

# THE Moorsider



WINTER 2021

## What are the roles and responsibilities of the different Authorities?



**Kirkbymoorside Town Council** is responsible for a range of services including provision of the play areas, some street lights, street furniture e.g. public seats, bins and signs, the Moorside Room, Manor Vale Woodland, grass cutting (some, but not all of the grass verges), the A170 roundabout, the sports field and the town cemetery.

The top priorities for the Town Council are:

- a) To represent and support citizens in their dealings with larger public authorities, and to press such authorities to meet their obligations to the town and people of Kirkbymoorside. For example making representation to Ryedale District Council, as the Planning Authority, in respect of plans for residential development, and efforts to liaise with responsible agencies to address flood risk in Keldholme and Kirby Mills.
- b) To seek and promote schemes that will give benefits to the town and people of Kirkbymoorside. This may involve (usually modest) financial grants, or it may involve using council resources to coordinate activity. For example the Town Council allocated a bank account for management of financial transactions associated with the 'Path for Everyone' project.
- c) To efficiently and economically provide a range of services as detailed above.

In pursuit of these priorities, the council seeks to act so as to promote: 'Democratic Accountability', so that expenditure of money and effort are directed according to local opinion; 'Openness', so that wherever possible the people of the town are fully informed about the council's activities; and 'Clarity', so that the people of the town can understand what the council is doing.

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You are welcome to contact councillors individually to discuss any local issues or you can contact the Town Council office tel: [01751 432217](tel:01751432217) or email: [town.clerk@kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk)

**RYEDALE  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**



**Ryedale District Council** are responsible for services including: elections, council tax and benefits, business rates and licencing; car parks and public toilets; garden waste, rubbish and recycling (operated by Streetscene).

Ryedale District Council is the Planning Authority. Any queries regarding planning applications should be directed to the planning department email: [dm@ryedale.gov.uk](mailto:dm@ryedale.gov.uk)

Civil Enforcement Officers work with local citizens to prevent, identify, investigate and take action concerning a range of environmental and antisocial behaviour crimes including fly tipping, graffiti, noise, littering, dog fouling, stray dogs, and abandoned cars.

*You can contact your local Civil Enforcement Officer by calling [01653 600666](tel:01653600666).*

Your Community Link Officer is Michelle Whitfield email: [michelle.whitfield@ryedale.gov.uk](mailto:michelle.whitfield@ryedale.gov.uk) or phone [01653 600666](tel:01653600666)

Your District Councillors are:

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**North Yorkshire County Council** are responsible for the following services county wide:

- HIGHWAYS including: Road conditions, spills, flooding and drainage; road closures and road works; road signs and markings; pavements and kerbs; verges and hedges
- Education
- Public transport including bus shelters
- Disabled permits
- Household waste and recycling centres
- Street lighting and traffic lights
- Registrar for births, deaths and marriages
- Social Care including Housing

Information on all services is available on the website [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk) or call 01609 780 780.

Your County Councillor is

Val Arnold 01439 770904



The **Police** should be contacted for any incidents relating to criminal activity, traffic offences and anti-social behaviour. It is important that all non-emergency incidents are reported to the Neighbourhood Policing team via **101** and emergencies reported to **999**.

Advice from the Neighbourhood Policing team is that if someone thinks something is suspicious then the police would encourage them to call 101 so they can build up an intelligence picture. When reporting incidents/suspicions you will need to provide specifics such as time(s), date(s), location of the incident and/or addresses of individuals involved. The information must come from the person witnessing the issue. Second and third hand reports cannot be submitted for intelligence.

#### Next issue

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The Town Council have determined that the budget will remain at £74,000 for the next financial year.

The budget sets out the amount of money that the Town Council needs to ensure service provision and this amount is requested of Ryedale District Council in the form of a precept.

Ryedale District Council annually calculates the tax base for each parish, using a formula involving the number of dwellings in each valuation band on the Valuation List and also the numbers of those dwellings in each band which are exempt from council tax. The tax base is then applied to the precept amount to calculate the council tax for each property.

The Council also receives income in the form of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) from local developments. The CIL associated with the development of Wains Field amounts to £32,958.75 and so far the Town Council have allocated funds to the following projects:

£670 Refurbishment of oak leaf table and seats at Ryedale View Play area and replacement picnic tables at Old Road and Ryedale View play areas;

£2000 Tree planters to be installed on Market Place;

£1,050 Programme to refurbish all public seats/benches;

£5,600 Natural Flood Management Feasibility Assessment for Kirkbymoorside catchment.

#### **Grants and allocation of funds to support local groups/activities**

Since April 2021 the Town Council have awarded the following grants:

£3000 awarded to All Saints Parish Church to contribute towards the cost of grounds maintenance of the churchyard and Millennium garden;

£2,184 awarded to Next Steps Mental Health Resource Centre to cover the cost of rent for the weekly Kirkbymoorside sessions;

£500 awarded to Moorsbus CIC to cover the associated costs of one bus for two days service.

Additionally, £20,000 has been allocated from the Council's reserved to the 'Path for Everyone' project to match fund the grant awarded by the AJ1 Project Road Safety Fund.

