

# District Councillor's Report

# Penyghent Ward

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December 2021

Councillor Robert Ogden



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# Correspondence



## North Yorkshire County Council

I have contacted North Yorkshire County Council to follow up my reporting of erosion to the footpaths on the Stackhouse side of Langcliffe Locks. Unfortunately, I have not managed to get a commitment yet to fix the paths. I will keep this on my radar and continue to push for a response. The path, which is heavily used, is in a poor state of repair. Unfortunately, it lies just outside of the Yorkshire Dales National Park, so it is now up to Northallerton to sort.



Residents can report issues on public right of way in the Yorkshire Dales National Park to: [info@yorkshiredales.org.uk](mailto:info@yorkshiredales.org.uk)

Footpaths outside the YDNP should be emailed to [paths@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:paths@northyorks.gov.uk) using the form at: <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/rights-way-maintenance>

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## Craven District Council



On behalf of Giggleswick Parish Council, I made enquiries with Craven District Council about section 106 monies relating to previous developments in Giggleswick parish. The team were helpful, and answered the questions sought in relation to allotment money and amounts potentially paid to other councils. The paper trail show that this was not the case, and the section 106 money was paid for the benefit of Giggleswick alone.

A further piece of correspondence I have had with is in regard to the land at Riversdale in Giggleswick owned by Craven District Council. Currently, this site is occupied by several garages. There is a proposal by CDC, initiated in December 2020 before I became a councillor, to sell this asset and combine with a strip of adjacent land that is currently between the cricket pitch and Riversdale. This would be a small development of around 10 houses. The sale of land has been estimated by an officer to bring the council around £100,000.

### **I have attached my initial email below:**

*“Having looked at the proposal from the two documents you have sent me, I can see the benefits of combining the two sites in order to provide additional housing (which is badly needed in the northern part of the district, particularly affordable housing for young people).*

*I am hesitant at taking a used garage site away from the one resident of Riversdale who currently uses it, seeing as that is the purpose of the site. I do appreciate though that the garages, as originally built to serve the houses next to them, are not being utilised for such. I think a constructive conversation with*

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*the Riversdale resident and the parish council wouldn't go amiss to resolve any bad blood a sale might throw up.*

*Another hesitancy I have is the notion of 'asset stripping'. Particularly in the shadow of Local Government Reorganisation, I do not want to see council-owned community assets being sold off so that the floating money pot can be pilfered by Northallerton in April 2023. If that were to be the case, I could not support a sale at this time. That money needs to stay in Craven, preferably the northern end, and preferably within the ward affected (Penyghent). This is not to say I am opposed to a sale under reasonable circumstances – I am merely wanting to protect the public investment and services in my ward."*

### **On the subject of Craven District Council assets...**

I attended the reopening of Skipton Town Hall on the 19<sup>th</sup> November, which has undergone major renovation work with the help of multiple external funding bids. The orchestral performance given in the main hall highlighted the usefulness of this asset to secure the cultural future of our district, something that will hopefully attract skilled young people to the area and enable those already here to stay. As a History teacher, I was particularly enamoured with the Craven Museum! This highlighted to me the profound good that local councils can do for our communities when we are able to invest in cultural assets, something I hope extends to the northern end of the district.



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# Craven District Council Press Releases

For further media information contact Craven District Council – Nick Lavigneur 01756 706315



**17<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

## **Langcliffe Quarry Enterprise Centre Press Release – Building The Foundations For A Successful Business**

The basics of setting up a new business is the subject of a free workshop to be hosted by Craven District Council on 2nd December 2021.

This practical workshop will focus on helping anyone who has recently started a business or thinking about it in the future to understand the main reasons young businesses fail and how to stop their business from becoming another statistic.

Kris Keighley from Ad:Venture will talk about the things that people need to consider when starting a business such as researching their market, raising finance and putting the right plans in place. Ad:Venture is a fully funded support programme set up by local authority partners from across North and West Yorkshire to provide dedicated expert help for pre-start, young and new businesses.

Kay Backhouse, the co-founder of Sydney's in Settle will also be at the event talking about how they turned their idea into reality. A boutique tapas bar and restaurant, Sydney's was opened in July 2019, and has been awarded with the TripAdvisor Travellers Choice Award 2021. The award is given to restaurants

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that consistently earn great reviews from customers and are ranked in the top 10% of restaurants on TripAdvisor.

The workshop takes place on Thursday, 2nd December 2021 from 9.30am to 11.30am at Sidney's in Settle.

The workshop is funded by the European Regional Development Fund as part of the Council's project to develop its former waste depot site at Langcliffe Quarry to provide new workspace and deliver a programme of business support events to help businesses across Craven District to achieve their growth ambitions.

Attendance at the workshop is free of charge. To reserve a place e-mail [edu@cravenc.gov.uk](mailto:edu@cravenc.gov.uk) or telephone 01756 706214.

## **25<sup>th</sup> November 2021**

### **Skipton High Streets Heritage Action Zone Needs You**

Craven District Council is urging the public to have its say on proposals to enhance a number of historic streets in Skipton Town Centre.

Following the Council's success last year in securing just over £1.5m from Historic England to fund a programme of capital projects in Skipton, plans are now starting to take shape.

In partnership with Historic England and Praxis, owners of Craven Court, a consultation is being launched on plans to redevelop the area of Otley Street that runs along the side of Craven Court.

The proposal aims to enhance the heritage of the area and encourage more public dwell time which will increase trade for the local independent shops, businesses, and cafes.

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## **The proposal includes:**

1. Removal of large overgrown shrubs and replace with Yorkshire stone flags to open the area up into a large, flat flexible space for public meeting, events, and commercial opportunities.
2. Implementation of a mix of shrubs and grasses that will form a backdrop to splashes of colour that appear throughout the year, as perennial planting. The mix will provide continuous and successive waves of colour providing structure, year-round visual interest and make the space more beneficial for pollinators.
3. Installation of street trees to provide a green line for the street and add structure to the space. Small trees will be specified to encourage biodiversity and wildlife, while adding diversity to Skipton's overall green infrastructure.
4. Installation of heritage style benches and cycle parking.
5. Installation of festoon style overhead lighting and external power points to support events and commercial opportunities in the area.

Skipton is one of sixty 'High Street Heritage Action Zones' across the country to benefit from the government funded scheme run by Historic England. The initiative aims to use Skipton's heritage to boost economic growth and improve quality of life.

So far, the funding has contributed to the refurbishment of the Town Hall and purchase of the former Community Centre on Otley Street for conversion into an Arts House for young creatives.

Craven District Council welcomes comments to the proposals which will be used to shape the final designs. It is anticipated that the designs will be finalised at the beginning of 2022, with construction starting in the Spring.

The plans can be viewed at [www.cravendc.gov.uk/haz](http://www.cravendc.gov.uk/haz) and the survey can be completed here <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HTZ8Q7V>

**The consultation will close on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2022.**

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# CLLr Robert Ogden

## Penyghent Ward



If you have any queries, or would like to report an issue, please contact me using my email address:

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