

## Report for Thornton Dale Parish Council

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- Environment Agency** Siltation in Thornton Beck has once again been something of an issue. The Forestry Commission are having to replace the bridge at Dalby, they have been working with the EA to handle this in the best possible way, but issues have been raised.
- Pelican Crossing** I have been looking at the Mouchel report on traffic in the village centre and getting views from residents and businesses regarding some of the suggestions in their report. On 17<sup>th</sup> January, Cllr. Garbutt and myself attended a meeting at Highways area 4 to go through details of the report with the area managers.
- We felt that “tinkering around the edges” would not be money spent wisely. The crossing needs a set of lights at the Whitbygate junction to coordinate with the A170. We appeared to convince area 4 and they have asked a signals engineer to have a look at this. It will be a costly option and nothing will happen quickly, but hopefully they will now take note of this issue and move to address it.
- NYMNP Car Park** The Mouchel also made note of the need to address parking issues in the village and made suggestions regarding the NYMNP car park. This could be a useful in canvassing the NYMNP to look at implementing short term car park options.
- Minerals and Waste Joint Plan** The Examination in Public of the MWJP is being held at County Hall and starts on the 27<sup>th</sup> February for one week. This is an important document and it should be remembered that it contains policies for a wide range of planning areas. I have appended my statement to the Wolds area which gives more information.

I now understand that West Sussex and Rotherham have recently had Minerals & Waste plans approved at examination which include policies for unconventional gas. The MWJP includes very sensitive planning areas and it would appear that we have put forward a strong plan to give us maximum protection. The document is not in the hands of the planning inspector.

*Janet Sanderson*

### **Wolds Area News February 2018**

The Minerals and Waste Joint Plan (MWJP) seems to be the hot topic this month. I was first involved with this plan through my work with the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) long before being elected to either District or County Council and I was delighted to see the final draft plan sent to the planning inspector for the "Examination in Public". Having sat on both District and County planning committees, I bear the scars of trying to determine a planning application when the current Development Plan is outdated. In effect, we have no local voice because where the Local Plan is out of date then the National Plan takes its place.

Planning can be a very emotive topic, but the policies within the MWJP are made in a non-adversarial environment allowing structured debate and a negotiated stance to be formed between all stakeholders including you as residents. How quick we are to form campaign groups but reluctant to respond to consultations.

There are some who seek to use the MWJP a tool to stop "Hydraulic fracturing" in North Yorkshire. The plan contains important policies for oil and gas, and as NYCC is the first local authority to put forward a development plan containing policies for unconventional gas, you can be sure that all eyes will be watching us. However when a local plan is misused in this manner, there is a danger that policies for other important developments such as land fill, quarries and incineration, simply get thrown out with the bathwater.

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