

**REPORTS FOR THE POSTPONED PARISH ASSEMBLY OF ROECLIFFE AND
WESTWICK PARISH COUNCIL 6th APRIL 2020 AT ROECLIFFE SCHOOL**

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Appendix 1

MEETING OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF ROECLIFFE AND WESTWICK PARISH COUNCIL

THE PARISH COUNCIL REPORT FOR 2020

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT.

I would like to start by thanking our Cllrs and Parish Clerk for their support and hard work over the past year.

Well, all was going smoothly until the middle of March when the coronavirus struck and we went into lockdown. The Parish Council meeting of March 23rd was cancelled, the Parish Assembly postponed, and the May 3rd Parish Council AGM meeting cancelled as well. That means that the Cllrs will carry on in their present role, and with the same responsibilities until 2021. All the reports from the postponed Parish Assembly will be put together and will appear on the Roecliffe Westwick Village website to be found at <https://www.roecliffewestwickvillage.co.uk>

In order to handle the Coronavirus epidemic, and in particular help those who were self isolating in the village, 28 Volunteers signed up to help deliver food, medication etc. A list of shops that would take orders and deliver were put together and this information sent to villagers who are on email. Boroughbridge Communicare (BCC) have been particularly helpful and they too have volunteers who also help with deliveries. BCC also worked with the Church Lane Surgery to arrange how prescriptions were to be organised and collected, and this system has worked well. BCC also arranged with North Yorkshire County Council for all volunteers to have badges. The Parish Council would like to thank all those who volunteered to help others in the village.

Our Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) is now completed and was signed off by the Parish Council at their January 2020 meeting. It has subsequently been submitted to, and accepted by Harrogate Borough Council (HBC). It is in the process of being examined by them.

We are expecting to choose an examiner from a short list of available examiners with experience of small rural village NDPs; this short list will be provided by HBC. Adjustments to our NDP will be made between the examiner and HBC, and the final NDP will then go to a Referendum to be decided by all members of Roecliffe and Westwick whose name appears on the Electoral Role. A simple majority will mean the NDP will come into effect and will then become a part of the Harrogate Borough Council Local Development Plan.

Normally the time scale for all this would be around 2 – 3 months, but in these strange times of Covid 19, this time scale will be stretched out.

This year the village green has been in much better shape. The posts and signs displayed around the green have done their job, and in spite of the wet winter vehicles have kept off the village green. The bus stop area still gets very torn up and the PC are trying to get the tarmac section enlarged.

The trees on the village green have been inspected and several trees that encroached over the road have been laterally trimmed. Hopefully this work will enable the section of village green at the east end of the village to recover.

The display of snowdrops and more recently crocus and daffodils have been magnificent this year, and the quality of the flowers seems to improve year by year.

Thanks are in order to Scott Green and his continued work with the Open Country Charity and the work they have done on Roecliffe Common. We failed to get Lottery Funding to extend the footpath over Roecliffe Common towards the village. The pond area is totally overgrown and will not be cleaned out until next autumn when the wild life in the pond allow it. The decking in the pond area also needs attention and this work will be done in the summer.

At last the maintenance work on the river Tut near Reed Boardall has been finished and the temporary fencing replaced by a permanent fence. This work has had no effect on the flooding of Bar Lane and after continuous heavy rain last February the road was closed for a couple of days. The Camping and Caravanning Park was flooded to a depth of 5 feet and more damage was done to caravans by vehicles driving too fast through flood water and sending water spraying over the hedge. Gullies were blocked and since the event these have been cleaned out by HBC.

In spite of new HGV signage to stop overnight parking in the roads off Bar Lane, these have not proved totally effective since once a vehicle has parked up it is not possible for the police to move them on, since their tachometers will not allow it.

But with these HGVs being parked up, and the new parking area for Paynes Dairies vehicles at the end of Brickyard Road brings a really serious issue of human excrement being found at the end of Brickyard Road and towards the disused railway line. HBC refuse to clear up on private land, and District Cllr Nick Brown, and Marcus Boardall of Reed Boardall have tried to help alleviate this problem.

This year D.Cllr Nick Brown, Cllr Nick Baird and myself have visited Charlie Payne of Paynes Dairies to discuss issues we have with hair nets and other garb being discarded on Bar Lane after vehicles leave Paynes Dairies. Again Mr Payne has promised to do litter picks every fortnight, and although this has some short term effect, it doesn't seem to last for long. He has promised to work much more closely with the Parish Council in future.

