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- Cemetery & allotment flooding.** I believe a "section 50" licence is being applied for to identify utility services so that an excavation of drains in this area can be made.
- I visited the Thornton Internal Drainage Board office and confirmed with them that the cemetery and allotments are outside of their area.
- Highways** A tile was reported to have fallen off the roof of the old school on Chestnut Avenue. Highways are dealing with this issue.
- Council Tax Freeze** Members of the County Council's Executive will meet next week to approve a package of measures - including a proposal not to increase council tax - to be considered by the full council, at its annual budget meeting on February 20. If approved, it will have saved the average household £95 over the three years."
- Children and young people** Pete Dwyer, the current Director of Children's and Adult Services at York, has been appointed to the post of Director of Children and Young People's Service here at the County Council.
- Flooding** Silver Alert has been reinstated
- NYCC consultation On funding.** This was an excellent meeting with both members and officers from NYCC and RDC. Julia Mulligan our new Police and Crime Commissioner was present with Ian Spittal our Deputy chief Constable. Unfortunately it was a very inclement snowy evening and only four members of the public were present.
- I do have the power point presentation from the evening. Should anyone be interested in viewing this, I will send it out electronically through the clerk.
- Minerals & Waste** NYCC are in the process of updating their Minerals and Waste Policies. Before being elected, I attended several of their public consultation meetings. Waste and aggregates were given a lot of consideration, but very little attention given to the extraction of the counties reserves of gas.
- I have recently drawn this to the attention of NYCC again and will be keeping a close watch on this emerging policy.
- Recycling RDC** Dalby residents have asked when they will be receiving recycling of plastic bottles and cardboard. Reply from Becky Bennett streetscene manager below –

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There are currently about 1,000 properties (4% of the district) situated in the more remote upland areas of North York Moors National Park that are still to receive the new service for recycling plastic bottles and cardboard.

The roll-out had originally been planned for early in 2013 however there have been unavoidable delays to progressing with the implementation due to the flooding prior to/during the Christmas period and then the current extreme weather conditions.

The way we offer the service to properties that are located in the outlying areas of the district is something we are currently considering carefully as there are a

number of options that have presented themselves which are being explored further with a view to ensuring the service is provided as cost effectively and efficiently as possible. Alternative ways of providing the service are being assessed ie. using different vehicles and collection arrangements for the same materials, and we are currently examining the weight data we have from the other collection rounds to enable us to establish confidence in any alternative options that may be available before we commit ourselves.

Completing the roll-out of the new recycling service remains a priority and we expect to have some results by the end of February to enable us to plan the final stage of implementation.

Congratulations to Alan on being co-opted to the Parish Council, I wish him every success.

Janet Sanderson