

CLlr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister Parish Report Fearby & Healey : July 25

Highways.

I have forwarded the Chair the letter sent by Highways regarding the infringement on the verge and difficulties created for turning vehicles. I have asked him to review this and comment.

I have discussed the mechanism for how works are scheduled for each financial year with Area 6. The decision for the 2026/27 works schedule is finalised in Autumn 2025, the process for selecting a road is based on survey data and feedback from highway officers, the roads are then ranked and a decision made. The link below is helpful at explaining how roads are selected for planned maintenance schemes.

[Road maintenance | North Yorkshire Council](#)

When the budgets are being considered, projects include resurfacing works along with drainage and other schemes. I will diarise an early September email to Highways to stress the schemes that I would like considered. It would be helpful if you could provide me with the order of priority to be given to the works required in the Parish, if not all can be budgeted for.

Community Partnership (Ripon)

In relation to the Gigabit delivery of broadband, the list of villages and addresses for Ripon project is now in circulation. This does not include villages in the parish. I am waiting for dates for the projects covering this area.

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

At the next Working Group meeting, we will receive a proposal for the Mobility Hub for Ripon. I am keen to see improved facilities for bus users, increased capacity for additional and connecting bus routes and for there to be adequate bike parking areas.

I have a meeting next week to review proposals for a bike route connecting Ripon and Fountains Abbey, under the LCWAIP scheme that has funding available.

Locality Budget

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

Allotments

I understand that there is a site that could be suitable, and that Swinton Estate will be in contact with CLlr Gregg to discuss this.

Planning

I am not aware of new planning issues.

Himalayan Balsam

I am working with the Yorkshire Dales Rivers Trust to co-ordinate the removal of Himalayan Balsam. Currently the focus is on Stainley Beck and the villages of Markington and South Stainley. If residents in the parish are interested I can help set up a working group to cover this area, there needs to be a co-ordinated approach to ensure that works are carried out downstream from the source.

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. One of these is Keld Bank. I am waiting on the officer for the pilot project to put forward a draft bid for the group to consider, and also to establish with NYC what they will support in way of conversion of the existing building and any additional dwellings.

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 8th August will soon be made available on the booking system)

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

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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