

Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister Parish Report Fearby & Healey : July 26

Connectivity

- The digital officer at NYC has been liaising with Quickline to establish the extent of the current project's (Gigabit) delivery. They are assessing whether or not any additional dwellings can be included, those that might be very close to other dwellings that have a connection. Properties which are not included after this "change request" to the contract will then be passed to Openreach as part of what BDUK term a 'Type C' procurement. There is not yet a timescale for this next phase.
- Julian Smith has been liaising with the Minister for Digital Connectivity on my behalf about the need for further mobile masts in the area, and the alternatives that are being considered in way of providing mobile coverage. I am waiting for a further response.
- I have established that there might be CIL funding for mobile mast installation. I am liaising between the telecoms agent and the NYC officers to establish how this might be possible and if the mobile phone operators might be persuaded to develop the Ox Close mast if CIL funding were available.
- I am aware that a local resident has been provided with a smart meter connection using broadband connection, by Octopus. This is very good news and worth pursuing with Julian Smith if any other residents are unable to get a connection via mobile.

Community Led Housing

The Mashamshire CLH Trust has been established and we have submitted a bid to purchase Kell Bank. Planning has yet to be granted for change of use. Whilst we have been advised that we do not qualify as an alternative community use I have asked the NYC offer to reconsider this, and there is a chance that some new funding streams enable us to approach the Diocese again. We are also investigating the option of developing council house garages into small housing units. There is one in Masham that might be a suitable pilot, and there is a new tranche of Mayoral brownfield funding that might assist with this.

Don't Spark Disaster

Both the Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors National Parks have launched this campaign to raise awareness of the dangers of wildfires and how to avoid them. A link is here : <https://www.yorkshiredales.org.uk/plan-your-visit/essential-information/fire-safety-in-the-yorkshire-dales/> In light of the current dry weather I thought this might be useful to share.

North Yorkshire Parish Council website

This has recently launched. Parish Clerks will need to register to gain access to it. It is hoped that it will be a more convenient platform for information and engagement between NYC and parishes. Please let me know how you find it.

Ripon Mobility Hub

The Uredale Transport & Connectivity Group met recently to review the principles of a mobility hub and to give feedback on what might be proposed. This mainly relates to the bus station area within Ripon.

Community Transport

The Masham community project is now up and running. It provides transport, mostly to hospital appointments, with volunteer drivers. It's a popular service, supporting both residents in Masham and surrounding villages. The ambition is to purchase a vehicle in the future, and provide other trips such as school transport and social outings.

Access to Banking

This Mayoral Banking Fund has been recently announced. It supports projects that reintroduce or enhance physical banking and cash services on high streets. Approximately £1.2m available in total, individual grants of £30k to £400k. Capital, revenue, or a mix and match funding is required above £50k of total project cost. Capital schemes need a 3-year commitment to run services. The MCO and Peacock & Verity have met recently to establish if Masham might qualify for the funding – an update will follow.

Ripon to Fountains Cycle Route

The report is now complete and the recommended route is the one we were hoping for. The Uredale Transport & Connectivity Working Group are meeting the NYC officer in September to review this and assess what funding is available for which element, and review the remaining LCWAIP routes also.

Quarry Moor

I have attended recent Working Group meetings where I am a non-voting member. Work is in progress with regard to raising funding and managing the site.

Home to School Transport

I submitted a motion for Full Council this week, to reintroduce catchment to Home to School transport. This would avoid children on the North Yorkshire boundary being denied transport to a county school if one outside the county is closer, and for children who live just a few metres closer to one school than another (such as the two schools in Ripon) not being provided transport to their school of choice. I am aware this has created costs for the county by way of new taxi routes, and costs for families (and the environment) who are now driving to school every day. The motion was deferred to Scrutiny Committee, so I will continue to lobby for this – but what is unfortunate is that any chance in policy won't be made in time for next year's intake.

Uredale Transport & Connectivity Group

The Working Group have been asked to circulate the following consultation, please can you encourage everyone to submit their views :

York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority (YNYCA) has been [awarded funding](#) to explore how to deliver better rural and coastal bus services and this study will help to shape approaches to future services.

YNYCA want to hear from people whose voices are often not heard or involved in decisions on transport, whether they use buses or not. Please fill out [this](https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/t/2ZQA1Y/) survey and share with your friends and family in York and North Yorkshire: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/t/2ZQA1Y/>

Rocket Science are working alongside Haskoning UK Ltd as part of the commission for Rural Bus Franchising Studies, commissioned by YNYCA.

If you prefer, we can offer phone calls and visits to groups, just call or text: 0191 3002587 or email: Iona.Nixon@rocketsciencelab.co.uk.



Ousewem Modelling

I have had an update on this project from the NYC Officer. The report is complete but not yet in circulation, it will be presented at the ACC in October. She says the results are compelling, and although measures need to be on a fairly large scale the impact can be demonstrated in terms of preventing downstream flooding. This relates to the catchment areas of the rivers that flow into the Ouse, and the towns and villages that suffer from flooding.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

I am now a member of the board and attending their Full Authority Meeting last Tuesday, where their Local Plan for the next five years was approved.

Feast : www.northyorkshiretogether.co.uk/feast

FEAST is back this summer, offering holiday activities with a healthy meal for young people aged 16 and under across North Yorkshire. Better yet, if you are eligible for benefits-related free school meals then your place is fully-funded

What's happening when?

- From Monday 15th June – browse activities on the FEAST website or view the offline activity listings to see what's on in your area.
- Midday, Monday 22nd June – vouchers go live. Eligible families will receive a text or email from HolidayActivities to redeem their voucher and request places.
- From Friday 24th June – activity providers begin allocating places.

Funded places are available for children who receive benefits-related Free School Meals (or who are eligible by exception – see the FEAST FAQs for details). Each activity you book includes a free healthy meal for your child.

If you believe your child is eligible and do not receive your voucher on 22nd June, please contact your school office.

Families who are not eligible for funded places may be able to book paid places directly with providers.

Visit the FEAST website to explore what's on this summer.

Executive Meetings

The minutes from the June Executive meeting are here :

<https://edemocracy.northyorks.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=1147&MId=20911&Ver=4>

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