

Parish Forum Meeting Monday 8 May 2017

Welcome by Ian McPherson

We have created a page on our website specifically for parish councils yorkshiredales.org.uk/living-and-working/parish-councils-and-meetings.

The page includes:

- notes of the Parish Forum meetings, copies of the presentations, and details of forthcoming meetings.
- quarterly 'briefing note' with latest news
- links to some of the most relevant parts of the website including the planning section, and the Management Plan.



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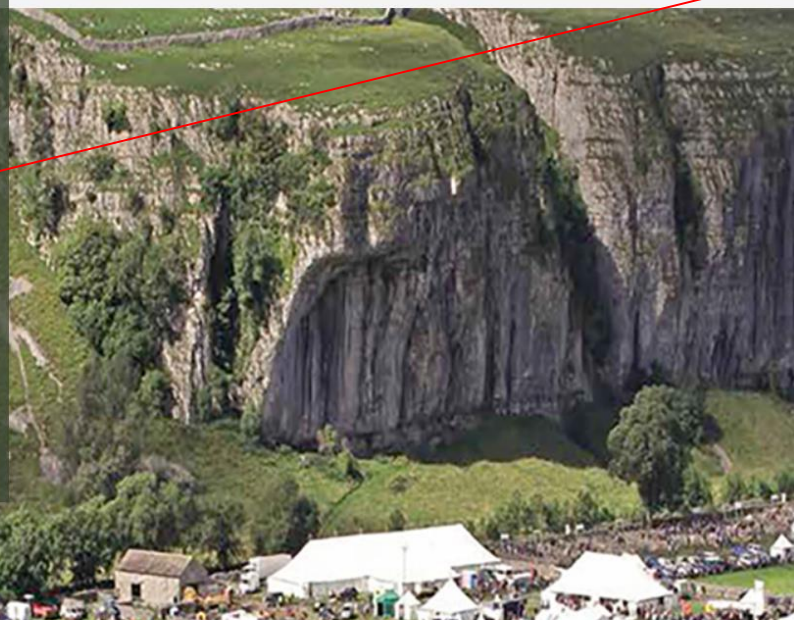
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Quarterly Updates

A regular update on topical issues and current news that we hope will be of interest to local communities. Please click on the link(s) below to read more ...

February 2017

Parish Forums

We have regular Parish Forum meetings for all parishes wholly or partially within the National Park, with the parishes divided into 3 areas. One Forum is for the parishes in the north of the National Park, one for the parishes in the south and one for the parishes in the west. The Forums encourage a two-way discussion about any and all National Park issues relevant to parish councils. Two meetings of each Forum per year are currently being held, in the spring and autumn. Meetings are chaired by the four parish-appointed Members of the Authority, and agendas are agreed in advance to include items requested by the parish councils. Dates of future meetings and agenda items will be made available on this page; the next round of Forum meetings will take place on:

Northern Forum Wednesday 26th April, 7pm, Sycamore Hall, Bainbridge


Southern Forum Wednesday 19th April, 7pm, Games Room, Devonshire Institute, Grassington

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Notes from previous meetings, including some of the facts, figures and general information from presentations, can be found on the [Parish Forum Archive](#) page.

Notes of meetings and presentations


Our Parish Appointed Members

The membership of the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority is set out in legislation (Environment Act 1995). Of the 25 members, four are appointed by the Secretary of State to represent the parishes in the National Park. Those parish members are:

- [Chris Clark](#)
- [Allen Kirkbride](#)
- [Ian McPherson](#)
- [Neil Heseltine](#)

If you are interested in becoming a 'Parish Member' you can find out more by visiting our [How to](#)

How you can help ❤️



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Yorkshire Dales National Park
Management Plan
2013-18

UPDATING THE NATIONAL PARK MANAGEMENT PLAN

What is it for?

- To deliver National Park ‘purposes’:
 - “to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural heritage”
 - “to promote opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities [of the Park] by the public”
- And *in doing so...*
 - “to foster the economic and social well-being of local communities...”

What should it do?

- Provide a plan for the Park
- Set out a shared 'Vision' for the Park
- Put national/regional strategy into context
- Provide the framework for organisations to work together on local issues
- Provide a baseline for measuring progress and reporting publicly

What should go in it?

