

# Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council

## Chairman's Annual Report 2022

What another year it has been! Thank you again to all residents who have come together in time of need and supported one another during very difficult circumstances. With the lifting of Covid19 restrictions it does appear we are finally seeing light at the end of the tunnel, although we have to be aware of those who are still vulnerable.

During the last year we have welcomed Cllr Andy Harrison, which has meant the parish council at last became a full complement of 12 councillors.

Additionally, the parish council has finally been able to return to meet at Sleights Village Hall – adhering to government and venue guidelines of operation! Throughout all, the parish council has continued to function. I am as ever grateful for the ongoing contributions of all Members and the Clerk.

The parish council has continued 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 2022/2023 council tax precept for Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council will increase from £15780 to £15880. However, this will elicit no change in council tax charge for residents ie annual Band D Council Tax charge will remain at £16.02.

### Scarborough Borough Council (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. Whilst the SBC Estimated Budget for 2022/23 is £4361, the parish council will receive less than this due to an underspend during the 2021/22 financial year. The parish council does not know whether it will receive similar funding when the Unitary Council is finalised.

### Some of the 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
- Liaised with AngloAmerican regarding various impacts from the Woodsmith Mine development
- Organised for roadside verges to be cut throughout the parish, benches to be repainted, vegetation around seats to be trimmed and general maintenance of parish assets
- Worked with SBC, NYCC and the police to tackle ongoing issues such as: road maintenance, lighting, speeding, parking, litter, dog fouling, street signs, overgrown hedges, and maintenance issues at Linden Close Nature Area
- Provision of a temporary Vehicle Activated Sign on Coach Road in conjunction with NYCC, which it is hoped has made some impact on reducing speeding of traffic
- The Parish council has continued to voluntarily monitor the footpaths throughout the parish, reporting issues to NYMNP and NYCC where appropriate
- Awarded the inaugural Young Person of the Year Award 2020, and currently seeking nominations for 2021
- Created an accessible Village Trail that will be promoted via an Information Board situated at the car park in Sleights, and a Leaflet/Map using SBC Welcome Back Funds from ERDF to be circulated to all residents



### Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum

**Jubilee** will be celebrated by the parish council by planting a Hornbeam tree on the embankment near the car park adjacent the Salmon Leap. This is part of The Queen's Green Canopy Initiative.

**Lighting of the Beacon** will also occur at 945pm on 2 June 2022, in line with all other beacons up and down the country. The Beacon is situated on Sleights Moor (Map reference 94/854 057 (4) 85427 (5) 05732 ). Everyone is welcome to attend the event by the parish council and the landowner of the Grosmont/Sleights Moor Estate. The Beacon is accessible on foot only by hard tracks from Fairhead/Bluebank – there is no parking at the Beacon. Due to the time of year being in the middle of the ground bird nesting season please do not bring any dogs, and keep to the tracks which lead to the site. The ground will be uneven and rough, so attendees should wear appropriate footwear and clothing. The Moor Estate will arrange ferrying of those less able from the Blue Bank car park. As the event will be at night attendees should bring their own torch to light their route. Those attending and using the public right of way access routes do so at their own risk.

**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.

**Parking at Schools – be part of the solution not the problem:** The parish council has been asked to highlight the following information published by North Yorkshire Police:

**Please do:** keep your speed low; ensure children get out of the car onto the pavement - never let a child out onto the road; check for pedestrians and cyclists before you open the car door; stop for the lollipop person; park a bit further away from school to help reduce the traffic; consider car sharing or walking where possible

**Please do not:** block the road; park on yellow or zig zag markings; park on pavements, across driveways or dropped kerbs; park where your vehicle will cause an inconvenience; stop in the road to let your child out of the car; park opposite or within 10 metres of a junction