

Northern Area Parish Forum

Notes of the Meeting held at Westerdale Village Hall

Tuesday, 2 April 2019

Present:

Danby Group PC
Grosmont

Lockwood Parish Council
Westerdale/Rosedale Residents
NYCC – Stronger Communities
National Park Members
National Park Staff

Geoff Banner (Acting Chair), John Preston, Sarah Medd
Colin Williamson
Kath Nolan, Anne Clayton
Carol Wilson, Robert Palmer, Colin Smith
Paddy Chandler
Clive Pearson, Heather Moorhouse, Ted Sanderson
Briony Fox (Director of Conservation/Convenor), Naomi
Green (Senior Ranger, North), Andy Wilson (Chief
Executive), Ian Nicholls (Head of Corporate Services),
Judith Seaton (PA to Chief Executive)

1. **Election of Chair** – Geoff Banner was elected as Chair for this meeting only.
2. **Welcome** – Geoff Banner (Danby PC) welcomed everyone to this meeting.
3. **Apologies:** NYMNPA (Jim Bailey, Malcolm Bowes, Guy Coulson), John Nock (Scarborough BC), Anne Watts (Redcar and Cleveland BC), Ron Kirk (Hambleton DC)
4. **Notes of the Meeting Held on 4 October 2017** were agreed.
5. **Matters Arising**
Grants Schemes – is an item on the Agenda
6. **Public Question Time** - None
7. **Stronger Communities** – Paddy Chandler, Stronger Communities Delivery Manager for Ryedale and the North York Moors area presented an outline of the background, aims and ambition of the project. Information was emailed to those present after the meeting further copies available on request to j.seaton@northyorkmoors.org.uk
Contact Paddy Chandler direct on: Paddy.Chandler@northyorks.gov.uk telephone 01609 53 2265 or visit the website <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/stronger-communities>
8. **Parish Elections in May** – The Chief Executive encouraged everyone to consider becoming a parish councillor with the opportunity to be elected as a parish member to the National Park Authority. Information and timetables are being sent out on Friday, 5 April to all parishes.
9. **Protected Landscapes Review** – the Authority's full response can be seen at <https://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/about-us/how-the-authority-works/landscapes-review>. A general discussion around the response was held including wildlife, rights of way, and reference made to the Governance Review of 2011 which had suggested a reduction of Members to the Authority (which was approved) and direct elections which were not proceeded with due to cost and austerity.
10. **Update on National Park Grant Schemes** – new guidance has now been issued on advice and grants in the North York Moors National Park. The leaflet is available on request by email with some copies available at the meeting. The website will be updated shortly.
11. **Brexit and Farming** – the Director of Conservation updated the Forum on the Authority being 1 of 49 participants in an Environmental Land Management System tests and trials being undertaken in preparation for a new scheme to be brought in

2025 to replace Countryside Stewardship. Using our experience from our previous farm scheme, a number of activities will be undertaken including discussions, workshops and focus groups with local farmers and land managers to feed in to this. A Defra pilot is expected in 2023. Further details are to follow. The Authority has been successful in lobbying MPs to support the inclusion of landscape as a whole (in addition to the clean water and wildlife already included).

12. **Moor to Sea Project** – the Director of Conservation updated the Forum on the project which has now completed. 2017 results and feedback has been good with 2018 yet to be collated and reported on.
13. **Update on National Park Authority Business** – Ted Sanderson updated the Forum on the following:
 - a) Princess Royal Training Award 2018 (apprentices) presentation at St James's Palace.
 - b) Health and Wellbeing Report
 - c) Cleveland Way turns 50
 - d) 3,500 trees planting by Volunteers, the public, youth and corporate groups
14. **Suggestions on new items for future meetings**
 - a) Robert Goodwill to be invited to answer questions on mobile/broadband
 - b) Mobile/broadband updates (with or without Mr Goodwill)
15. **Any Other Business –**

The East Cleveland Klondike bike race is being held on 14 April 2019.
16. **Time, Place and Date of Next Meeting**

June/July 2019 – Joint Parish Forum exact date and venue tbc
Thursday, 3 October 2019 at 7pm – Sunnyfield House, Guisborough