

Report on the North York Moors National Park Authority

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Membership

Following the recent NYCC elections 4 of the 5 members appointed by the County Council are new to the National Park Authority. This together with two new Secretary of State appointees has led to a much changed Authority membership.

Potash

The year has been dominated by the application from York Potash Ltd to develop a potash mine at Doves Nest Farm Sneaton. Members have had a Pre Application meeting attended by around 70 members of the Public and a formal site visit. We have also attended Public Consultation Meetings. An issues report was brought to members in May and the Authority was on the verge of publishing a report and recommendation to be discussed at a special planning in late July when the applicants requested a deferment.

Agricultural Buildings

Members have approved a design guide for the construction of Agricultural Buildings in the Park

Carlton Bank

A well known landmark in Hambleton, the Gliding Club building on Carlton Bank has been demolished. Members initially rejected an application for funding for the demolition but following discussions with the Landowner a revised plan with reduced expenditure was represented to members and was approved.

Social Media

The Authority is constantly looking for new ways of connecting with residents. On 9 October 9 at the request of Area Forum members the Authority will be hosting a meeting on the effective use of Social Media.

ANPA Conference

Later this month members and officers of the UK National Parks will converge on Hambleton when NYMNPA hosts the Association of National Park Authorities (ANPA) annual conference at the Hawkhill Conference and Events Venue. Adopting the theme of "Landscape at Heart" the event will include tours to some of the special features of the National Park

Councillor David Hugill