to make progress • The report had not properly appreciated the impact on NPA Members from what is proposed and this needs further thought to ensure it is realistic/ attractive <p>15.4 PH summarised the discussion and Directors agreed with the summary of next steps.</p> <p>15.5 It was agreed that NPE should remain positive, focused on outcomes, with the roadmap being the basis of our offer to new government when in place</p> <p>15.6 Collectively agreed not to rush into a detailed response to the Glover Review or to welcome it in its entirety, and that officer's flag with officials privately issues with some of the recommendations.</p> <p>15.7 All NPAs are to start using the Landscapes Review as reference, where it is beneficial, when engaging with Government on key decisions that might further the roadmap (i.e. ELMS, NRN, Env Bill, Prevention White Paper)</p> <p>15.8 It was agreed that NPE should consider developing a programme approach or delivery model for the 5 ambitions working with the All Parks groups</p> <p>15.9 NPE to investigate the creation of an infographic to publicise the roadmap with new government, coinciding with the 70th Anniversary.</p> <p>15.10 NPE to arrange a meeting with NAAONB to share thoughts on the Landscapes Review to find common ground and agree lines where possible.</p>	<p>CW/TG/KB</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>AW, KB, TG AB, TB, JP supported by CW/ PH and All Parks Groups</p> <p>SJ / PH/ CW</p> <p>PH/ TG/ CL</p>

