Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister Parish Report
Kirkby Malzeard : July 25

Highways.

I have been in touch with the Chair about the pedestrian route from school to Main Street not falling within the 20mph zone. I understand this was previous applied for, but suggest that NYC are more likely to support this now and that areas around schools within villages are usually given priority. It would be worth asking Darren Griffiths at NYC for his thoughts on this, which I am happy to facilitate.

Community Partnership (Ripon)

As an update on my previous report, I am attaching the list of villages included in the Ripon project, and list of addresses. I am still waiting on dates for the start of build projects for the remaining areas within the Uredale Partnership.

I have assisted several residents now who have no smart meter connectivity, putting them in contact with DCC.

Locality Budget

Although a smaller sum, I can now distribute this if there are any applications to be made.

Planning

I am not aware of new planning issues.

Housing

I have been exploring the viability of redundant council owned garage sites for affordable housing and am meeting a house builder who specialises in smaller units that have been constructed elsewhere for community led projects on smaller sites.
I am on the panel for the Nidderdale National Landscape Community Led Housing pilot project and several potential projects are being considered in the local area.
I am also exploring the viability of converting empty premises above shops on the High Street into residential accommodation – possibly using the Community Led Housing model.

Local Nature Recovery Strategy consultation

This is a reminder that there are several LNRS public consultation events **this week & next week (w/c 28th July & w/c 4th August)** that are geared for land managers & farmers:

In-person one to one ½ hour sessions in various venues

The purpose of the sessions will be to discuss any queries you might have about the LNRS online map and documentation with the project team. See details below & it does help us if you can book in advance:

Tuesday 29 July in Danby: Book an in-person one-to-one session (plenty of availability)

Wednesday 30 July in Malton: Book an in-person one-to-one session (availability at 10am; 11:30am & 1:00pm)

Thursday 31 July in Skipton: Book an in-person one-to-one session (availability at 1:00pm; 1:45pm & 2:30pm)

One to one ½ hour online sessions
These will be held on Microsoft Teams & the purpose of the sessions will be to discuss any queries you might have about the LNRS online map and documentation with the project team. There are plenty of ½ hour slots still available and you are not required to have MS Teams on your device (you can join the online session via your web browser)

See link below for available dates (between Monday 28th July – Friday 1st August) and booking instructions
(Sessions between Monday 4th August- Friday 8thAugust will soon be made available on the booking system)

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lnrs-online-one-to-one-session-tickets-1258199742299?aff=oddtdtcreator

A66 Northern Trans-Pennine (NTP) project
I have been sent an update by the Project Director for the A66 Northern Trans-Pennine at National Highways as follows :
Following the Spending Review, the Government confirmed on 8 July that the project is a priority and forms part of the £24 billion Spending Review settlement, underlining its strategic and economic importance.
We are delighted that the A66 NTP project has been committed for delivery in full, with the 8 July announcement marking an important milestone.
Over the next 12 months, we will:
• Continue utility diversions, archaeological surveys, and ecological work, which are essential to prepare for main construction.
• Undertake tree clearance and site preparation, managed sensitively with ecology experts to protect wildlife and maintain a strong environmental approach.
• Work with the Department for Transport to finalise the delivery programme, with further detail to be shared as part of the Road Investment Strategy (RIS3) in March 2026.

Residents encouraged to check their voter registration details

Householders are being urged to ensure that their details are correct so that they can take part in future elections. Every year, North Yorkshire Council's elections team is required by law to confirm whether the details on the electoral register are correct for every household, and to make amendments if required.

A letter printed on yellow paper has been sent to those who need to respond. Those who have not responded should expect a visit from someone to get the information needed in person from the end of September.

The electoral register can also be important for credit scoring, which is required for taking out a mobile phone contract or applying for a credit card. From the age of 16, British citizens and qualifying Commonwealth or EU citizens living in the UK can be added to the electoral register.

To register, visit www.gov.uk/register-to-vote and more information can be found at www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/elections-and-voting/annual-canvass

Free holiday activities and meals for families this summer

FEAST is here this summer holiday, with a fantastic range of activities to keep your children active, fed and having fun during the school holidays. Everyone across North Yorkshire can get involved, with free places and a free meal for children and young people receiving benefits-related free school meals.

If your child is eligible for benefits-related free school meals or is made eligible by exception (see the FEAST FAQs for details), you should have received a voucher from their school. This will enable you to book school holiday activities that are part of the FEAST programme for free, using the online platform HolidayActivities.

Head over to the FEAST website now to discover all the activities available and learn how to claim your free place.

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