

Coastal Area Parish Forum

Notes of the Meeting held at Hawsker and Stainsacre Village Hall Thursday, 24 October 2019

Present:

Newby and Scalby PC	Richard Thompson
Skelton and Brotton PC	Margaret Whitehead, Brendon Whitehead
Fylingdales	Les Atkinson, Dick Hoyle
Cloughton PC	Duncan Baker
Ellerby PC	Bill Taylor
Loftus Town Council	Mike Barnes, Mike Hodgson
Scarborough Ramblers Assn	Margaret Atkinson
Members of the Public	Ray Clifford (Fylingdales); N Fowler (Harbour Master, Staithes)
Forestry England	Alan Eves
National Park Members	Bob Marley, Colin Williamson, Clive Pearson, Subash Sharma
National Park Staff	Michael Graham (Director of Park Services, Convenor), Bernie McLinden (Senior Ranger Coast Area), Judith Seaton (PA to Chief Executive); Becca Simpson and Lucy Webster (apprentices)

- 1. Welcome** – the Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.
- 2. Apologies** - Andy Wilson, Briony Fox, Jim Bailey (NYMNPA); Jane Mortimer (Scarborough BC/Fylingdales PC) Hinderwell PC; John Cummins (Hawsker PC); Nigel Rylance (Forestry England); Simon Darrington (Staintondale/Ravenscar PC)
- 3. Notes of the Meeting Held on 11 April 2019** were agreed.
- 4. Matters Arising** - Concern over pollution from Boulby mine, Chris France (Director of Planning) is in contact with Boulby over this.
- 5. Public Question Time**
Ray Clifford enquired as to why steps had been removed from the very steep footpath at Stoupe Beck. Bernie McLinden explained that the steps needed to be removed and had been replaced with a stone surface and handrail. The stone surface is being kept under review and flattened down periodically to make it easier to grip but the handrail should assist particularly going downhill.
- 6. The Apprentice – You're Hired**
Becca Simpson and Lucy Webster (Business Administration Apprentices) gave an illustrated talk on the role and work of the variety of apprentices at the National Park Authority.
- 7. Forestry England – Forest Design Planning Principles and Public Consultation** – Alan Eves gave an outline of the general principles of forest design and the public consultation with particular reference to the Guisborough Forest Design Plan consultation. For further information on the process and timescales look on the website <https://www.forestryengland.uk/forest-planning>
- 8. The Work of the Coastal Rangers**
Bernie McLinden (Senior Ranger Coast Area) gave an illustrated talk on the volume and diverse work the Coastal Rangers carry out with only a team of 3 – Bernie, Martyn Williams (Maintenance Ranger) and Lisa Till (Apprentice Ranger) and by working with volunteers.

Village Improvement Schemes – there are small grants (up to £3,000) available for parishes to apply to the Ranger Service for small scale projects, eg signage, repair to

historic monuments, traditional features, public paths, natural features. Please contact Bernie McLinden for further information b.mclinden@northyorkmoors.org.uk.

9. Cinder Track Update

The Convenor indicated that the last Steering Group meeting was cancelled with the next one scheduled for 14 November 2019. Sustrans in partnership with the track owners Scarborough Borough Council, have been successful in a Dept for Transport bid for funding in the sum of £850k to improve the track at the Scarborough end (£315k was awarded earlier this year for improvements to the northern Whitby end). It is hoped to complete these works by April 2021. Scarborough Borough Council is hoping to appoint a maintenance ranger in the spring of 2020 who will coordinate a group of volunteers currently led by Bernie McLinden. The new Ranger with help from National Park Staff could expand volunteering and outreach opportunities particularly from Scarborough.

10. Update on National Park Authority Business by Parish Member, Bob Marley:

- Apprentices
- Cleveland Way 50th Anniversary celebrations
- Protected Landscape Review final report
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/designated-landscapes-national-parks-and-aonbs-2018-review>
- Boulby Potash pre-application discussions have been held
- Marine Conservation on East Yorkshire Coast successful NLHF bid by East Riding District Council
- Ryevitalise
- North Yorkshire Moors Railway apprentices and involvement of young people generally
- New Parish Members

11. Suggestions on new items for future meetings

- DBid

12. Any Other Business

In response to a question, Alan Eves presented several small videos of the beaver project in Cropton Forest. There will be two open days in Dalby Forest to enable the public to see the project through further videos and talks. These dates will be advertised and circulated to Parish Clerks when they have been fixed.

13. Time, Place and Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 27 April 2020 at 7pm

Monday, 26 October 2020 at 7pm