	<p>15.11 Directors should share the flavour of the NPE Board meeting discussion with their Members when further discussions take place within their respective NPA boards on Glover Review and feedback to NPE office outcomes of their discussions.</p> <p>15.12 NPE to continue to push with officials for co-creation of a roadmap submission for the next spending review.</p>	<p>All Directors</p> <p>TG / PH</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p>Health Task and Finish Group findings discussion</p> <p>16.1 Andrea Davies introduced the paper emphasising how current the topic is in reflection of the Landscapes Review, and the rise of social prescribing before bringing Directors attention to the recommendations within the paper. AB highlighted PHE's contribution into the paper.</p> <p>16.2 JD informed the group that the National Academy for Social Prescribing hosted an event the day after the last meeting, which PH had attended and informed that NASP were keen for a future meeting.</p> <p>16.3 PH thanked those in the T&F group and AB wanted to thank Jim Mitchell (NFNPA) in particular for his coordination and the other officers in NPAs for their participation.</p> <p>16.4 AM thanked the T&F group for the paper and will be taking forward a paper to the PDNPA board for discussion. JB and PA also welcomed the paper and there was a short discussion on the importance of working across the NP boundaries, alongside LEPs work on places and industrial strategies. RM highlighted it as an opportunity to capitalise on existing work NPAs have done on health, without calling it that.</p> <p>16.5 Directors agreed on the universal offer and action plan around prevent, restore and excel.</p> <p>16.6 NPE to map the offer against the NHS 10 Year Plan and outcomes</p> <p>16.7 NPE will refresh the NPE/ PHE Accord</p> <p>16.8 A January meeting for the Health T&F Group will be organised.</p> <p>16.9 Preparation to begin for a national Members Workshop in 2020 on National Parks contribution to health and wellbeing.</p>	<p>PH</p> <p>AB/ JM / PH</p> <p>TD</p> <p>PH/ AB/ Task and Finish Group</p>
<p>17.</p>	<p>Revised NPE Climate Change Position Statement</p> <p>17.1 RL introduced the paper in response to AM's steer at the last Board meeting. RL thanked JP for his work on keeping the CC working group together and his work on the policy issue during a difficult period of financial cuts and different Govt priorities.</p> <p>17.2 The paper included an updated position statement that Directors were asked to approve. The intention was to regain leadership in Climate Change matters and RL wanted to highlight the suggested target dates for net zero carbon for National Parks and NPAs. RL offered to work further with the CC Working Group to undertake further analysis into the figures should Directors wish. The NFU has already set 2040 as their target to be carbon neutral and other comparators were in the paper.</p> <p>17.3 CW added more context on the revised position statement, stating it was freshened up in consultation with the CC working group. It has been updated but continues to include much from the 2006 statement in terms of NPA's role and our policy asks of others.</p> <p>17.4 Discussion took place on:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the proposed target dates; • the merits of using different metrics; • any targets to be accompanied by a significant shift in government policy; • the potential for ecological breakdown; • the need for collaborative working surrounding Climate Change to influence decisions by others operating in NPs; and • the need for further scientific evidence to underpin using NPA resources. <p>17.5 Many contributors highlighted the need to show leadership in this field.</p> <p>17.6 Thanks, were given to the Climate Change Working Group, CW and RL on their work on the position statement and the paper.</p> <p>17.7 Directors agreed to sign off the NPE Climate Change Position Statement pending amended text on targets and this will be added to the NPE website when completed.</p> <p>17.8 It was agreed that NPE recommends to English NPA via directors that NPAs adopt an ambition to achieve NET zero by 2030.</p> <p>17.9 It was agreed that NPE recommends to NPAs via directors that NPAs gather support for a NET Zero target for their NP area by 2040.</p> <p>17.10 Further work is to be undertaken on target setting and the benefits of a collective approach to measuring emission reductions and any case for additional resources.</p> <p>17.11 NPE to consider opportunities for accredited media visits, a publication, and other opportunities to highlight the work of NPAs on climate change around COP26.</p>	<p>CW</p> <p>All Directors/ NPOs</p> <p>RL/CW/CC Working Group</p> <p>CW/RL</p>
<p>18.</p>	<p>Meeting Dates for 2020</p> <p>18.1 CL highlighted the meeting dates provided in the paper.</p> <p>18.2 Future Board meeting dates were agreed. TD to ensure they are in Directors/ PAs diaries.</p>	<p>TD</p>
<p>19.</p>	<p>NPE Activity 2019/20 and Lead NPO report</p> <p>19.1 This item was noted without discussion.</p> <p>19.2 NPE to facilitate a discussion by the Board on NPE's Business Plan at the January NPE Board meeting.</p>	<p>PH</p>
<p>20.</p>	<p>NPE Policy Communications Update</p> <p>20.1 PH introduced the paper that was for information only and informed Directors on the value NPE have received from Stephi Juckes at Coast Communications. NPE will share a draft Policy Communications strategy for approval at the next Board Meeting.</p> <p>20.2 DB asked about point 4.1 in the paper, specifically the undertaking of an NPA staff survey. PH explained that it would entail a light touch survey about what NPA staff would find useful to better their understanding of the work of NPE.</p>	
<p>21.</p>	<p>Lead NPO rota</p> <p>21.1 KB highlighted the excellent work TG has done over his year as Lead NPO and CL thanked TG.</p> <p>21.2 Agreed KB to be Lead NPO for 2020.</p>	<p>KB</p>

Meeting	Date of Meeting	Chairs Briefing
January		
Planning Site Visit	Monday 6 January	
Planning Committee	Thursday 16 January	Monday 13 January @ 10am
CLM Forum	Monday 27 January	
Planning Site Visit	Friday 31 January	
Members Evening Seminar	Thursday 30 January	
February		
FRAS Committee	Monday 3 February	Tuesday 28 January @ 10am
RAF Fylingdales	Wednesday 12 February	
Planning Committee	Thursday 27 February	Monday 24 February @ 10am
March		
Members training event	Sunday 8 March	
NPA *	Monday 23 March	Friday 20 March @ 1pm
Planning Site Visit	Friday 27 March	
Northern Parish Forum	Tuesday 31 March	
April		
Planning Committee	Thursday 9 April	Monday 6 April @ 10am
PLUG	Thursday 16 April	
Southern Parish Forum	Thursday 16 April	
ARB Forum	Monday 20 April	
Western Parish Forum	Tuesday 21 April	
Coastal Parish Forum	Monday 27 April	
Members Training Day	29 & 30 April – Lake District	(includes an overnight stay)
May		
Planning Site Visit	Monday 11 May	
CLM	Wednesday 13 May	
Members Evening Seminar	Wednesday 20 May	
FRAS Committee	Tuesday 26 May	Wednesday 20 May @ 3.30pm
Planning Committee	Thursday 21 May	Monday 18 May @ 10am
June		
Local Access Forum	Wednesday 10 June	
NPA/AGM *	Monday 22 June	Friday 19 June @ 1pm
Joint Parish Forum	June or early July	

