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

Highways.

I have been contacted by a resident about a street light not working, the one on Main Street near the Surgery. Can I please check if this has been reported by the PC and if so if a reference was given that I can follow up.
I have been in touch with the Police and Highways about the need for a one way sign at the junction on Back Lane where there is the new development. The Police advise that for now that it is a Highways matter. This can be reviewed once the sign is in place. Highways advise that current signage is adequate which I have disputed and am waiting on a response.

Commuted Sums
I have not heard back regarding the s106 sums due at Laverton Oaks – have you had a update?

Local Procurement
I have been in contact with Fix Our Food who are liaising with NYC officers with a view to setting up a local procurement platform, which will make it easier for SME's to be on the approved supplier list. This should be up and running by the end of next year. I have also made an introduction to a local food producer to the School Food team.

Community Partnership (Ripon)
Work continues within the Transport & Connectivity Working Group, with the proposed cycle route between Ripon and Fountains Abbey due from the consultants shortly. The next stage will be to find the funding to deliver it, in whole or in part. The community transport project is taking shape in Masham, with a decision to raise funds for a community car.
Homes England are also due to be holding stakeholder events this month, regarding the development at Ripon Barracks and I will discussing with them the need for a skills training base on site which they have indicated they are interested in delivering.

Wensleydale Dairy Site

I have corresponded with the Chair on this, regarding how submissions can be made to recommend that the site be retained for light industry/offices rather than converted into housing. Whilst the advice has yet to be clarified (as the officer was commenting on the call for sites process), I note that the Neighbourhood Plan consultation is still live.

Connectivity

I am reviewing the Shared Rural Network programme that was meant to deliver good quality mobile data to 88% of the UK landmass by June 24. This has been assessed to have been achieved. Despite planning permission being given for a mast to be erected at Ox Close near Healey, this has not been installed and there are still many dead spots with very limited coverage in the local area.

Planning

I have aware of the appeal being submitted, challenging the Henry Jenkins decision.

Garden Waste

The last garden waste collections will take place between Monday 24 November and Friday 5 December.

Customers can check when the last collections are, by visiting the bin calendar page.

Christmas toy appeal launches to spread joy and sustainability

Ensuring that every child wakes up to a gift on Christmas Day remains the aim of an annual countywide toy appeal. In its seventh year, the Reuse Santa campaign encourages residents to donate pre-loved toys, games, books, and puzzles in a good condition.

The appeal is run by the Yorwaste waste management company in partnership with North Yorkshire Council and City of York Council.

From November 15 to 30, donations will be accepted at all household waste recycling centres. All items must be clean, complete, and in working order.

Last year, 5,000 items, or 30 van-loads, were donated for children and teenagers who might not otherwise receive a gift at Christmas.

Toys powered by mains electric cannot be accepted. Site operatives at the recycling centres will be on hand to accept donations, as well as advise on recycling or disposing of items that are unsuitable.

The donated items will be sorted, cleaned and distributed to local organisations and charities including the council's early help team, the British Heart Foundation, and the Daisy Chain Project.

Details of recycling centres across North Yorkshire and York can be found at www.northyorks.gov.uk/hwrc and www.york.gov.uk/WasteAndRecycling

Warnings after confirmation of bird flu in North Yorkshire

Bird keepers across North Yorkshire are being urged to help prevent the spread of avian influenza after three cases were confirmed in the county. Sites in Hackforth, near Bedale,

Tholthorpe, near Easingwold, and Knayton, near Thirsk, have been affected by the disease since the start of October.

In response to the outbreaks, North Yorkshire Council has activated its Notifiable Disease Action Plan. The Animal and Plant Health Agency (APHA) is managing infected sites, carrying out culls and deep cleans, while the council's animal health officers are working with local communities to ensure compliance with control zone requirements.

Disease control zones require bird keepers to follow strict biosecurity rules, maintain records of any poultry egg transportation, not organise or attend bird gatherings and keep any birds housed.

In addition to local control zones, Great Britain remains under an Avian Influenza Prevention Zone (AIPZ), requiring bird keepers to follow strict biosecurity rules. From today (November 6) mandatory housing will apply across England for anyone keeping 50 or more birds, or any number of poultry kept for the purposes of selling or distributing eggs, poultry products or live birds.

If people keep fewer than 50 birds and their eggs or poultry products are for personal use, they are not required to be housed. However, strict biosecurity measures still apply. For more information, visit www.gov.uk/bird-flu.

The risk to public health from the virus is very low, and properly cooked poultry and poultry products, including eggs, are safe to eat.

However, it is important that people do not pick up sick or dead birds.

Members of the public can report dead wild waterfowl, such as swans, geese, ducks, or other birds such as gulls and birds of prey to Defra on 03459 33 55 77 or online at www.gov.uk/guidance/report-dead-wild-birds.

Ousewem Catchment Modelling

I have been speaking to the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust about this scheme, which will assess the benefits of natural flood management measures on downstream flooding. This is due to be released soon, at which point it can be established if it would be viable for a catchment wide programme of measures to be funded and supported.

County Consultation : Let's Talk Money

There is a consultation that has been launched this week, asking residents to contribute their views on how and where the Council's budget should be spent. This is at www.northyorks.gov.uk/letstalk

Full Council

At Full Council earlier this month the following motions were passed :

1. to increase the Councillor's allowance by 3.6%. This was not a motion I supported.

2. to lobby central government to amend licensing legislation, to prevent taxis operating within the county that have been issued with licenses from outside the county, this is due to safety concerns.
3. To write to the Secretary of State to ask for a national testing scheme to be put in place to detect prostate cancer
4. To write to the Mayor and local MPs asking for their support for dualling the A64.

A LibDem motion to accelerate the review of the Home to School policy to avoid the policy applying (without review) to another academic year group failed.

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