- The ‘special qualities’ of the Park
- Issues facing the Park
- The ambition for the Park:
 - a long-term ‘vision’
 - specific objectives to help achieve that vision



YORKSHIRE DALES
National Park Authority

A distinctive, living, working cultural landscape that tells the story of generations of people interacting with their environment



We don't own the National Park



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- YDNPA owns 0.00003%
- Other public bodies own about 1%
- 95% owned by private individuals

We're not the only funders

- YDNPA spends around £5 million pa;
- NE agri-environment schemes = £10m pa
- Plus:
 - District and county councils
 - Environment Agency/Forestry Commission
 - Private businesses
 - Individuals
 - Charities

So, it's not *our* Plan

- Produced by 'NPMP Steering Group', made up of main 'implementers':
 - 5 district councils;
 - 3 statutory environmental agencies;
 - 6 representatives of farmers, landowners and tourism businesses;
 - Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust
 - Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority

- A wider group of other ‘implementers’, including parishes.
- Plus:
 - Lots of other organisations with an interest;
 - Local residents and businesses;
 - Visitors;
 - Taxpayers.

What's the NPMP really for?

- A *process* to:
 - Reconcile competing priorities;
 - Agree the key issues;
 - Identify shared opportunities and funding.
- Which leads to:
 - A realistic and widely-supported plan
- So that:
 - Some good things get done in the National Park over the next 5 years.

Timetable

- **May/June** – first public consultation
- **July** – detailed evidence reports
- **Aug-Dec** - drafting objectives
- **Feb** – public consultation on full draft
- **June** – updated Plan adopted.

How parishes can get involved



- Respond to the consultations:
 - What are the most important issues?
 - What do you want to see done about them?
- Attend 'drop-in' sessions – 13 June (Orton); 20 June (Barbon).
- Publicise and promote the consultations
- Discuss issues at the Parish Forums
- Use your Parish Members on the Authority!

A few of the issues?

- Building more affordable, local housing
- Brexit impact on upland farming
- Retaining traditional field barns and walls
- Improving condition of important habitats
- Getting access to services (inc. broadband)
- Helping to reduce downstream flooding
- Caring for a rapidly ageing population
- Stopping persecution of birds of prey

Planning enforcement



Planning Enforcement Team



Martyn Coy – Principal Planning Officer



Nicola Dinsdale – Planning Enforcement Officer



Tim Davis – Planning Enforcement Officer

Planning Enforcement

Planning enforcement : breaches of planning control

Defined by National Planning Policy Framework and Planning Practice Guidance:

- *Effective enforcement to maintain public confidence in the planning system*
- *Discretionary*
- *Planning Authorities should act proportionately*

Unauthorised works do not constitute an offence!

Decisive issue – Does the breach unacceptably affect public amenity or the existing use of land and buildings meriting protection in public interest?

Whether to take action or not - expediency

Is planning permission likely to be granted?

- If yes, then it is not expedient to pursue enforcement action.
- Emphasis on negotiating compliance and regularising breaches of control before considering taking enforcement action.
- Where this approach fails or it is clear that permission is unlikely to be granted, and it is 'expedient' to do so, the Authority will pursue formal action.

What is the harm caused by the breach?

- How severe is the harm? Can it be remedied?

