

Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council
Chairman's Report
For the Annual Parish Meeting 1 4 19

Councillors

During the last year we have had the resignation of Cllr Guy Coulson and Cllr Barry Truman – many thanks go to both for their contributions to the parish council over the years.

We have welcomed on board two new councillors co-opted on to the parish council towards the end of 2018, which due to Purdah and the election on the 2/5/19 cannot be named.

I am grateful for the ongoing contribution of all Members.

Finance

The Parish Council has decided to increase the precept for 2019/20 financial year from £15750 to £15780; however, this does not impact on residents and will elicit a 0% increase on their council tax bill.

The Model Agreement monies of £2306 were received from Scarborough Borough Council during the 2018/19 financial year, this is against the SBC approved estimate of £4049 due to an underspend in 2017/18 – SBC deduct the underspend from the second instalment the following year. The new Model Agreement for 2019/20 has been signed and sent to Scarborough Borough Council for the approved expenditure estimate of £4138. The Model Agreement monies from SBC help towards maintenance costs, for example such items as grass verge cutting, bench repairs/replacement and so on, and is aimed to assist SBC in reducing its administrative burden of managing such tasks.

Planning Applications

The parish council has considered planning applications and consultations throughout the year from Scarborough Borough Council (SBC), North York Moors National Park Authority (NYMNP), NYCC and Central Government..

The parish council continues to receive updates on the York Potash project via presentations by their team.

Maintenance

The parish council has undertaken an extensive maintenance programme of works to the benches throughout the parish, noticeboard at the railway station and the bus shelter at Briggswath. The parish council will also be undertaking some repair work to the recycled plastic seats in the parish over the coming months.

A replacement new seat has been sited outside the entrance to the Churchfield Surgery, which is hoped will benefit any residents and visitors within the area.

The Sleights Area Men's Shed has also undertaken some renovation work on the Sundial at Ingham Close. This work is greatly appreciated by the parish council.

The parish council is currently looking at ways to either renovate or replace the railings and gate at the War Memorial in Sleights.

Highways

Working with SBC, NYCC and the police the Parish Council has been able to tackle ongoing street lighting, road maintenance, speeding, parking, street sign, pavement, damaged verges and overgrown hedge issues.

The parish council continues to provide temporary VAS on Coach Road in conjunction with NYCC as part of its 4 year programme, which it is hoped is making some impact on reducing speeding of traffic.

The parish council is thankful to the Community Speed Watch at Briggswath for their efforts in tackling speeding traffic on the B1410.

Environment

Working with SBC and NYCC the Parish Council has been able to tackle ongoing issues relating to:

- Flooding and overloading of gutters/gulleys
- Dog fouling
- Overflowing waste bins
- Fly tipping
- Abandoned vehicles

Footpaths

The Parish Council has continued to monitor the footpaths throughout the parish, reporting issues to NYMNPA and NYCC where appropriate.

Other Activities

The parish council donated assets that had been used previously at its stand at Sleights Show (gazebo, tables, chairs and display boards) to Sleights Village Hall – it is hoped that by this donation the whole community will benefit.

In liaison with Grosmont Estates, the parish council commemorated a 100 years of Remembrance following the end of WW1 on the 11th November 2018 and approximately 20 residents attended the event. In conjunction with SBC and NYCC an Oak tree has been planted on the Daffodil Green in Sleights to also commemorate this event, and the parish council are planning on placing a seat adjacent so that residents and visitors can sit and contemplate.

The Parish Newsletter has continued to be produced on a regular quarterly basis and distributed to virtually all residents in the parish.

Noticeboards are continually updated with information regarding the Parish Council, relevant organisations and events in the parish and the surrounding area. The website continues to be a central location for information about the parish council and the area and hopefully it has been of use to residents. The parish council continues to regularly tweet important information via Twitter, and can be followed @EskUggPC.

Youth Advisor: In the autumn of 2018 we welcomed on board a new Youth Advisor in Amelia Braim. It is hoped she will build on the work of Alfie Edwards, her predecessor, and help the parish council move forward in taking on board the issues of the youth of the parish and facilitating improvements. She will be in post for two years whilst she is undertaking her A levels at Caedmon College.

Police liaison: The Council has received regular updates from the police representative regarding incidents within the area.

Borough/County Councillors: Regular updates have been received on matters that appertain to the Borough and County from our representatives.

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