

Mayors Report – January 2024

No invitations since the December meeting

Issues relating to Norton:

Flooding: another flooding event took place over the Christmas and early new year with temporary pumps yet again deployed in Church Street. We now have the meeting with the agencies responsible for flood protection and highways for Jan 30th. The major issues that need discussing at this meeting are 1) the urgent need for a permanent pumping solution for Norton – timescale/joint funding etc. and 2) impact on the town of the use of temporary pumps – on local business and traffic from the road closures/diversions.

We considered the possibility of a joint meeting with Malton on flooding, but decided to hold our own meeting as Nortons issues are different to those in Sheepfoot Hill and Old Malton. I would therefore ask members to concentrate their questions/comments at the meeting on the 30th to Norton.

Fortunately in this latest incident concerted efforts by YW, EA & NYC meant that properties were not flooded despite very high levels in the River Derwent. There were however problems with the outflow at Mill Beck which led to gardens flooding to property on Welham Road – which hasn't happened for many years. The problem was rapidly dealt with by the EA preventing major damage.

Lakeside:

Some members will have seen that the fencing adjacent to the path between Lakeside and St Peter's Street has been damaged and is in danger of collapse. The Clerk is trying to establish ownership of the fence with NYC to sort out repairs.

I have also been in touch with NYC public footpaths around other issues at Lakeside. Firstly during the recent period of flooding the path referred to above flooded very badly to a depth of about 6 inches. This was made worse by the owners of the site next to the path who recently felled trees on the site which would have absorbed this water and prevented so much run off onto the path. I am consulting with NYC as to what action they can take to prevent this becoming a regular occurrence.

Secondly I am asking for action to be taken on the state of the path surrounding the lake itself which is lifting in several places as a result of tree roots underneath it. Not wanting wholesale removal of trees in the area, but there may be some that can be felled as they are very congested in some areas and the path relaid.

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