## Flood Risk Management

At the beginning of the year the Town Council considered the impact of the flooding in Kirby Mills and agreed to contact all the relevant agencies, including the Environment Agency, North Yorkshire County Council as the Lead Local Flood Authority and Highway Authority, and Yorkshire Water, to establish the status of any proposed, pending and/or ongoing plans for works identified in the Flood Risk report undertaken by JBA Consulting on behalf of the Environment Agency in 2002. An initial site meeting established that none of the recommendations had been actioned and there were no plans to address the issues that still remain of concern. In the absence of any definitive progress on the matter the Town Council commissioned JBA Consulting to undertake a Natural Flood Management Feasibility Assessment of the entire Kirkbymoorside catchment. This report, which identifies potential flood mitigation options, has been circulated to all associated agencies. It is hoped that an appropriate course of action will be determined at the meeting in January 2022.

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## Town Farm Car Park

In the last issue of The Moorsider there was a feature detailing the Town Council's efforts to determine the feasibility of an arrangement with Ryedale District Council (RDC) for subsidised parking in Town Farm car park in order offer free parking in Kirkbymoorside. Unfortunately, again, despite the Town Council's exhaustive efforts, no progress has been made.

In order to support the businesses in Kirkbymoorside on the run up to Christmas, in August the Town Council asked RDC if it would be possible to agree a period of three hours free parking, in Town Farm car park only, and the Town Council would contribute towards the costs of facilitating this short term arrangement. Signatures and emails were collected from local businesses and residents to demonstrate support of the proposal. The request was finally considered by RDC's Senior Management Board on 28 October and the final recommendation was 'that a specific offer for Kirkbymoorside should not be implemented at this time, as provision should be made for Kirkbymoorside at the same time as the district wide offer'.

The Town Council is very disappointed with this response, however, it is determined to pursue the matter with the new unitary authority.

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## New & Improved

You will have noticed the new seat outside 'Something 'Special on Market Place. The seat installation was suggested by 'Moors Gateway Rotary' who very generously donated the full cost of supply and installation.



Also noticeable is the recently refurbished seat next to the Millennium flower bed at the junction of Westfields and the A170. Thanks go to Richard Ward and David Brewer for their combined efforts.



The A-frame picnic tables in Old Road play area have been replaced. In Ryedale View play area there is a new round picnic table, the oak leaf table and stools in the woodland area have been refurbished and a new boardwalk was installed earlier in the year.



The Town Council purchased two additional bins for Kirby Mills Industrial Estate having received a request from a member of the public. The bins have been installed and added to the schedule for collection by StreetScene (Ryedale District Council).

## Planning

In July 2021 the Town Council wrote to the Planning Authority to bring to their attention the real sense of concern about the number of houses being built in Kirkbymoorside with no accompanying provision for development of the local infrastructure to support the increased population. Consideration of drainage associated with new developments appears to be a secondary consideration to the developers and the Planning Authority. This is a very clear demonstration of the lack of understanding of the problems being faced locally.

The response received in September 2021 confirmed that the capacity of local infrastructure is taken into account in the planning process. The infrastructure required to support planned levels of growth are fully considered as part of the plan process, with infrastructure providers such as the then Primary Care Trust, County Education, County Highways, Yorkshire Water, the Environment Agency all involved in establishing the infrastructure requirements.

Further explanation was given that "Whilst the planning system can address shortfalls in space for such requirements, unfortunately it cannot address national capacity issues which are related to either health service funding or the recruitment and retention of doctors and dentists. Similarly whilst an increase in a local population can help to sustain important local facilities such as banks and post offices, the planning system cannot influence the corporate decisions of banks to close branches."

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### Kirkbymoorside Community Library



You can get details of the latest information via the website [www.kirkbymoorsidelibrary.org](http://www.kirkbymoorsidelibrary.org); Facebook 'CLIC Community Library and Information Centre at Kirkbymoorside'; email [kirkbylibrary@outlook.com](mailto:kirkbylibrary@outlook.com) or phone 01609 534557.

**The library will close at midday on 23 December and will reopen at 9.30am on 4 January 2022.**



### The Town Mayor's Christmas Message

I'm writing this whilst waiting for the call with news of the birth of my third granddaughter. As we enter into the Christmas period it reminds me of the joy and importance of family and this year I'm looking forward to being surrounded by family, babies, dogs and the more senior members. Although Covid 19 hasn't gone away and warning signs are all around us, what a contrast to last year when we were still under strict restrictions and the prospect of a family Christmas was but a pipe dream.

Whilst I think of getting into the festive spirit it is a good moment to mention the Christmas decorations in the town this year. Thanks to the generosity of a local couple the Council has been able to invest in new lights for the town and we are confident that the spectacular display will be greatly appreciated. Hopefully it will attract more visitors to the town and at the same time lift the spirits of, and provide much enjoyment, for all the residents of Kirkbymoorside. Finally I would like to thank Lisa, our Town Clerk, who has worked tirelessly throughout the year on behalf of us all and who has invested a great deal of effort in making the new Christmas lighting a reality.

Wishing you all the very best for Christmas and for the new year ahead.'

Nick Holroyd,

Kirkbymoorside Town Mayor

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### Community Award

Nominations are now open for the Community Award. If you know of someone in Kirkbymoorside who deserves recognition for their contribution to the community please nominate them. Forms are available from the Town Council office, email [town.clerk@kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk](mailto:town.clerk@kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk) or you can download a form from the Council website [www.kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk](http://www.kirkbymoorsidetowncouncil.gov.uk)

The closing date for nominations is 31 January 2022.

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Town Council meetings are held in the upstairs meeting room in Church House, 7 High Market Place, on the third Monday of every month, except August. The Planning Committee meeting is held prior to the full council meeting (if there are planning applications for consideration) at 7pm followed by the Ordinary meeting of the Council at 7.30pm. Members of the public are very welcome to attend.

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