July		
Members Training Day	Wednesday 1 July	
Planning Site Visit	Friday 3 July	
Planning Committee	Thursday 16 July	Monday 13 July @ 10am
NPA Scrutiny *	Monday 27 July	Friday 24 July @ 1pm
August		
Members Evening Seminar	Thursday 20 August	
Planning Site Visit	Friday 21 August	
September		
FRAS Committee	Tuesday 1 September	Tuesday 25 August @ 10am
Planning Committee	Thursday 3 September	Friday 28 August @ 10am
PLUG	Thursday 24 September	
NPA Committee *	Monday 28 September	Friday 25 September @ 1pm
October		
Planning Site Visit	Friday 2 October	
CLM	Monday 5 October	
Northern Parish Forum	Tuesday 6 October	
Southern Parish Forum	Thursday 8 October	
Members Evening Seminar	Tuesday 13 October	
Planning Committee	Thursday 15 October	Monday 12 October @ 10am
Western Parish Forum	Tuesday 20 October	
Members Training Day	Wednesday 21 October	
Coastal Parish Forum	Monday 26 October	
November		
ARB	Thursday 5 November	
FRAS Committee	Monday 16 November	Tuesday 10 November @ 10am
Planning Site Visit	Friday 20 November	
December		
Local Access Forum	Tuesday 1 December	
Planning Committee	Thursday 3 December	Monday 30 November @ 10am
NPA Committee *	Monday 14 December	Friday 11 December @ 1pm

*** Denotes NPA
Committees/Meetings
starting at 9.30am**

Member Training/Events Programme for 2020

Date	Training/Event	Lead Officer
Either 23 or 24 January 2020 – am/pm dates tbc	Full standards and code of conduct training	Lisa Dixon
30 January 2020	Members Evening Seminar - forthcoming review of the Management Plan – both the process and timetable but also some of the key issues such as Climate Change.	Directors/Heads
17/18/or 19 February 2020 – am/pm dates tbc	'5yr health check' with Chairs and Deputy Chairs, looking at all meetings and committees issues including procedures, premises, standards and behaviours	Lisa Dixon
Sunday 8 March 2020	Views of Young People – Sunday event at Moors Centre with Young Rangers and Explorers	Debbie Trafford/Mary-Jane Alexander
29 & 30 April 2020 (includes an overnight stay in Kendal)	Members Training Event – Visit to the Lake District NP	Topics to be covered; Tourism, Climate Change and Increasing Resources
20 May 2020	Members Evening Seminar - tbc	To be confirmed
June 2020 – date to be confirmed	Health and Safety for Chairs/Deputy Chairs	Ian Nicholls/Dom Passman
1 July 2020	Members Training Day – Accessibility/Historic Environment	Debbie Trafford/Briony Fox
20 August 2020	Members Evening Seminar - tbc	To be confirmed
8-10 September 2020	Members National Induction Course	Plas Tan y Bwiche, Snowdonia National Park
13 October 2020	Members Evening Seminar - tbc	To be confirmed
21 October 2020	Members Training Day - tbc	To be confirmed
11 December 2020	Members Christmas Lunch	Authority Chair/VB

Members are welcome to join in with any Volunteer super task days throughout the year. Information on these will be e-mailed to members as and when they are organised.