Sad to say The Crown Inn is still closed although before the coronavirus hit there were rumours of the Lease being taken over by a Publican from Cumbria. The Parish Council were unsuccessful in their efforts to make The Crown an Asset of Community Value.

Some other issues that normally appear in this report have this year been included in the Vice Chairman's Planning Report. These include Commuted Sums and the Community Infrastructure Levy, and Footpaths, Bridleways and the Roecliffe Ramble. One thing to add to the section of Commuted Sums and the Community Infrastructure Levy, is that we have now overcome the fact that our village does not

have a village hall, in that HBC have now approved the Church of St. Mary, Roecliffe as our meeting place, this after approval was given by our Parish Council, Church Council and the Churches Conservation Trust.

Unfortunately the Village Fund has been disbanded and the remaining funds transferred to the Parish Council.

I would like to finish by thanking a few people. Firstly our Clerk Vicki Forbes who has now finished her ILCA Course for Parish Clerks. Also our County Cllr Robert Windass and District Cllr Nick Brown for their help during the past year at PC meetings and in the field.

Jim Bolland

Chairman,

Roecliffe and Westwick Parish Council

Appendix 2

Finance

As of 15th April 2020, the balances in the Parish Council bank accounts are:

Community Account:	£9106.39
Business Money Manager Account:	£1253.44

The Community Account has been bolstered by the receipt of £4104.22 from the Village Fund in January 2020.

The precept applied for 2019/2020 was £6348. The first of two instalments is due this month. The second instalment is due late September.

Victoria A Forbes
Clerk to Roecliffe & Westwick Parish Council

Appendix 3

Report of Vice Chair of Roecliffe and Westwick Parish Council for the year 2019/2020

Planning

This year the planning committee have dealt with nineteen assorted planning applications, appeals, requests to discharge conditions, and requests for work on trees within the Conservation Area.

Most of the applications have related to increasing the area of existing dwellings, either upwards or outwards and occasionally both. Generally the extensions have been complimentary to the village vernacular or have been of an interesting and imaginative design. Where the committee considered that there might be construction difficulties such as blocking the highway, or aesthetic ones such as the extension swamping the existing structure, a comment was added as a rider to our decision to the Planning Dept of HBC. Although HBC generally act on the recommendations of the Parish Council, there have been some cases where we have been surprised by their decisions. During this last year before the District Local Plan had been examined the Planning Dept was operating under the NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) which gives a presumption to allow building regardless of local and community infrastructure or vernacular characteristics. Now that HBC Local Plan is almost completed, and on top of that the Roecliffe & Westwick Neighbourhood Plan we should see a greater importance placed on our particular village architecture and appearance. Sadly both District and Neighbourhood Plans have been halted by the national lockdown, but it is believed that the planning department will act as if the two plans were in place.

In addition to the various extension applications there has been one application for a completely new dwelling, which was supported by the Parish Council with a minor modification, and rejected by the planning officer at HBC and this is now subject to an appeal.

Roecliffe Parish Council gave support to our neighbouring councils and action groups for the objection to the appeal against the refused planning application for a motor way service area at Kirby Hill which, whilst not in our parish boundary, was considered important enough for the committee to pass an opinion.

Work has now started on the large cold store at Reed Boardall which was the subject of a planning application in 2014. This development will border the public footpath (shortly to become a bridle way) past Roecliffe pond.

Work has also started on the development of five houses at Manor Farm at the north west end of the village.

Commuted Sums and the Community Infrastructure Levy

It has been the practice nationwide for a developer to contribute a sum of money towards the local community for infrastructure projects. Although the rules and regulations have changed depending on the number of dwellings, their size, whether

urban or rural, and the vagueries of government, the principle was that of a pond ripple with the development in the centre and eight categories such as urban open spaces, churchyards, playgrounds, village halls etc. which would receive monies according to a complicated formula. In the case of Roecliffe, we have missed out on the village hall sums because we do not have one, and the nearest village meeting hall to us is Skelton Reading Room who have received that sum.

The commuted sum is now being replaced by the community infrastructure levy which might seem similar but is not locality based. Any developer, depending on the type of development which can be retail, residential, commercial, or industrial may be subject to a charge levied by the district or county council. These funds are then disbursed to councils or authorities in the area for projects to support the community with certain conditions and limitations. As Roecliffe has a Neighbourhood Plan we will be eligible for a greater percentage of the funds than those villages without a fund. The problem is that, because there is no regulation to keep the fund within the local community, any monies levied from a development in Roecliffe could as an example end up funding a sports hall in Northallerton. There is some little confusion about the mechanism of operating the CIL at the moment as HBC are training up staff but there should be clarification within the next twelve months.

