

Hayton & Burnby Parish Council

Chairman's Report 2016-2017

This was a busy year for the Parish Council, in some ways productive and in other ways very frustrating. The main issues revolved around Drainage and Flooding, the increase in heavy traffic from Partridge Hall Quarry, the formation of a Neighbourhood Development Plan and the provision of a defibrillator for the village of Burnby.

At the May AGM/Parish Council Meeting Cllr. Bettison was re-elected as Chairman and Cllr. Sedcole as Vice Chairman. Cllr. Wagstaff was appointed as representative to the Action Access A1079 Group and Cllr. Bettison to the Western Parishes Liaison Group. All other posts and responsibilities remained the same, with Cllr. Sedcole as Councillor with responsibility for financial matters and Mr. S Young as Internal Auditor. Cllrs are: Mrs C Wagstaff, Mrs E Thackray, Mrs M Drewery Mr D Smith, Mr D Nicholson, Mr S Sedcole and Mr M Bettison. Cheque signatories are Cllrs. Drewery, Nicholson, Thackray and the Parish Council Clerk. The Parish Council Clerk is Mrs J Green. The Annual Audit was approved.

May: The work of the Flood Committee gathered pace. With the help of Ward Cllr Mike Stathers a camera survey had been carried out in Burnby and work at Whitehouse farm was scheduled to take place to give extra run off from the main road to the beck. Concerns were raised regarding the beck where it passed through John Green's land in Hayton. He was to be invited to the next Flood Committee meeting. No plans had been received from the EA to deal with problems on their stretches of the beck. ERYC had undertaken a feasibility study regarding the relocation of the Re-cycling Centre at Burnby. This concluded that the location was unsuitable but no budget was available to move it. Cllrs. Nicholson and Bettison met with ERYC Officers to organise passing places on the road from Hayton to Burnby. The work was expected to take place in July. A meeting was organised to discuss problems caused by Quarry traffic. Ward Cllrs, ERYC Officers, Ashcourt and four local Parish Councils invited. It was decided that further work on the viability of a Neighbourhood Plan should go ahead. ERYC Planning Officers informed the Parish Council that, due to a lack of historic action, a Certificate of Lawfulness had been issued to Kirby Transport and there were now no planning restrictions related to the site.

June: A meeting was held on 13th June to discuss problems caused by heavy traffic from the Ashcourt Quarry. It was attended by Planning and Highways Officers from ERYC, two Ward Cllrs. Ashcourt Transport Manager, the Quarry owners and reps from three Parish Councils plus Jo Green who acted as Clerk. Issues revolved around road safety, with examples of aggressive

driving and minor accidents. Damage to roads, verges, culverts and bridges and a lack of passing places on very tight roads. All these problems were taken on board and it was agreed that they would be looked at by all concerned.

July: Quarry traffic problems continued. A near accident involving horse riders was reported and a disability scooter user said that he was now afraid to use the local roads. Residents were to be advised to report incidents to the police. Work started on the drainage through White House Farm but work involving the EA had still not been done. As with other years, the ragwort problems on the A1079 had not been resolved. A meeting of the Flood Committee took place. ERYC had done more work on the gullies and jetted the drains but most of the intended work was still ongoing. A Parish Cllr from Bielby gave a presentation on their efforts to keep the beck clear.

August: The passing places on the road from Hayton to Burnby were installed but the proposed area within the Hayton boundary had been seeded with grass. It was felt that this was the wrong solution. The Parish Council budget was discussed in view of increased expenditure on IT equipment and the increase in the Clerk's hours. The costings for the defibrillator were received and agreed. The ragwort was partially mown. Another Flood Committee meeting was held after all stretches of the beck had been walked by Parish Cllrs. This highlighted several problem areas to be dealt with. Cllr Sedcole was drafting a Flood Plan for the Parish.

September: An application for funding for the defibrillator was submitted and a Grant of £1000 had been received for IT equipment. The external audit was completed successfully. A Quarry meeting was scheduled for 20th Sept. and Owen Robinson of ERYC had agreed to attend the October Parish Council meeting to give further information regarding the setting up of a Neighbourhood Plan. The Flood Committee meeting was attended by several riparian owners to discuss a strategy for keeping the banks of the beck clear. It was pointed out by a farmer whose land contains a stretch of the beck controlled by the EA that not only do the EA neglect their responsibilities but put restrictions on the work that he can carry out on the beck. It was agreed that all present would try to work together to reduce the risk of flooding. A group of villagers in Burnby volunteered to clear the build-up of silt under Burnby Bridge. The road in front of Bridge Farm, Hayton had, at last, been raised to cure the flooding problem. The footpaths in Hayton were top dressed by ERYC.

