

Luttons PC Environmental Sub-Committee Report

For the PC Meeting to be Held on Thursday 20th March 2025 at Kirby Grindalythe VH

Within the scope of the environmental sub-committee remit I report as follows on the topics below:

1. Rubbish i.e. fly tipping
2. Water Voles i.e. either in or out of the Gypsy Race
3. Trees i.e. either management or planting.
4. Village Planters and Benches
5. Dog Fouling
6. Parish Litter Picks
7. Grass cutting
8. Maintenance/Clearing of Gypsy Race
9. Maintenance of Parish Assets
10. Poor/dangerous road or footpath surfaces
11. Damage to any safety railings, e.g. over culverts
12. Flood prevention – gully jetting, weed removal, etc
13. Wildflower Area

Item 1 - Rubbish i.e. fly tipping

It has been brought to my attention that there has been some fly tipping on Croombedale Lane – a mini-fridge I understand.

Item 2 – Water Voles

An update on the Water Voles seen in East Lutton.

Apparently there seemed to be a family of water voles – two adults and (we think) three young ones.

Unfortunately, the three young ones were killed by a cat (or cats) and the adults disappeared for a while.

The good news is that the adults have recently been spotted once again and the hope is they will start to rear more young.

Item 3 - Trees

Nothing untoward that I am aware of.

Item 4 – Planters & Benches

In my previous report I mentioned that I had received a complaint in respect of damage caused to the verge in East Lutton opposite the new entrance to Manor Farm – see photo below.



I have, once again, been in contact with Mt Thornton about the issue but to date have not had a response. This item will be discussed at our next PC Meeting.

Item 5 – Dog Fouling

Nothing new to report here - but I guess the problem still persists.

Item 6 – Parish Litter Picks

Nothing to report. If anyone thinks that there is a need to organise a 'Litter Pick' just let me know.

Item 7 – Grass Cutting

The proposals for grass cutting during 2025 will be discussed at our next PC Meeting.

Item 8 – Gypsey Race (GR)

The GR now appears to be able to accept all the water that has been thrown at it over the last few months and appears to be flowing steadily without any flooding issues.

All the work put in by our volunteers, and by our contractor who cleared the GR east of East Lutton, seems to have paid off.

One item of note is the works undertaken by NYCC (on the corner next to Birtley House) – where bollards have been installed and the watercourse widened slightly. These works were carried out in an attempt to stop vehicles driving too close to the edge of the GR causing the embankments to collapse. So far, the bollards have not been damaged by passing vehicles and the embankments are still intact. Many thanks to NYCC for undertaking that work – evidence of by working together i.e. the PC and NYCC Highways) we can make a difference.

Future works on the GR will be discussed at our next PC Meeting.

Item 9 – Parish Assets

Thanks to Stuart Bell for offering to look in to our 'Asset List' and review a maintenance schedule for same - not an easy task.

This item will be discussed at our next PC Meeting.

Item 10 – Footpaths

Nothing to report.

Item 11 – Safety Railings

I have not had any report back from NYCC Highways in respect of the safety railings outside the church at West Lutton heading towards Manor Farm. However, at the meeting held with NYCC Highways it was noted that one of their engineers did carry out an inspection of the problem.

Item 12 – Flood Prevention

See Item 8.

Item 13 - Wildflower Area

The proposed 'Wild Flower Area' i.e. at the junction of the Wintringham Road and the Wolds Road; has been worked at, but, unfortunately, we ran out of time to get the wildflower seeds sown before the onset of winter. It is proposed that come springtime this project will recommence.

This item will be discussed at our next PC Meeting.

Risk Assessments etc

I think it is time for these documents to be updated – not yet attended to.