Footpaths, Bridleways, and the Roecliffe Ramble

Although much of this last year has not been ideal for walking around the parish, there has been quite a lot of activity from both villagers and visiting tourists. We have received both positive and negative comments about the state of the footpaths, and within our budget and labouring ability have attempted to deal with any issues.

The track across Roecliffe Common has been largely cleared of overgrowing vegetation by volunteer groups and more bark chippings have been spread following the Spring flooding. We missed the deadline for landscaping round the Common pond before the breeding season for aquatic reptiles but hope to start the work in late Autumn.

Two worn stiles along the Ure bank section of the Roecliffe Ramble are due to be replaced by NYCC this year with self closing metal gates to enable walkers with reduced mobility to enjoy more of the Ramble. Unfortunately like so many projects, this has also been deferred due to the present pandemic. It must be pointed out that the Ramble is subject to both flooding and the vigorous growth of vegetation, and it is almost impossible to keep both under control throughout the year.

North Yorkshire County Council have applied for the extension and re-designation of the footpath along Becklands Lane and behind the Bar Lane industrial site to emerge back onto Bar Lane near West View. They are granting highway status to Thorns Lane, and so defining the track continuously from the corner of Bar Lane/Thorns Lane, along Becklands Lane between the industrial site and Read Boardall to emerge at West View as a Public Bridleway.

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Appendix 4

Roecliffe CE Primary School Parish Assembly Annual Report 2019-20

During the summer holiday in 2019, the school upgraded its wi-fi and hardware, and the staff have been working hard to incorporate the use of this new technology in their teaching. More recently, we started to use 'Google Classroom' to deliver parts of our remote teaching during school closure (related to Coronavirus.) Since closure, pupils have accessed online lessons through Google Classroom on a device at their own home. These have been prepared and sourced digitally by the teachers. The pupils submit their completed work to the teacher and this can then be 'marked' digitally and returned with feedback to the pupils. The investment in upgrading our technology has been very timely!

In October 2019, the refurbishment of the old ICT suite took place and became 'The Hive'. This is now a multi-resource room which houses a library and the space for group work when children want to collaborate on projects. The pupils and staff are also able to use a Google facility to 'cast' (project) work from their chromebooks (laptops) onto a wall in the Hive allowing files such as film clips and documents to be shared with the group.

At the start of the school year, all pupils in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 were given a recorder and recorder book to encourage them to play music. Through weekly music lessons, the children's awareness of music and the ability to read music has developed significantly. We plan to increase the number of pupils playing various instruments in the future.

In January, Roecliffe CE Primary School Choir participated in the Young Voices event at Sheffield Arena where our pupils sang in a collective choir of five thousand children! It was an amazing experience and we look forward to taking part again next year!

The school welcomed Rev Karen as she joined us at the start of the school year and she has been instrumental in further developing the school's Christian ethos. Rev Karen regularly works with groups of children and delivers weekly Collective Worship sessions at the school.

Throughout the autumn term, all the teachers attended Global Teachers Award training sessions with St Peter's CE Primary (Brafferton) and Dishforth Airfield Primary. This training developed the teachers' awareness of global education and has supported the staff team to incorporate their knowledge of global issues in their teaching. All the teachers were awarded with their Global Teachers Award certificate in a recent Collective Worship at school. This was a great opportunity for the pupils to experience adults working towards, and achieving, an end goal.

The school continues to strive for excellence in our provision for our pupils and we are proud of what we achieve. Having enjoyed a productive first half of the school year, we miss our pupils and their families and look forward to welcoming them back to school in the near future when closure has ended.

Mrs Lesley Briggs

Appendix 5

MEETING OF THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF ROECLIFFE AND WESTWICK PARISH COUNCIL

CHURCH OF ST.MARY, ROECLIFFE – REPORT FOR 2020

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT – Church of St. Mary, Roecliffe.

Our new vicar the Revd Karen Gardiner, husband Julian and two daughters arrived in Boroughbridge last September, and the Induction service held in St Andrews, Aldborough last September, presided over by Bishop Nick.

She has settled in remarkably quickly and her openness, kindness and warmth has impressed all and has been a joy to behold. She, and her family seem so happy here that we hope she will be with us for a long time.

