

# Hovingham with Scackleton Parish Council Meeting

Summary of meeting held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 7<sup>pm</sup> in Community Room

## HOVINGHAM SCHOOL

- Residents, village groups, Hovingham Estate and the Parish Council have come together to oppose any closure of the school. The school is open for enrolment and parents encouraged to choose Hovingham.
- Volunteers have tidied up the school exterior, paint the railings and publicise the school is open.
- Residents are asked to take part in the NYCC consultation which now ends on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December.

## PRECEPT FOR 2022-23

- Parish Council has a deficit of £750 this year due to increased grass cutting and other costs.
- The Parish Council must reduce costs/frequency and balance the 2023 budget.
- It was agreed a charge of £31.46 should be charged. This is an increase of £5.18 per annum per band D property (20% for the past two years), the total precept would be £7,900.

## MOSEYS CLEUD

- The complaint against RDC has now reached the assessment stage of the process with the Local Government Ombudsman.
- The UK Government advise that a CLEUD cannot be applied for while an enforcement action is in progress. This enforcement action has been confirmed by a Freedom of Information Act response from RDC, who need to be reminded of this and reject the CLEUD.

## Scackleton

- A 30mph sign stolen in Scackleton, which has been reported to NYCC for replacement.

## Christmas Tree

- Hovingham Market will be providing a village Christmas Tree. There will be an opportunity to recycle old Christmas Trees after Christmas, organised by the Action Group & Project Purple.

## Drainage

- A planned meeting with NYCC and Yorkshire Water was planned for 22<sup>nd</sup> November. The overall situation in Hovingham is that old infrastructure needs urgent surveying and repair.
- In most heavy rain there is overflowing of drains somewhere in the village.

## Flagpole

- A resident and the Market have together purchased a flagpole to be located outside the village hall. Anyone wanting to "fly the flag" must contact the Parish Clerk at least 7 days in advance.

## Hovingham Inn

- Remains closed. NYCC are being chased to repair the wall and refurbish the footpath.

## Recycling Area

- Now has new fencing and is resurfaced. A new collection bin was delivered however, could not fit through the entrance.... RDC have financed this and Project Purple organised it.

## Traffic

- Parish Council and residents all support slowing down and reducing noise and vibration nuisance.
- They do support localized 20mph speed restrictions in selected locations on a village-by-village basis and each opportunity evaluated on its merits. In Hovingham this could be in Church and Park Streets.
- In the short term a reduced width chicane will be painted by NYCC at the Park Street gates with slow down markings at the Helmsley and Malton entrances in the Spring. Once complete the NY Police will determine the benefit of moving the Park Street 30mph sign "into the park".
- Active Police enforcement of speed limits is required to make any speed limit taken seriously.
- Traffic activated signs will be implemented if grants are available and/or a village fund raising group is established. Between £5,000 and £9,000 would be required.
- Speedwatch will resume in the Spring.

## Village Maintenance

- Village seats have been moved into winter storage and maintenance, some seats cannot be moved and these will be maintained in place. The damaged seat by the old quarry entrance will be repaired in place as it could not be removed.
- Damage to the bridge at the station by an unknown vehicle has been logged to NYCC and will be part of their repair program.

Thank you to everyone who has made this all possible and the next Parish Council meeting will be on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2023. Copies of minutes and reports on website [www.hovingham.org.uk/council](http://www.hovingham.org.uk/council)