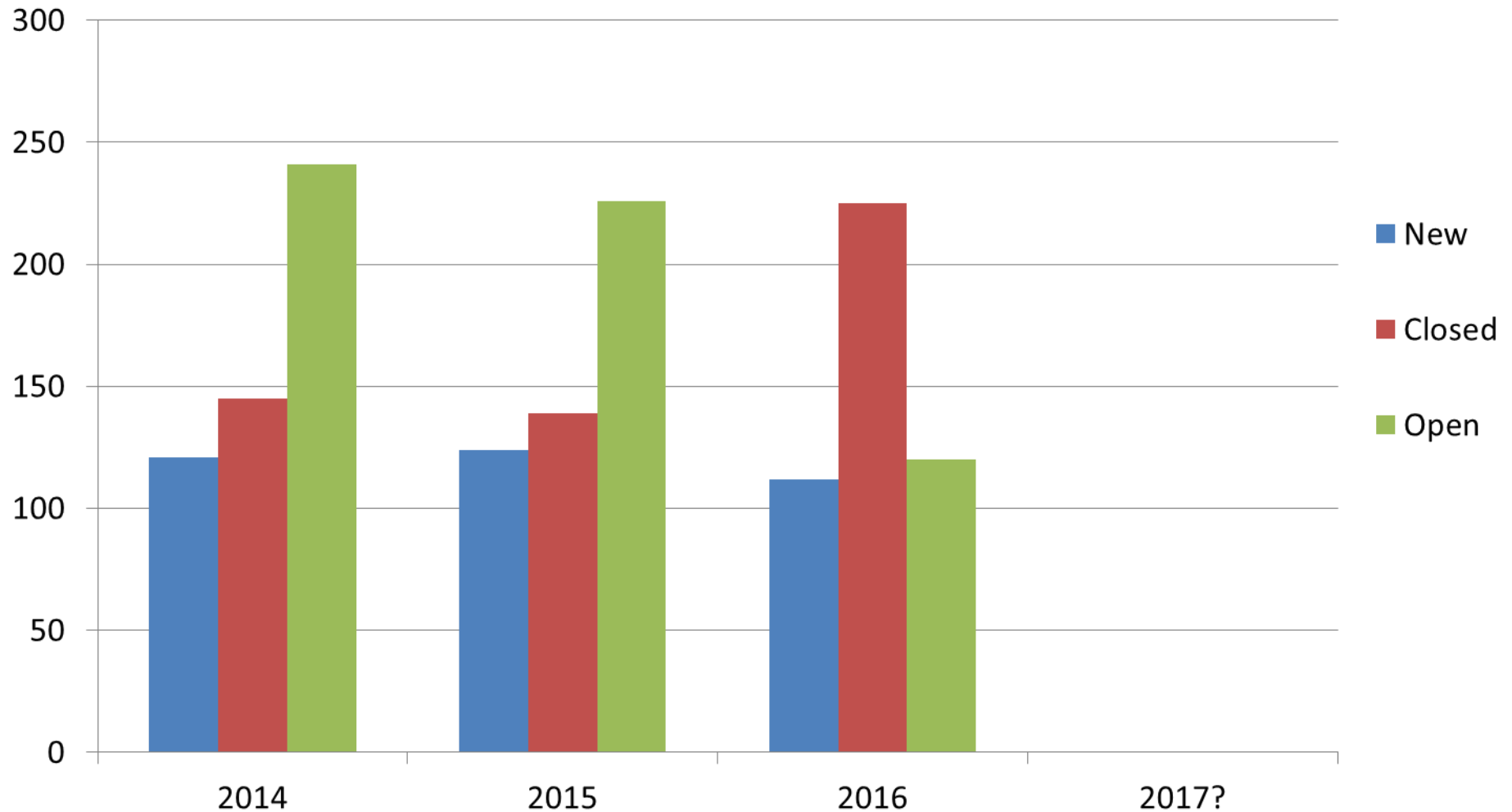


Types of Enforcement Action

- Planning Contravention Notice
- Section 215 Notice
- Section 225 Notice
- Breach of Condition Notice
- Enforcement Notice
- Listed Building Notice
- Stop Notice
- Injunction
- Default Powers
- Prosecution



Planning Enforcement Cases



Formal Action

Historic Buildings



Caravans



Untidy Land



Agricultural Buildings



Monitoring and Compliance

Aim: to tackle breaches of planning control as early as possible (avoiding formal action)

- Checking compliance with plans conditions during development works
- Monitoring compliance with conditions and s106 obligations over time



Parish Councils

- Parish Councils have a really important role to play in planning enforcement:
- ***Helping to target our activity*** - what types of development should we focus our resources on?
- ***Helping to monitor development*** – letting the Authority know if you think something is wrong.

‘Ashtag’

The problem:

Chalara ash dieback

- The ash (*fraxinus excelsior*) is an iconic tree species in the Dales, and significantly important within the National Park landscape
- Ash Dieback fungi (*Hymenoscyphus fraxineus*) has now spread across the British Isles and has been confirmed in the National Park. It is already quite prevalent, for example, in Kelco Wood in Giggleswick





The Living Ash Project



- A five-year project funded by Defra
- A citizen's science project that aims to monitor the ash dieback disease
- The project aims to track the welfare of all ash trees, particularly those that are healthy, as they may be resistant to ash dieback
- All trees are recorded using the ASHTAG App <http://www.ashtag.org/>



The National Park Authority's involvement in the Living Ash Project

- The ASHTAG project was launched last year and the YDNPA has written to parish councils to encourage people to take part
- To achieve an even spread of recorded trees across the park, our aim is that one ash tree in each parish is tagged as part of the project
- The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNPA) can provide the tags and nails, along with step-by-step instructions and any other help and advice





Your involvement

- Identify an ash tree (ideally healthy) and fix an AshTag
- Log in to the tree alert app and create a profile <http://www.ashtag.org/>
- Record your tree with the unique ashtag number- include photos and comments
- Visit your tree at least once a year and update your profile with its progress, including any signs of the fungi



- For more information contact the Trees and Woodlands Team at trees@yorkshiredales.org.uk
- Useful websites www.ashtag.org www.livingashproject.org.uk

Symptoms



Any Questions?

Any other Business