

RUFFORTH PARISH COUNCIL, YORWASTE LIAISON GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING AT YORWASTE, 14:00, Monday 22nd January 2024

Present: Yorwaste: Kevin Smith

Rufforth YLG: Peter Rollings, Nick Murray, Helen Butterworth, Frank Di Lorenzo, Terry Edmonds.

Review of Operational Matters and Traffic Flow.

KS reported that traffic movements for 2023 and into January 2024 are in line with historical levels. Once again, there has been a slight downturn, thought to be from the economic slowdown, although this doesn't impact greatly upon numbers of vehicles.

KS reiterated that any changes to types of recycling, such as waste food collections, deposit schemes for bottles/cans, etc., are unlikely to happen for some time and no impact upon waste volumes or vehicle movements anticipated for the foreseeable future.

Recycling from Selby, which has been absorbed within NYCC, will start arriving in April. KS to ensure that vehicles will enter from the B1237.

Litter.

Litter on the B1224 continues to be an issue and TE pointed out that hedgerows along the B1224 have encroached on the verge making litter collection even more hazardous. PR is to pursue CYC on behalf of the PC to make the case that, as this road is the main access to Harewood Whin, it warrants more frequent attention. **Action: PR**
(n.b. CYC Councillor on Yorwaste Board is now Cllr. Rachel Melly)

Cycle Path. KS reported that the path has been surveyed by CYC PROW officer and that repairs to the timber boarding on the Foss Dyke bridge are required and will be planned in. Regrettably, any attention to cracks in the tarmac are unlikely to be undertaken because of restricted budgets.

Yorwaste have dug a drainage trench to the top section of the footpath to alleviate surface water flooding on the path surface, and that the degree of success will be monitored before attempting any further work.

NM asked about clearance of redundant plastic tree guards along the path and KS agreed, subject to the proviso that people do not enter the landfill site. he will look at options to locate a skip where volunteers can deposit these. TE was keen to get involved with this as he regularly walks the path so will keep this under review. **Action: KS/TE**

Re the Permissive path, NM reported that it was quite overgrown and boggy. While this doesn't distract from the wildness of the amenity, KS agreed to inspect and see what needs to be done, if anything, to ensure its usability. **Action: KS**

NM raised the issue of the height of the hedgerow along the right of the path from the cattle crush to the cattle grid, which should be maintained at 1 metre, (except tree species). This was agreed at the time of planting. As this field has now transferred from Yorwaste to CYC, in order to facilitate the allotments, PR agreed to write to CYC. **Action: PR**

Solar Energy.

KS reported that there were two, qualified, objections to the Yorwate application, relating to glare and drainage, but that these were in the process of resolution and should not affect the viability of the it. PR to check with CYC Planning Officer to confirm dates for committee review of both this and the Solar2 application and possible site meeting. It is not confirmed if any connection route for the Solar2 scheme has been agreed.

AOB.

- HB once again thanked KS for the recent support with skips, etc., and requested re-siting the burial ground skip further to the left next time.
- FD Thanked KS for the provision of compost to the allotments and enquired about a similar load in the spring. KS responded positively. **Action: KS**

Date of next meeting: Schedule for July 2024. PR to propose some dates in due course.

HB left the meeting at 3.00 pm to attend to Burial Ground matters.

Site visit.

KS conducted a short tour of the recycling facilities and gave an overview of the operation and activities. All expressed their thanks and discussed the possibility of a tour of the landfill site in the summer.

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