

**Report for Thornton Dale PC**  
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**Thornton Beck**    The Environment Agency have recently been harvesting weed from the  
**Priestmans**    beck throughout the village. The stretch along Priestmans Lane and Beck  
**Lane**    Isle by good luck was completed just in time for the annual charity Duck  
Race. Many sand banks in the middle of the stream bed were noted after  
the weed had been removed, causing fast currents of water to run either  
side of them. Over the last year it has been noted that the bank has been  
eroded by the stream and now starting to undercut the Highway. The  
increase in current may be a possible cause. I have sent on a report to  
Highways regarding this situation.

**Fire / Police**    There is now a duty to cooperate between all blue light services. If by  
**Authority**    collaborating they can make savings enabling them to put greater  
**consultation**    recourses at the front line, then for me there is little debate to be had, but  
the method of achieving these efficiencies could have deep and lasting

consequences.

At our last executive meeting, we considered the Police and Crime Commissioner's (PCC) consultation regarding proposals for changes to the governance of Fire and Rescue Service. The reports and meetings on this subject have been long and involved but basically boiled down to two options, the "Representation" model where the PCC is represented on the Fire and Rescue Authority or the "Governance" model where the PCC takes on full responsibility for the Fire and Rescue Service and the Fire and Rescue Authority ceases to exist.

These are two of the most public facing front line services giving help to the public when they are at their most vulnerable so it's crucial they get it right. Each authority has evolved separately learning from experience in their specialist fields. Sometimes methodology appears to be quite bizarre but works for a proven reason. To move at pace in reforming a service gives the promise of greater savings but with greater risk and on this point I have no doubt we all want the minimum of risk attached to blue light services. Reform can be like pulling at a snag on a knitted jumper, one little tug and the whole garment unravels.

I supported the Representation model because it allows the two services to collaborate, but also gives them the ability to step up to a Governance model as and when the changes have been proven. With an immediate move to a Governance method, there is no return the Fire and Rescue Authority ceases to exist.

**Grant applications**

NYCC locality grant funding of £1,500 towards the lighting of this new access path and the Church has been accepted.

A new application to make up the failed grants from RDC and NYMNP towards repairs of the beck wall in the village will be submitted.

**Items noted by public**

1. Church Clock
2. Dirty benches on Beck Isle

*Janet Sanderson*