

Mayors Report – February 2024

I attended the Ryedale Youth Theatre pantomime which was as usual a superb production – this year celebrating 75 years of productions. A huge amount of time and effort goes into the panto and it is a brilliant showcase for the talented young people of Malton and Norton.

An extremely successful Seniors Party was held at the RCLC at the end of last month – greatly enjoyed by all who attended. Many thanks to those councillors who came along to help on the day and to the Clerk for her help in organising the event.

Issues relating to Norton:

Flooding: flooding has continued to cause problems throughout January and into Feb. Church Street is again partially closed which is impacting on businesses in Norton and creating traffic chaos on St Nicholas Street.

I have continued to ask that the partial closure be removed and better signage/speed restrictions to be installed.

The meeting held by the council with the EA, YW and NYC/Highways was helpful in bringing everyone to the table and allowing the opportunity for members and the public to ask questions. A relatively quick outcome is that I was pleased to learn that NYC are currently having a ramp manufactured to put over the pump pipework, which should remove the need for the road closure on Church Street, except when water levels are so high that a second pump is needed in the road itself near the garage. No timeline as to when this will be delivered, but when it is it should improve the situation during the ever increasing number of flood events we are experiencing each year.

Lakeside:

The damaged fencing adjacent to Lakeside has now been removed and barriers installed by NYC. Still awaiting notification of when the replacement fence will be installed.

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