

## Public Open Meeting held on Monday 8 April 2019

### Questions from the floor

Following the Chairman's update a further update was given by Councillor Baxter, as Chair of the Flood Alleviation Group (FAG). The beaver trail is an initiative following concern regarding the lack of funding for maintenance to the existing flood defences. The Derwent Catchment Partnership has been awarded 50k to spend in four flooding areas of Hovingham, Gilling East, Thornton le Dale and Sinnington. Last September a site visit took place with NYCC, FAG is currently awaiting the outcome and recommendations. Once received FAG will then be able to apply for funding.

Q Could the Village consider getting an electric car charging point?

A The Clerk will add to a future agenda for discussion.

A Councillor asked for volunteers to help with digging the parking area that was deteriorating. The plan was to dig out then add new drainage, add a membrane and re-seed the grass. The materials needed would possibly cost between £300 to £400.

Q What is the parking donations money spent on?

A It all goes into the same pot but essentially for maintenance of the village green. The cutting of the Green has been subsidised by Cllr Baldwin. This coming year the cost will be £500.

Q Do kerbs around a green have to be uniform could stone slabs be used?

A This is not possible, due to liability issues. Highways are responsible for the road and kerb side.

A resident had previously submitted questions and comments. One was regarding the state of the grass verges which as discussed this evening was the responsibility of the Highways department not the PC. Another was regarding mud on the road. If residents wish to report mud left on the road causing a hazard this is a Police issue and should be reported to 101 when witnessed.

A comment was previously received regarding the village gateway sign, costs are currently being looked into. Also the possibility of converting the wide verge on the left beyond the stables to additional parking. Again as it is the highway and verge this is out of the control of the PC and the responsibility of NYCC Highways department.

Residents expressed appreciation to the Chairman. He is a great asset to the village and has achieved a great deal, a footpath at Church Hill, The Stripe, Village Meeting Room, to name but a few. All present applauded Roger's hard work over the past year.