

## **Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister Parish Report Kirkby Malzeard : September 25**

### **Highways.**

I would like to discuss the school pedestrian route that I mentioned in my July report.

### **Footpaths**

I have been in contact with the Chair regarding the detailed feedback submitted by a resident, most of which I understand has been picked up on and reported by the walking group.

### **Uredale Community Partnership (Ripon)**

A stakeholder meeting was held last week, the focus being on Ripon's City Investment plan. This included a review of how villages in the city's hinterland rely on its services and employment, how improved transport provision would prevent congestion from through traffic, and the need for a regular service between Ripon and Thirsk Station.

I also chaired the Transport & Connectivity Working Group meeting last week. We reviewed the concept of a mobility hub and what we would like it to deliver for the bus station area in Ripon. The proposal was not presented to us as this is still with officers being revised.

I have arranged for an NYC officer to attend the next Steering Group meeting to set out what s106 and CIL funds are allocated and available for the region.

The recommended cycle route between Ripon and Fountains Abbey will be put forward in a report in November. This is following several meetings with the consultants, reviewing the options. Once submitted, the next issue will be raising funding and identifying first steps that will deliver most benefit.

### **Locality Budget**

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

### **Planning**

No new planning issues have been brought to my attention.

### **Local Plan Costs**

I have been in correspondence with NYC about about the funding required for the process of the Local Plan once it has been submitted to the LPA. The response was broadly supportive, which I have forwarded to Howard who will now liaise with the PC.

### **Brierley Homes**

I have been contacted by a resident concerned about the recent £1.4M loan paid by NYC. I forwarded the minutes of the August Executive meeting where the decision to do this was recorded. Whilst it appears to cover a temporary cashflow gap, in anticipation of house sales, I want to be sure that this is recovered by NYC in due course. This will be reported on at the next Executive meeting.

### **Housing**

I am continuing with my efforts to establish some community led housing in the area.

### **Boundary Consultation**

There is a further consultation on the proposed changes to the divisions within North Yorkshire Council. The review is here : [https://www.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2025-09/north\\_yorkshire\\_further\\_draft\\_recommendations\\_report\\_v2.pdf](https://www.lgbce.org.uk/sites/default/files/2025-09/north_yorkshire_further_draft_recommendations_report_v2.pdf) and the consultation will run until 13<sup>th</sup> October 25. This Parish still remains in the Masham & Fountains division, the main impact of the proposals is to the South of the division. I am pleased to note that the suggestion that the new development at the Barracks site be included in this division is not supported. Please submit your views on this at <https://www.lgbce.org.uk/>

### **NRS Healthcare**

Please note that this business, that provided wheelchair services and Technology Enabled Care, has gone into liquidation. TEC services are now being provided by MedEquip. The Council has been assured that equipment in peoples homes will continue to work during the transition period. If anyone needs assistance with this please let me know as there is a dedicated telephone line and email in place.

### **Home to School policy**

I have been supporting families who need advice or representation at Appeal where the new policy has impacted them. This mostly relates to households to the South of Ripon where Outwood School is deemed to be closer by a fraction of a walked mile to RGS (even though both schools use the same bus stop).

### **Rubbish Collections**

I am aware that the new 4 day working week system has had some significant teething issues. Some collections have been missed completely, as have some households needing assisted collections. I have attended a meeting with the Refuse department and am assured that the rounds are being reviewed and redesigned. If any collections are being missed in the meantime they will endeavour to collect the following day.

There has been a recent announcement that in the interest of improving the service there will be a further change to collection days for around 5,000 properties. What I don't know is

where these will be. NYC will be writing to these properties in the next couple of weeks to advise them of this.

### **NYC Pension Fund**

I am aware that via the Borders to Coast Pension Pool the NYC Pension Fund has over £9M invested in Check PT Software Technologies (where there is a risk that the company indirectly supports the provision of arms to Israel) and over £800K invested in Israeli government bonds.

The BCPP fund is pooled between several Council administrations and I think it's the case that NYC is not in a position to dictate where investments are or are not made. However, I have asked what the position would be if there was unanimous support between all the councils to ask BCPP to divest of these investments. I have also asked what the current ethical investment guidelines are.

### **Doorstep donation service launched to reuse unwanted items**

Residents are being encouraged to take advantage of a free service aimed at giving pre-loved clothes and small household items a second life. In partnership with Anglo Doorstep Collections, North Yorkshire Council has launched the service with the aim of reducing items going in the bin and cutting carbon emissions.

Clothes, shoes, ornaments, toys, books and small working electrical items can be collected, as long as they are in good, reusable condition. Residents can book a collection time online, and the items will then be sorted, with 95 per cent being reused and rehomed, and only five per cent recycled.

A tree is planted for every booking made and 60 per cent of proceeds go to charities including Action for Children, Ecologi, and Advance.

The service is not designed for large household items such as wardrobes, fridges, washing machines or mattresses. These should be taken to a household waste recycling centre or collected from your house using the bulky waste collection service. More information on these collections can be found at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/bulkywaste](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/bulkywaste)

To learn more and book a collection, visit [www.anglodoorstepcollections.co.uk/north-yorkshire-council/](http://www.anglodoorstepcollections.co.uk/north-yorkshire-council/)

### **Views sought on education arrangements for excluded primary pupils**

North Yorkshire Council has launched a public consultation on proposed changes to how primary-aged children who have been permanently excluded from school may be taught in the future.

In recent years there has been a significant rise in the number of children of primary age that have been excluded from schools in North Yorkshire. Permanent exclusions of primary school children have increased from five children in 2021/22 to 25 pupils in 2024/25.

The consultation seeks views from parents, carers, education professionals and the wider community on potential new approaches that aim to improve support and outcomes for the excluded children.

The proposal being consulted on is to extend the age range of already existing pupil referral units and academy alternative provision that they can cater for children of primary age.

The consultation will run from until Sunday, November 9. The survey should not take longer than five minutes to complete and is available at <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/appe>  
Paper copies can be requested by e-mailing [BusinessSupport@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:BusinessSupport@northyorks.gov.uk)

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