

**CLlr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister Parish Report**  
**Grantley & Sawley Parish Council : September 2023**

**Transport**

I am continuing to make steady progress with the community bus project and will report further. The residents' survey on future transport priorities has now closed, I will be feeding back comments that have been addressed to me about the need for improved rural provision.

**Community Partnership (Ripon)**

Ripon is one of the pilot schemes for these new networks. I have been asked to be involved to represent the villages and communities that fall within Ripon's "natural hinterland". From what I can establish, there will be steering group that will enable the various community groups, charities and organisations that are active in the area to convene and to help them fundraise. Please let me know if there are any organisations you would like represented.

**The Annual Canvas**

This is an annual exercise now being carried out by NYC (previously HBC). Email and on-line forms are being used for the first time to save on postage costs. I have been asked to assure residents that this is a legitimate exercise as some concerns have been raised about it.

**HUG2**

Please note that this grant scheme has been launched to assist households with improving insulation and heating systems, and to reduce energy consumption and bills. Funding is available to 700 homes across Yorkshire - private rented properties are eligible to apply, although landlords must contribute at least a third of the total cost of the upgrade. To qualify for the new scheme, residents must have a household income of £31,000 or less, or via other eligibility checks. Residents can apply at <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/hug2>

**Parish Charter**

The Parish Charter that was adopted by the Executive in July and the link to it is here : <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/your-council/parish-charter> It is proposed that a Parish Charter Review Group will be set up to support the implementation and monitoring of the Parish Charter and update the document as required. You should be hearing further on this shortly.

### **Social Housing Allocation**

A consultation is taking place, asking residents for their views on how social housing should be allocated. This will inform the creation of a single policy for the whole county. The consultation will run until November 27, giving people the chance to complete a survey which asks for views on income and saving levels permitted for applicants, local connections and exemptions, rural initiatives, assessed needs and the chance to bid across the county area. You can access this here : <http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/housingallocations>

### **Household Support Fund**

Please note that for households struggling with the cost of living crisis the fourth phase of this fund is being rolled out. There are 22,500 residents across the county who are eligible, payable in supermarket vouchers. Households will receive a letter from NYC this month with an individual code.

### **Local Plan**

NYC are due to complete a Local Plan for the County and one of the first stages in preparing this is setting out the Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) which will set out how residents, businesses and organisations can have a say in the preparation of the county's Local Plan, neighbourhood plans and planning applications. A draft SCI has been prepared which will be circulated over the next six weeks for consultation. Please let me know if this does not reach you.

### **Rural Broadband**

Having written to the Secretary of State to ask for the voucher scheme to be reinstated for rural residents I have not had a response. The scheme would enable the residents that are not getting superfast broadband under the NYnet provision to pay for an internet connection while they wait for the Project Gigabit delivery – it mainly impacts the most remote addresses. I raised this with Julian Smith MP at the ACC meeting this month and the response was disappointing but I will continue to chase. The NYC Executive has allocated £800,000 to enable more residents to have online access but this does not make any provision for the cost of a broadband connection, which I will raise with them.

### **Council Meeting & Executive Decisions**

Can I please draw your attention to the Reboot scheme that recycles old laptops and is needing more donations. They must be not more than 5 years old and can be handed in to any County library. Please see details attached.

### **Destination Management Plan**

Having met Janet Deacon (Head of Tourism & Culture) to review the draft DMP, I am discussing this with her further with further review/draft to follow. It is very

important that this sets out the county's ambitions for the tourism industry over the next 10 years and that it is both coherent, well considered and visionary.

### **Yorkshire Water**

A representative from YW attended our ACC meeting this month. I have the presentation available to circulate (17MB so too large to send as an attachment but I would be able to send it by WeTransfer). I am sure you have concerns about the water quality in your local rivers, please note there is a live map planned for the end of the year which will show discharge/overflows which will help with ongoing monitoring.

### **Community Resilience Profile**

A presentation was given at the ACC about the profiles that are being developed for each Parish, these should have been in circulation on 12<sup>th</sup> September for you to review. It should highlight any areas of concern and gaps in information – it will be closely connected to your Emergency Plan, if your Parish has one.

### **Highways/Roads**

I know we will be discussing the measures available to address concerns about the speed of traffic and safety of the road in Grantley this evening. I do not yet have a date for the road markings at the School entrance, I have chased again today. Highways also advise that although the new policy provides for 20mph zones outside of schools, this is still under review in terms of assessing the costings and priorities – so it could still be months before we know what the criteria is, if any community funding needs to be raised and how applications are to be made.

There were also concerns previously raised about the speed of traffic in both villages during the SuperCar events, please advise if you need assistance in taking this forward with the Police.

Referring to my July report, are the lights on Low Gate Lane out of Sawley now operating? I have not raised it with Highways but I remember it was an issue.

### **Locality Budget**

Can I remind all community groups that my budget needs to be allocated by the end of the financial year and there are still some small sums available.

### **Youth Councils**

Please see attached advertisement for a one-year voluntary position on the Young Gamechangers Team. This is a national group, and involves around 12 meetings (online) across the year. It's a brilliant opportunity to develop your skills in being part of a decision making group!

Now that schools are back, I will be picking up on the conversations that have started with RGS and YMCA to establish a Youth Council in Ripon and in the wider area. If any young people are interested in getting involved in this please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

### **NHS Dentists**

I am very concerned about the lack of NHS provision in Ripon. This was raised with Julian Smith MP at a previous ACC. If you are aware of the situation causing any difficulty for residents please do not hesitate to put them in touch with me.

### **Commuted Sums**

I note that Kate Dawson has sent you the Commuted Sums for the Parish, along with Site Map and Guidance Notes, Please let me know if you need assistance with the drawdown of these funds.