

**General:** The PC has worked actively with an overarching priority to maintain and protect our rural status, as defined in the Local Authority Regional Plan. In last year's Local Elections we secured a quorum yet still had constitutional room for 2 Councillors so, after statutory vetting, 2 x further Councillors were co-opted; one each from KP and NB. Recently we ensured residents were informed of Covid-19 emergency measures in ERYC<sup>1</sup>, how to volunteer to help, how to access local community support and we ensured emergency powers were enacted to enable the PC to continue to function in accordance with the Covid-19 Legal Restrictions imposed and as advised by both ERYC and ERNLLCA<sup>2</sup>.

**Planning and Consultations:** We commented on 8 planning applications and 3 retrospective ones (11); we expressed concerns about increase in retrospective applications although this was apparently not excessive compared across ERYC. We contributed to 7 external consultations: Town & Parish Council Charter, Wolds Against Rural Crime, Police Powers for Unauthorised Encampments, Public Transport & Timetables, Rough Sleepers, Joint Local Access, Town and PC Planning Liaison ERYC. In our continuous drive to improve governance and maintain transparency we introduced 6 new policies about how we conduct our affairs and revised 4 existing plans/policies (Emergency Plan, Financial Regulations, Risk Register, Asset Register).

**Community Issues:** Along with routine business and finance we also tackled the following key issues:

- **Flood Risk Management:** We continued to discuss flooding concerns as a standing item and our aim remains to continue community dialogue to lead towards an action plan to carry out routine annual beck clearance mobilising community support to do so; **action PC.**
- **Public Nuisance/Anti-Social Behaviour:** We addressed dog fouling, littering and fly-tipping and although this improved it has relapsed. We discussed it with subject matter experts and partners to get a solution - whilst not ideal it was the best option with assets and finance at our disposal. We will continue to work partners to take forward potential resolutions; **action PC.**
- **BT Phone Box (NB):** BT issued notice with the aim of removing it due to its low usage rate. With strong supporting evidence from residents we successfully fought this off – for now; **closed.**
- **Streetscene & Village Task Force:** ERYC maintain roads and pavements within village boundaries, monitored by biennial Walkabouts and we have a grass cutting contract, covered by local support during the Covid-19 lockdown period. The next Walkabout was due this year although it has been postponed to 2021 due to Covid-19 lockdown impact<sup>3</sup>. Public concerns below have been raised and the PC has intervened to resolve them as indicated:
  - **Road Safety (KP):** With community & KP Golf Club support we got a pavement at junction of B1246/Golf Club entrance; clearance of the pathway into Pocklington remains o/s; **action PC.**
  - **Damaged Drains (NB):** Raised with ERYC and resolved; **closed.**
  - **Overgrown Hedges (NB):** Raised with ERYC/Riparian Landowners and resolved; **closed.**
  - **Potholes (NB & KP):** The state of roads beyond village boundaries are bad; raised with ERYC and to be subject to further correspondence and Streetscene Walkabout; **action PC.**
  - **Drains and Flooding (NB & KP):** Continued water run-off, particularly from Bratt Wood, is of concern and will be subject to further correspondence; **action PC.**
  - **Grass Cutting/Impact on Flora/Fauna (NB):** Residents raised concerns about adverse impact on flora and fauna of grass cutting, which will be considered against road safety, rodent control and village husbandry requirements; **action PC.**
  - **Public Rights of Way (PROW):** We continue to liaise with relevant partners to take this sensitive subject forward with necessary care; **action PC.**
  - **Village Green (NB):** We purchased a new picnic bench to enhance this amenity; **closed.**

<sup>1</sup> East Riding Yorkshire Council.

<sup>2</sup> East Riding and Northern Lincolnshire Local Councils Association.

<sup>3</sup> [Conservative.Group@eastriding.gov.uk](mailto:Conservative.Group@eastriding.gov.uk) email: ERYC Provision of Services (on behalf of Cabinet Secretary/Cllr Stathers) 22 April 2020 @ 1452 refers.