

Report for Thornton Dale PC 2nd August 2016

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Environment Agency At the end of July, I had a timely meeting with Kevin Hollinrake MP and the Environment Agency. The discussions included –

- Flood prevention and water quality through the village.
- Accountability of funding from EA detailed from FOIA request.
- Coordination of EA work with PC, RDC and NYCC.
- Other methods of service delivery to cut bureaucracy.
- Future methods and improvement of communication.

I will continue to push the EA to ensure these areas for improvement are delivered.

Beck Isle Wall project This area of the village could be considered to be one of our flagship areas of attraction. Every year, thousands of visitors and local residents alike walk along Beck Isle, picnic and play on the grass and take pictures of the popular Thatched Cottage. However there has been a noticeable deterioration in the general appearance of this area over recent years and this has been drawn to my attention.

At a recent Southern Parks Forum meeting, I made an enquiry to the NYMNP to see if they could help us to address this problem. I had noticed a long stretch of dry stone walling along the A170 outside Kirkbymoorside and was given to believe that it had been part funded by a grant. I was advised to apply to the NYMNP "Communities Grant". If we are successful in this application, the money will have to be paid to an accountable authority which in this case would be the Parish Council. There would be no cost to the PC and no additional charge to our precept.

I believe it is part of my duty to ensure that the area I represent gets its fair share of available public funding – if we don't get it, someone else will!

If there are other projects which the village feel would fulfil the criteria of the grant requirements, then I would be very happy to help groups or residents to apply for them.

**NYMNP Car
Park**

The debate at the last PC meeting with representatives from NYMNP was very informative and I thought both residents and the PC made a good case to NYMNP to look at their parking arrangements for the Thornton Le Dale car park. My feeling is that where we can give positive and evidenced suggestions that will bring improvement to residents, visitors and NYMNP, then we are more likely to get our voice heard.

This would be a good agenda item for the Thornton Dale Ward meeting.

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