



**NORTHERN PARISH FORUM MEETING NOTE**  
Held at the Buck Hotel Reeth 7pm Monday 18 September 2017

Parish Attendees:

Jane Ritchie	Burton-cum-Walden
John Amsden	Carperby
Steve Sheldon	Carperby
Castle Bolton	Margaret Hall
Castle Bolton	Robert Hall
Mary Fawbert	East Witton
Michele de Vaal	East Witton
Michael Barker	Grinton & Ellerton
Geraldine Coates	Grinton & Ellerton
Beverley Phillips	Hudswell
Eric Jarvis	Marske
Sheila Mitchell	Reeth
Ian Scott	Reeth [Left after item 1]

NPA Attendees:

Carl Lis OBE	Chairman
David Butterworth	Chief Executive
Allen Kirkbride	Secretary of State Parish appointed member on NPA Board & Chair Northern Parish Forum
Gary Smith	Director of Conservation & Community
Mark Allum	Head of Access & Engagement
Julie Payne	Committees Officer
Susan Allison	PA to CEO/Chairman
Yvonne Peacock	Richmondshire District appointed member on NPA Board

Guest Speaker

Annie Sumner	Treasurer, Hudswell Community Charity
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*The chair: Allen Kirkbride welcomed attendees to the Northern Forum for Parish Councils*

The following topics were covered:-

Parish Initiative: Hudswell Community Led Housing Scheme (Annie Sumner)

Ms Sumner explained the history of the Hudswell Community Charity. They had been left a piece of land some years ago which was used for grazing. However, the charity had recognised that Hudswell had a housing need and the land could be used for the development. She showed a series of slides which illustrated the 3 year journey to deliver an affordable housing scheme over which they could retain control.

Yvonne Peacock asked that anyone with any interest in developing their own scheme to speak to the Rural Housing Enabler: Amanda Madden, at RDC. Funds were available to cover a feasibility study and help with legal documents.

Ms Sumner was happy to have her contact [email](#) shared with other Parishes and also extended an invitation to them to get in touch and “come and have a look”.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Sumner for her presentation.

**Action: Parish Councils** are invited to suggest other parish council or community projects where the NP could invite people to come and talk about at future forum meetings.

### National Park Management Plan update (Gary Smith)

GS explained why the Plan is the most important document that the Authority produces and how PCs can get involved in influencing what goes into it. He thanked those parish councils who had contributed to the first public consultation and highlighted the top broad 'headline' issues for residents and visitors.

Questions followed: the level of consultation responses; how the Parish Councils can be better informed on consultations; how to help PCs engage more easily; more detailed and 'punchier' questions to elicit debate and bullet points to highlight more easily the detail of the consultation.

GS set out the timetable for the NPMP. This included a forum on November 23<sup>rd</sup> at Ingleborough Community Hall [invitations will be coming to the Parish Councils during the first week of October]. At the same time six evidence reports will be put on the website so that PCs can see these and these will also be linked in the emailed invitations to PCs.

A question and a plea for a joined up access strategy followed from Marske PC about a Green Lane situation which ran between the YDNP and NYCC. There was a brief discussion on the responsibilities of the YDNPA and the NYCC.

### Protecting and celebrating the dark skies of the National Park (Mark Allum)

MA explained the Dark Skies project and the bid to become a Dark Skies Reserve.

The presentation included a Dark Skies picture of the country and the fact that 85% of people can't see a dark sky. The introduction of dark sky marketing by tourism providers provides a great way to market the Dales in traditionally quieter times for tourism providers.

Questions followed on outdoor lighting and street lighting in particular and what could be done to improve the situation. Letters of support from PCs would be welcomed.

### Continuation of Parish Forums

Jane Ritchie was keen that the Parish Forums should continue following the end of the trial this autumn or that some formal way of communicating with Parishes should be used instead. The key to their continuation was attendance and the Chairman urged parishes to ask their clerks to let them know when and where the meetings were taking place and asking them to attend.

### Public Access

Eric Jarvis was keen to find a safer route for the Coast 2 Coast instead of Hardstiles Bank road. He would also welcome the opportunity to access the Hutton Monument which is on private land. DB said that if the permission of the land owners could be sought and an alternative access route plotted [ranger service can help] that this work could be taken forwards.

### Agenda Compilation

Geraldine Coates raised the issue of the agenda and the redrafting prior to the meeting. DB explained the reasons behind the changes and that the most up to date agenda was always available on the Parish Forum website. Therefore Parish Councils are encouraged to put a link for the [Parish Forum web page](#) onto their own parish websites. **Action: PC Clerks**

### AOB

With no further AOB, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and the meeting closed at 8.50pm