

## Report for Thornton Le Dale PC 1<sup>st</sup> August 2017

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### Highways

I met with our new Area 4 maintenance manager Peter Garnham last week. Pete seems very keen to work with communities; He has some pragmatic ideas coupled with a very positive attitude. He's not going to be able to fix everything as the budget is still very tight but I know that he will take note of what is genuinely important to us at local level.

The condition of the road and verge on Rectory Lane has recently been the subject of a complaint to me. There are other similar problems higher up the lane and on South Lane and I have asked Highways to revisit this area.

The problem is that the Non-standard pedestrian lines appear to have encourage cars to park on them and caused overrun onto the verges which are now becoming unstable and progressing down the bank towards the Rectory.

Highways have suggested that they build up the verge with planings and top soil and advise that the PC may consider purchasing "edgemaster" posts which Highways would fit free of charge. This would help to prevent

the problem occurring in the future once the bank had been built up. They could also be used to replace the rocks on the verge higher up the Lane which have also been the subject of complaints. The posts cost £12.25 excluding VAT and have appended a picture to this report.

My own thoughts are that it could solve a problem in several parts of the village and really should be looked at as a whole. There is also the potential to cause problems with grass cutting and maintenance and if they are not substantive, they could deteriorate quite quickly and become unsightly. Clearly the matter needs some consideration from all parties involved before proceeding.

**All Saints  
Access Path** Members of the PC and myself attended the first stage opening of the disabled access path through the church yard. There are clear benefits to the community as a whole as well as the church from this inclusive access path. The total cost of the project is £18,000 and still very much ongoing. I have put in a recommendation for NYCC grant funding of £1,500 towards the lighting of this new access path and the Church will (if granted) match this by a contribution of £1,000. It is hoped that the work will be completed before the winter.

**New Children's  
Minister** Since the May election, I have retained my executive position at NYCC with the same portfolio Lead Member for Children's Services. It's been a busy time partly because the new Children's Minister is our neighbouring Scarborough MP Robert Goodwill. I have already had three official meetings with him and we welcome his interest in NYCC Children's Services.

**Village Map** As I reported last month, we have had some welcomed input from volunteers around the village. I am very conscious of potential duplication of work or possibly a worse scenario, that of work slipping between the cracks because it is put down to someone else's responsibility.

With this in mind, I have been in touch with our mapping department and ordered an extra size map of the village area with the aim of fulfilling several topical issues. These include responsibilities for footpath maintenance, beck maintenance and the plotting of valued "green" sites

within the village including pinfolds. This should tie in with the work of the RDC community officers, NYMNP and NYCC Highways/PRoW.

It would be helpful a PC member could be nominated to liaise with me on this project.

**Village Post Box** The issue of the Post Box was raised at the last PC meeting and I can confirm that there is no public footpath registered which would give a public right of way to the Post Box. This will also be picked up in the village mapping above.

*Janet Sanderson*

## Appendix Rectory Lane Church Lane

**Edge Master**





Rectory Lane from Google earth