As a community we appreciate how lucky we are that the Churches Conservation Trust own and look after the fabric of our church. The CCT and the Parish Council, and now Harrogate Borough Council have given their permission to appoint our church as the village meeting place, which means that any money from 106, or CIL contributions which accrue from Planning Applications for a village meeting place will now be directed towards our church rather than going to the nearest meeting place in another village. The CCT have also told us that they are prepared to offer grants towards church improvements but the village would have to fund raise an equivalent sum of money. We do support the CCT through donations that our Church Council make to the CCT, also half our collections and money from the Donation’s Box. Overall we do cover the cost that the CCT put in to maintain the building which is around £800 per year.

The Church Council is responsible for maintaining our churchyard. John Ind has kindly offered his services to keep the churchyard tidy, but we continue to go outside for grass cutting. This year we have decided to allow a section of the churchyard to revert to nature and we will sow national wild flowers etc.

Congregations have held up this past year, and since Rev Karen’s arrival have if anything increased.

The church is opened at weekend for visitors, since the CCT benefits, the more visitors we have. However visitor numbers have fallen away badly during the past 12 months, 952 as against 1666 last year. No doubt the closing of The Crown Inn over the same period has taken its toll. They are also pleased to see that our Primary School use the church for major services, and recently the CCT ran a special day for the school. In the past 12 months there have been no baptisms or weddings, or funerals, although Sue Hutchinson’s ashes have been interred in the churchyard.

Financially the church is in good shape. Our various Funds have increased in 2019, but have been hit by the coronavirus recently. In spite of few events we made a small surplus of £253 and this included us paying our Parish Share of £11,198. The Racket Club had a good year with 124 numbers being sold, quite a few to new arrivals in the village.

I would like to thank those who serve on the Roecliffe Church Council, in particular Lisa Daniell who is our Secretary and John Mitchell our Treasurer. Stephen Jarvis and myself remain as Church Wardens, and John Mitchell and David Bellwood make up our representation at UPPC Meetings. Thanks to David Bellwood and Elizabeth Jarvis who give us excellent support playing the organ for our services.

As Chairman of the Church Council, I would like to thank all those who arrange flowers in church. Our new flower rota works very well and several more people have come forward to arrange flowers with some excellent results. Thanks also to Heather who has organised the cleaning rota for the church and encouraged many new cleaners onto the rota. Finally thanks to those who provide coffee and refreshments after services. Without all your help the church would be in a bad way.

Jim Bolland: Chairman, Roecliffe P.C.C.

Appendix 6

Annual Report to Parish Assembly April 2020

Roecliffe WI meets monthly, except September, in the School Hall. We currently have 25 members with one dual member. During the year we welcomed one new member, and returning past member, but sadly lost our dear friend Cynthia Benson. In many ways this has been a quiet year activity-wise, probably just as well since we were running with a reduced committee. Happily this matter is now resolved for 2020, huge thanks to the new committee volunteers.

As usual we attended the Annual federation Spring Council, held at Tennants of Leyburn, and entered most of the classes at the Great Yorkshire Show. The theme this was rather challenging-‘Looking to the future’- but we had a go, and did very well.

The resolutions passed at the Annual AGM this year were ‘Don’t fear the smear’ and ‘Get on board for a better bus service’. We were not impressed with the selection this year, but nationally the WI does an enormous amount of work with government and with other organisations towards these and previous resolutions.

Our speakers this year have been varied and interesting, arranged for us by Jackie Wilson. There was **inspiration and admiration** with the Pinnies and Pearls ladies (never too late to be an entrepreneur), and with the Hearing Dogs for the Deaf talk, **design ideas** with Painting with Wool and designing with plants, **hands-on craft** with American bead work and peg dolls, **scientific learning** with The Miracle of Life and **guilty pleasures** with the chocolatier Andrew Thwaites and a Gin Distillery visit.

We did not have much opportunity for village activities this year, but we continue to contribute to the village website, and Lynda Wigby continues to be our ‘Social Media’ presence, running our Facebook Group. In common with other organisations, with the onset of the Coronavirus crisis we have cancelled our meetings for the time being, but are keeping in touch by email newsletters, sharing photos, poems and anecdotes.

When we get back to normal we will continue to be a friendly, talented and outgoing group of ladies, and make up for lost time with more activities and events later in the year.

Helen Davison

President, Roecliffe WI

Appendix 7

Roecliffe and Westwick Neighbourhood Watch

Report to the Roecliffe Parish Council Assembly Meeting 2020

I just feel that this year I can do no better than include the latest minutes of a "Safer Neighbourhood Group" meeting that was held in Boroughbridge last February. It really gives good updates on what is going on in our Area and the activities of the police and fire emergency people.

