

# Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council

## Chairman's Annual Report April 2023

At last the parish council has been able to operate normally over the past year, and hopefully residents have also been able to resume some normality in their lives.

I would like to thank all the councillors as well as the Clerk for the work undertaken within the parish over the last year. It has been good to see the new Village Trail finalised and seating at Sleights Sportsfield installed.

We have had two councillor resignations in the last year, but also warmly welcomed Cllr Martin Warner to the fold!

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

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

Cllr Alf Watson, Chairman  
Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council

**Parish Council Tax Precept:** The 2023/2024 council tax precept for Eskdaleside cum Ugglebarnby Parish Council will remain at £15880. However, this will elicit a very small reduction in council tax charge for residents ie annual Band D Council Tax charge will reduce from £16.02 to £15.97.

### Scarborough Borough Council (SBC) Model

**Agreement Funds:** The Model Agreement monies from SBC have helped towards maintenance costs, for example such items as roadside grass verge cutting throughout the parish as well as bench maintenance, and has been aimed to assist SBC in reducing its administrative burden of managing such tasks. Going forward the parish council is unsure whether it will continue to receive similar funding when the Unitary Council comes into operation. However, Scarborough Borough Council has guaranteed the funds for the 2023/24 financial year. Whilst the SBC Estimated Budget for 2023/2024 is £4745.43, the parish council will receive less than this due to an underspend during the 2022/2023 financial year.

**Coronation of King Charles III:** To commemorate the Coronation the parish council has agreed to plant a tree and have a commemorative bench – details are to be finalised in due course, therefore, watch this space!

### **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 (NYMNPA), 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 repaired, 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
- The Parish council has continued to voluntarily monitor the footpaths throughout the parish, reporting issues to NYMNPA and NYCC where appropriate
- Responded to various queries from residents and either reported their concerns to the relevant authority or pointed them in the right direction to get a resolution
- Councillors have attended various external meetings including those held by NYMNPA, Police Commissioner, YLCA and AngloAmerican
- The parish council has continued to meet legislative and regulatory requirements as set out in various statutes

### **Young Person of the Year Award 2023:**

Included with this newsletter is a nomination form. If you know of any young person that is eligible then please do nominate—see the form for criteria.

**North Yorkshire Council Launch:** “With the launch of North Yorkshire Council on 1 April, all existing eight councils across the county have already been working together to establish how best services can be provided, while ensuring business continues as usual. This means you will see minimal change as services and staff are brought together in the background.

You will still be able to access the same support and advice from local staff who live and work in the area, with an office in each former district area supported by a further 30 access points in the future.

Find out more about the new council, which launches on 1 April, at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/newcouncil](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/newcouncil)”

**Flooding and Gully Issues:** North Yorkshire Council (NYC) is responsible for blocked gullies, overflowing manholes, channels in rural verges, stone culverts and for general road flooding. NYC regularly inspect and maintain gullies in accordance with policy priorities and level of emergency. Report any issues via the usual channels to NYC, but when out of hours and if an emergency call the Police on 101 or if danger to life 999.

Public sewers and burst water mains come under the local water authority.

However, roadside ditches and private sewers or drains are the responsibility of the property or landowner/occupier.