

Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council Chairman's Annual Report

What a year it has been! However, we seem to be seeing light at the end of the tunnel. Thank you to all the residents who have pulled together in this time of need and supported one another during the Covid19 pandemic.

It has been an interesting year for the parish council. When Covid19 restrictions have allowed we have continued to meet face to face, adhering to safety precautions of masks, social distancing and sanitising. Unfortunately, due to venue restrictions we have had to move our meetings temporarily to Aislaby Parish Hall – who we are grateful to for accommodating us during these difficult times. However, although the number of meetings have been reduced the parish council has still continued to function. I am grateful for the ongoing contributions of all Members and the Clerk.

During this time we have welcomed on board two new parish councillors: Cllr Sue Willmington and Cllr John Parkin.

Throughout the Covid19 pandemic the parish council has kept open its public toilets, and thanks must go to the cleaner without whom the parish council would not have been able to offer this service when needed most by essential key workers.

The parish council has tried to keep residents informed of pertinent information by circulating newsletters, updating noticeboards and providing relevant information on its website.

Please read the other information contained in this report to find out more about the parish council activities over the last year.

As we return to normality, please keep safe and well.

Cllr Alf Watson
Chairman
Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council

Parish Council Tax Precept: The 2021/22 council tax precept for Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council has remained at the same level as 2020/21 at £15780.00. This will elicit no change in council tax charge for residents.

Reporting Highway Issues: Reminder that you can report direct to NYCC a number of highway issues in order to get accurate information and speed up rectification. Problems with pavements, road signs, pot holes, grit bins, trees/verges/hedges and street lights are a number of issues amongst others that you can report direct.

Contact NYCC via their Customer Services on Tel: 01609 780 780, or Website: report via the online website form:
<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/report-online>, or Email: customer.services@northyorks.gov.uk

Alternatively contact the County Councillor representative for this area, which is County Cllr Clive Pearson and he is contactable on the following methods: Tel: 01947 897372 or Email cllr.clive.pearson@northyorks.gov.uk

NYMNP Partnership Working: The national park is keen to work with communities to help set up local community groups involved in maintaining outside space. They have a wide network of groups already set up and can advertise your project to get extra helpers. If you become an associate group of the Partnership then you can access their tool store! In return you just need to send them your volunteer hours. To get further information contact Sophie Lyth, Partnership & Development Officer by email: s.lyth@northyorkmoors.org.uk

Reporting Dog issues, such as dog fouling not being picked up, should be made to Scarborough Borough Council – please contact the dog warden on 01723 232323 or emergency out of hours 01723 351558.

Litter Picking: Scarborough Borough Council are happy to support a local community group with litter picking. They can provide equipment and arrange to pick up the waste you collect. For more information and guidance contact: Stephen.trotter@scarborough.gov.uk

SBC Model Agreement Funds: The Model Agreement monies from SBC help towards maintenance costs, for example such items as roadside grass verge cutting throughout the parish as well as bench maintenance, and is aimed to assist SBC in reducing its administrative burden of managing such tasks. The parish council will be receiving £2119 in 2021/22, which is less than budgeted due to an underspend in 2020/21 financial year.

Other Parish Council Activities:

- The parish council has considered planning applications and consultations throughout the year from Scarborough Borough Council (SBC), North York Moors National Park Authority (NYMNP), North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) and Central Government.
- Organised for roadside verges to be cut throughout the parish and for vegetation around seats to be strimmed
- Working with SBC, NYCC and the police the Parish council has been able to tackle ongoing issues such as: road maintenance, speeding, parking, street signs, damaged verges, overgrown hedges, dog fouling, flooding and maintenance issues at Linden Close Nature Area
- The parish council continues to provide a temporary Vehicle Activated Sign on Coach Road in conjunction with NYCC, which it is hoped is making some impact on reducing speeding of traffic
- The Parish council has continued to monitor the footpaths throughout the parish, reporting issues to NYMNP and NYCC where appropriate
- Reviewed and sought resident feedback for the revised Parish Plan 2020 – 2025
- Instigated a Young Person of the Year Award
- Through liaison with Littlebeck Church the parish council can now share one of their noticeboards to ensure that information is available more widely throughout the parish