

Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister Parish Report

Ripley : June 26

Highways

I have not had a response from Highways about Orchard Lane, but do you have any photos of cars parking at the junction causing an obstruction? This would be very helpful.

Public Toilets

I have not yet had a response from Sir Thomas on the ownership of the land, I will follow this up.

Community Transport

It is very encouraging to hear about the successful operation of the volunteer driver scheme in Masham. I have been asking surrounding Parishes to help support this, in way of volunteer drivers. The LibDems put forward a motion at Full Council earlier in the month calling for better support for community transport, to help provide transport where budgets to buses services have been cut and NHS transport to hospital no longer available.

Connectivity

I have been forwarded a response to Julian Smith from Baroness Lloyd, the Under Secretary of State for Digital Economy. I have been asking why the Home Office can't install further masts in this area, with planning permission in place at Ox Close, when masts have been installed in the Settle and Leyburn areas. In this part of the world there are a disproportionately high number of "not-spot" areas where there is little or no reception. Further delivery is promised in populated areas and this letter clarifies what this means : *"As you may be aware, the government's ambition for all populated areas to have access to higher quality standalone 5G by 2030 was committed to by this government in the 10-year Infrastructure Strategy published in June 2025. A 'populated area' refers to villages and rural communities as well as towns and cities but does not encompass areas where there are no people living. This is to distinguish between extremely remote areas with little to no inhabitants where deployment of infrastructure would be uneconomically viable to do so."* In response to this I have asked Julian Smith to continue to lobby for the Home Office to install more masts, and to establish what the alternate proposals are and what the timescale is for them.

I have sent the Clerk a Connectivity Fact Sheet that has been prepared by the Uredale Partnership working group, for circulation and display.

I have asked the Digital team at NYC for an update on what will follow the Gigabit scheme, as this is now being delivered and it is now apparent which dwellings are being "left behind" and will need alternate provision.

Uredale Community Partnership

The June newsletter can be found here :

<https://mailchi.mp/uredalecp/latestnewsjune2026?e=168da91bfc>

CIL funds

The Infrastructure Business Plan 25-30 has been published :

<https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/sites/default/files/2026-01/North%20Yorkshire%20Infrastructure%20Business%20Plan.pdf> I attended the CIL Spending workshop at County Hall last

week. I have had a response to proposals I raised back in July of last year for potential projects (including the Ripon to Fountains bike route and the Ripon mobility hub). These have all been added to the list to consider when funding is available or when a project is ready to progress. At the moment £1.4M of CIL funds is available within the old HBC area. Please let me know if there are projects in the Parish that Projects will need to align with the Council's thematic spending principles which are :

- **Health and Wellbeing**

Infrastructure that creates environments conducive to healthy lifestyles and supports access to healthcare services.

- **Supporting Communities**

Social infrastructure that strengthens civic life, including community facilities, public spaces, and services that foster inclusion and resilience.

- **Sustainable and Active Travel**

Projects that promote walking, cycling, and other low-impact modes of transport, contributing to reduced car dependency and improved public health.

- **Climate Infrastructure**

Development that enhances climate resilience, supports sustainability, and contributes to mitigation of climate change impacts.

Community Led Housing

The Development Plan committee is meeting in June and I will be raising my concerns about what is proposed in the Local Plan in way of Community Led Housing provision. The Mashamshire community housing trust has been formed and an offer has been put in for the old school at Kell Bank, we are waiting on the planners to confirm if our project qualifies as a community use. We have been given a lot of support by the Housing Working Party, who visited Blokbuid in Hull recently. This is a housebuilder who specialises in small modular homes that can be built off-site and may be suitable for small redundant sites such as old council house garages.

Ripon Mobility Hub

The current proposals were reviewed by the Uredale T&C Working Group at its recent meeting, we have fed back our comments to the officer by way of informal consultation. This is a proposal to improve the facilities at the bus station, better connections between services, and the provision of other forms of transport such as bike hire and car share. The existing site is being considered, along with the option of moving the site away from the centre of town with a shuttle service.

Locality Budget

The 26/27 budget is now available, if you would like to apply for financial assistance with any community projects please let me know.

HEAT

I am sending separately a flyer for the HEAT support service provided by Wise Group, which provides immediate one-to-one support to households across the UK struggling with energy bills or at risk/experiencing an energy crisis. They offer free end-to-end support to help stabilise household energy pressures and prevent issues escalating.

Executive Meetings

The minutes from the May Executive meeting is here :
<https://edemocracy.northyorks.gov.uk/documents/g20910/Printed+minutes+Tuesday+26-May-2026+11.00+Executive.pdf?T=1>

This covers the Q4 performance monitoring and budget report. What is notable are the reported losses of Brierley Homes of £6M.

I have established that Brierley are yet to complete the s106 Agreement for their development In Kirkby Malzeard, this is despite them completing the development. The indication is that the company does not have adequate funds to pay to the community what should be owed, which I am now raising with the Executive.

A66 Upgrade

There are further closures planned for the A66, for five nights (Friday 12th – Monday 15th June) between 12 midnight-6.00am

The project ensures that households have access to competitive deals through a hassle-free process. Suppliers compete for the opportunity to offer households the lowest energy tariff, and there is no need to compare different tariffs as everyone registered receives a personal offer. Since 2012, the Big Community Switch has seen more than 2.1 million people register their interest in switching energy contracts.

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