

**Public Session - The Parish Council will, time permitting, adjourn the council meeting for a short time to allow for public comment and questions:**

This item was moved to the beginning of the meeting and the public enjoyed a lengthy debate on a number of issues, which are summarised as follows:

- Back Lane – The section along the pub footpath is too narrow for vehicles to pass, so a reversing manoeuvre is necessary. Parishioners would like to see a No Entry sign at the York end, a reduction of the speed limit to 20 MPH and an assessment of the needs to deal with the knock-on effect at the Stamford Bridge end.
- Speeding – Crossing the Main Road to access the bus stops and the village hall car park is hazardous. Parishioners would like to see a reduction in the speed limit to 30 MPH
- Noticeboard – It was understood that the tree with the noticeboard attached was to be felled, so the noticeboard had been removed. Parishioners felt the noticeboard would be better sited near the post box. The Parish Council had received an offer of help with a replacement, so the resident would be thanked and advised that sites were currently being considered.
- Chestnut Tree – There was concern that such a large tree was understood to be facing felling. The Parish Council would find out if there was a TPO and ask if it could just be cut back.
- Communication – Residents liked the newsletter, as not many passed the notice boards. Cllrs felt that this could continue for the four main meetings, but extra-ordinary meetings would be advertised via the notice board. The use of email distribution lists would be looked at as another means of communication.
- Litter Pick – A number of residents expressed interest in helping and the dates would be agreed at the next meeting.
- It was reported that recently lead had been stolen from the church roof.
- Street Lighting – Residents found some of the village area very dark and queried how much additional lighting would be. Others queried why some lighting stayed on all night and other were switched off. The Parish Council would look into this.
- Parish Website – the parish currently doesn't have one and whilst it would be nice to have one, keeping it up to date took time. The Parish Council currently met its minimum legal requirements by uploading its documents to a NYCC data sets portal.
- BATA Housing development – the litter bins were causing a nuisance when left on the road awaiting collections, so the Parish Council would ask if space could be made on site.

A progress report on items raised in the public session would be given by the Chairperson at the next meeting and only added to the agenda, if/when an action was required.

**To discuss new planning applications received:**

1. 17/01403/HOUSE                      Risewood Bungalow, Gate Helmsley  
No Objections, Unanimous

**To report planning decisions by Ryedale District Council:**

17/00859/FUL                      Gate Helmsley House                      Approved



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