October: Owen Robinson of ERYC gave a presentation on the logistics of setting up a Neighbourhood Plan. This was very enlightening and led to renewed enthusiasm to continue the project. A Certificate of Lawfulness was granted to Mr M Kirby of Burnby regarding a breach of Planning Permission which effectively rescinded the Agricultural Tenancy Clause on his dwelling.

November: A Quarry meeting had taken place, the main subject being the substantial damage to the roads around the quarry. Some of these are becoming unusable for domestic vehicles. A meeting is to be arranged between ERYC and Ashcourt to discuss this. The refurbished grass verge in Hayton was rapidly being eroded and leading to damage on the opposite verge. The EA had at last agreed to do a beck walk in Hayton in Jan/Feb 2017 and clear any vegetation and obstructions. Information was received from ERYC regarding major drainage repair work in Burnby. Funding was being sought for this. Neighbourhood Planning was discussed and a questionnaire and other information was given out to Cllrs. to study and decide if they wished to form a Neighbourhood Plan. The Parish Council agreed that BT could remove both Payphones in the Parish. It was unanimously agreed to oppose the plans for a development of 380 dwellings in Pocklington in the absence of any infrastructure improvements.

December: In spite of the work done so far, the road outside the church in Burnby was ankle deep in water at the start of the month. A grant for the defibrillator had been approved. Fibre Broadband was now available in Hayton and work was progressing in Burnby, It was agreed that the Parish Council would proceed with the setting up of a Neighbourhood Plan. ERYC were in the process of a Flood Risk Management Plan for the area and Cllr Sedcole was still doing likewise but funding was still not agreed. The relief drain through White House Farm was still not operational two month after installation

January: Cllr Sedcole reported on the progress of Flood Plans for Burnby. ERYC had drawn up plans for a new drainage system for the village but no funding was yet available. A Flood Committee meeting was arranged for February. Information was received from ERYC Public Health outlining changes to the ambulance service. This would centre around the decrease in the number of First Responders. The grassed passing place in Hayton was now badly damaged by heavy traffic. The Neighbourhood Plan suffered a setback as the resident who had offered his help had now withdrawn.

February: The defibrillator was delivered and fitted in Burnby. At the Flood Committee meeting, Russ Towse of ERYC gave a presentation on the proposed work to be carried out in Burnby. A new drain to be installed down Long Hill and some new gullies to feed in to the existing and new drain leading from the village centre into the beck at an estimated cost of £85000 to £90000. This is subject to approval by the EA.

March: Two residents of Burnby attended the PC meeting to express their concerns and frustration regarding the problems caused by quarry traffic which has been running at an unprecedented level in recent weeks. They presented a list of problems and their suggestions to alleviate them. They agreed to organise a public meeting in Burnby to get all interested and involved parties together and approach Ashcourt personally to put their proposals to the company. The meeting took place in Burnby church and was well attended. They have carried

on this dialogue with Ashcourt and the PC and some results are encouraging. A training session for use of the defibrillator was scheduled for 28th March. The EA had still not been to do the work on the beck South of Hayton and a tree had collapsed across the stretch near Bielby Lane. A fast response was made by Andy Harper of ERYC and the obstruction was removed. Cllr Sedcole was still formulating the Flood Plan which will be incorporated into the Parish Community Emergency Plan. Notice was received of a Planning Appeal regarding the proposed housing development in Pocklington. ERYC agreed to re-instate the passing place in Hayton.

April: The two residents of Burnby gave an update on their discussions with Ashcourt regarding traffic problems and the results achieved so far. They were thanked for their support and help. The defibrillator training had taken place and Cllr Sedcole was appointed as 'guardian' to carry out regular checks. The new drainage pipe at White House Farm was at last brought in to use and at the end of April the EA completed the work promised in September last year! Fibre Broadband became available in Burnby.

I would like to thank my fellow Councillors, our hard working Clerk, Ward Councillors, residents and all others who have helped in the work of the Parish Council during the past year and look forward to everyone's support in the coming year.

Thank you all,

Mick Bettison