

To receive Cllr. Mrs Richardson's update on village gardening group activity – photographs had been taken to aid future planting schemes. The ivy had been trimmed back from the church wall and Mrs Richardson pointed out to the meeting that there was an iron tub behind the school bins in need of disposal. The hedge and line of trees to the north of the Woodland Walk were in need of attention, and the PC would write to Joey Barrowman to remind him of this, linking the reminder in with our much earlier letter. Richard Noble had volunteered to spray the church wall for weeds.

To decide upon signatories to grant approvals – the Chairman and the Treasurer signed the forms, which the Clerk would post to the relevant authority the following day.

To decide definitively on new notice board – District Councillor Mr. Richard Musgrave offered to enquire whether favourable prices might be obtainable via the purchasing power of the District Council, and would report back.

To receive any further information regarding school litter bins – despite the undertaking both to re-site the bins, and to replace them with containers of a smaller size, nothing had been done, and the Clerk was instructed to write to remind them. The Chair of Governors had promised to contact Simon Parkinson at NYCC to progress the matter.

To receive Cllr. Mrs Richardson's report on progress over Community Speedwatch – the 1-30 to 2-30 initiative on Main Street didn't yield any result, but two weeks ago between 7-45 and 8-45 and this morning 7.00 to 8.00 caught two motorists speeding at 39mph. Approval is still awaited from NYCC for Headwell Lane

To receive Clerk's report on approach to Highways Agency over increasing traffic noise coming from the A1(M) – the Clerk had still received no reply, and would write again.

To Discuss Public Rights of Way Consultation and Report on Meeting with Andy Hunter

NYCC is consulting with the public over changes to rights of way; a proposal to divert certain footpaths within this parish had been approved at The Planning and Regulatory Sub-Committee as long ago as 2013, which has then to proceed to an order to carry the matter through, and Cllrs. Ms Marshall and Mr. Cook met with Andy Hunter of NYCC to walk the paths, mostly those tenanted by Richard Bayston since he is the person most wanting to make changes. There was particular concern over the footpaths on the edge of the field boundary in Dam Lane, and over the dyke side of Headwell Lane, where there was insufficient verge remaining to allow pedestrians to walk safely. Cllr. Ms Marshall is chasing up-to-date rights of way maps, so that we have definitive information. It was noted that the current consultation by NYCC was on the administration/maintenance of the rights of way.

To set meeting with PCC to discuss works to Churchyard

There had been no further communication from the vicar.

To Discuss Cycling Event planned for Easter Sunday

Concern was expressed over the speed of the contestants and the resulting danger and inconvenience to residents. It was pointed out that residents on Headwell Lane were even considering employing their parked cars as obstruction

To Receive Report from Cllr. Mr. Westmoreland on Electrical Work in the Village

This work was ongoing; sockets for Christmas lighting not yet finished, and the short brackets fitted are temporary. No invoice yet received, despite requests from the Clerk. Cllr. Ms Marshall has been working to remove ivy where it obscures the proscum.

Public Forum

A number of residents had complained about heavy machinery going into Conachers field, and the Clerk was instructed to ask Highways to investigate. The hedge on the north boundary of the village green had been topped out and the trimmings left. The gardening group would ask