

**HELMSLEY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**AGENDA for the Monthly Meeting of Helmsley Town Council**  
to be held in the National Park Meeting Room on Monday 14 December 2015 at 6:30pm

**Part One – opening business**

**1 Apologies**

To receive apologies and approve reasons for absence.

**2 Code of Conduct**

To receive declarations as required by the Code of Conduct.

**3 Public Comments**

To receive comments from the public for future consideration.

**4 Minutes**

To agree and sign the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

**5 Exchange of Information and items for next agenda**

**a) Chairman's Report**

**b) Clerk's Report**

I. Footpath between Pottergate and Bridge Street update.

**II. Documents received and sent to councillors:**

a. NYCC Asset Management has agreed that the council may claim £531.95 for cutting visibility splays and need not do the Harome/A170 visibility splay.

b. Pottergate surface water – Yorkshire Water carried out a Jet Van investigation by 2nd December, NYCC have reopened the case, Yorkshire Water Case Ref: 3243618. NYCC had a site visit on 8<sup>th</sup> December and will lower the height of the drain.

c. Letter from resident about the budget, precept and advice about the level of reserves required.

d. Ryedale Crime Statistics.

**Part Two – for determination**

**6 Planning and Tree Applications: To consider the following trees application.**

NYMNPA has received a notification to fell 7 Horse Chestnut Trees on the A170 Thirsk approach to Helmsley (western side of the road). One tree has already been removed on safety grounds and the others have various amounts of damage, disease or decay.

**7 Consultation: To consider a response to the following:**

NYCC/NYMNPA/City of York [Minerals and Waste Joint Plan – Preferred Options](#)

**8 'Fracking' Working Group**

To consider setting up a working group to pursue the following aims in relation to shale gas exploration and drilling (fracking) in the Helmsley area and across Ryedale.

1. Monitoring changes in the wider context, e.g. in policy, planning or legislation, that are potentially relevant to Helmsley
2. Informing and consulting with residents about fracking as it may affect Helmsley
3. Liaising with other local councils/councillors for mutual benefit in building capacity to act effectively in relation to fracking on behalf of residents in Helmsley and across Ryedale.
4. Reporting back to the Town Council with regard to the above

**9 Finance, Audit and Governance**

To agree payments and to sign cheques and to authorise two councillors to carry out the Unity online transactions as per the list provided.

**Part Three – for information**

**10 Planning: To receive planning decisions**

None received.

**11 Streetlights**

- a) To ratify the decision of the clerk to order a new LED light, Ashdale Road LP27, as it has failed, ahead of the order due for the 2016-2017 financial year.
- b) To note that NorthernPowergrid has disconnected LP27 following a report to them from a neighbour about electrical problems following Northerpowergrid fitting new cabling.

**12 Churchyard Trees**

- a) To receive the response to the proposed works to the trees in the Churchyard.
- b) To consider writing to the National Westminster Bank to ask the bank to maintain the trees adjacent to the Churchyard.

**13 Meetings, training and events: To receive reports**

- a) Streetlights owned by Helmsley Town Council. Tuesday 8 November - Meeting with Mr P Ball, NYCC. Councillors Hawkins and Parkin and the Assistant Clerk.
- b) Library Working Group Meeting on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2015.

**14 Finance, Audit and Governance**

- a) To discuss the draft budget.
- b) To receive and note the [Bank Reconciliation](#) to the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
- c) To receive and note the [Running Budget](#) to the 30<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

**Signed**

**Date**