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**Pelican / Puffin
timing**

I have received complaints regarding the timing of the Pelican crossing. The crossing is actually a "Puffin" crossing which means that it has a sensor and can determine how many people are waiting to cross the road and adjust the timing automatically to suit numbers. It can also detect if pedestrians have left the area and no longer need the lights to change. It obviously can't detect any infirmity of pedestrians needing to cross the road. The shortest time for delivery is 9 seconds and the longest time is 19 seconds. This has been checked and found to be in working order.

**Parking on Puffin
Zig zag**

This is a unique situation in that it is a contravention both the police can enforce and NYCC can enforce under civil parking enforcement (CPE), but there is an exemption if a vehicle is loading/unloading under CPE. The police can enforce instantly where as NYCC are required under statutory guidance to observe the vehicle for a minimum of 5 minutes to determine whether loading/unloading is taking place. This makes it very difficult for a Civil Enforcement Officer (CEO) to issue a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN) for this type of contravention.

The problem is causing safety concerns and so after discussion with Jane Wilson, NYCC are prepared to enforce without the observation period. I am advised that CEOs already visit Thornton Dale regularly but it would be helpful if anyone observes the issue happening at a regular time, to contact Jane Wilson and explain when the problem is most prevalent so she can best target this more robust approach to enforcement. Jane's direct dial is 01723 383582.

**Thornton Beck
Environment
Agency / NYCC**

This group has been set up to look at issues raised regarding the beck. They plan to meet again in December when hopefully a draft work plan drawn up will be agreed. As mentioned at the November meeting, a request has been made for a Parish Councillor to be invited to the meetings so that the work of the EA and PC are not duplicated and there is a joined up approach to the implementation of the work plan. This has been a long and hard battle but hopefully we can now have an agreed maintenance plan and a strategy for the prevention of flooding in this area.

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Bike Rack

I understand that in August this year an instruction was passed to the Engineer to raise an order to replace the bike rails outside the New Inn (thought to be the same as before 5 in total) Sharon will chase up and find out when the work is likely to be done .

Railing

- The park railings are the responsibility of the PC not NYCC.
- The railings along the beck side on Maltongate went out for quote which has been approved so now just waiting for the work to be done.

Regarding the Park railings, I do have a small "Locality Grant" and could look at funding a repair from this pot if the PC felt appropriate.

**Wooden railings
by bridge**

Imminent start date as the order has been passed to the contractor to be done.

**Edging stones on
A170 / beck**

These were done on 20th October but Ian has been made aware one has gone for a swim again! (By the railings)

**Excavation Work
by Alms Houses**

I understand that the refurbishment work is complete. I am advised that the excavation is street lighting who have had to replace a damaged post and they are now waiting for re-connection.

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25th November 2015