Living in the countryside we must be extra vigilant and keep all tools, garden implements etc locked away.

We must also be careful with unsolicited phone calls since there are so many scams doing the rounds, whether it be internet connection that are going to be discontinued in 24 hrs, or Amazon Prime are about to take money from your account. All are intended to gain personal data from each one of us..

Neighbourhood Watch works by us all protecting our own, and keeping a vigilant eye on other's property. If problems call the 101 police number or 999 for urgent police matters.

Jim Bolland 2020

Roecliffe Park has been crime free this year as usual because of the park layout no one can access the park without being seen and the access gates are closed at nighttime.

All the residents are retired so people are about during the day and look out for each other. one concern was the fact that the Crown Inn is closed and could possibly attract undesirable attention.

Now we are in lockdown due to the Coronavirus we have more delivery vehicles than usual on the park but we have had no problems so far.

I have nothing further to report so this concludes the report for Roecliffe Park

Stuart Varley (Neighbourhood Watch Coordinator for Roecliffe Park)

Appendix 8

Boroughbridge Area Safer Neighbourhood Group

Minutes of the meeting of 20 February 2020 held in the Jubilee Room Boroughbridge

Present: Nick Brown (chairman), Helen Chester (secretary), Chief Constable Lisa Winward, Sergeant Andy Graham, Constable Jan Powell, Andy Creasey (Fire and Rescue Service), Anne Fletcher, Paul Gill, Richard Cole, John Helliwell, Debbi Jorgensen, Suzanne Campbell, Pauline Phillips, Peter Phillips, Jim Bolland, Don Paton, John Steel, Alan Pearson, Chris Jackson, James Wilkinson, Sandi Cole, Robert Windass.

1. **Welcome** Nick Brown welcomed everyone to the meeting.
2. **Apologies** for absence Apologies had been received from Nic Holmes, Alex Robinson and Derek Benbow.
3. **Approval of the minutes of the last meeting held on 17 July 2019** The minutes were approved after a query was resolved.
4. **Chief Constable Winward** CC Winward spoke of the high value she places on direct communication with the public she serves. According to statistics, North Yorkshire is the safest place to live in the country, but CC Winward is very aware that it is also important that the public feel safe and have situations causing them concern dealt with to their satisfaction. She spoke of her history of joining the Police, and having risen to the post of Chief Constable she is still passionate about helping the public and she takes seriously every communication that she receives. North Yorkshire is a huge geographical area with low reported crime. This creates particular problems regarding the amount of funding it receives.

CC Winward then responded to a number of questions from the meeting.

Police numbers have been rising but demands for officers to deal with online crime and child protection take them away from being 'on the beat'.

The Government has announced increased funding for police officers which may provide 200 more officers for our region. However demands of recruitment, training and replacing officers who retire, makes for a complex situation and it will be between 3 and 6 years before the impact of these extra staff is felt. (Effectively a force of 124,000 may well be trying to recruit 50,00 over three years which is an enormous task). Also specialist areas of detection and areas with strict performance targets may well be allocated extra officers ahead of general policing needs.

In North Yorkshire the funding of the police is evenly split between national government and local precept. One initiative being trialled to make the most of funding is 'multi-agency officers', involving the co-operation of the police, fire and rescue service, paramedics and community safety groups. This hopes to address the problem that the majority of incidents that police are called out to should be dealt with by other agencies. CC Winward is promoting better practices in 'first response' to signpost to other agencies and has collected statistics to show how many police officers are forced by necessity to make journeys that should be made by

ambulance. Since presenting these this situation has shown some improvement. These include incidents involving mental health crises. Constable Powell told the meeting that he is personally aware of vulnerable residents in our area and does visit them to keep aware of their needs and hopefully prevent problems escalating.

The new Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner is due to be elected in May. The meeting was encouraged to contact the new Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner directly to request involvement in the consultation that will take place in the year following their election. The meeting was interested to be made aware of other Safer Neighbourhood groups locally and the Chair asked if Sgt Graham could send him some information. Action: Sgt Graham The idea was raised that the Boroughbridge Group could meet more frequently and the Chair requested any such proposals be sent to him. Action: All

Nationally there has been some conversation around the merging of police forces but there is no immediate plan for anything like that in this area. Also figures have been released showing a low percentage of crimes result in prosecution. CC Winward said this was unacceptable but factors affecting these statistics included changes in the way data was collected and recorded, police officers who are diverted away from 'solving crimes' due to pressures on other services, the increased involvement of the Crown Prosecution Service in making decisions to prosecute or not and diversion of time and effort into crime prevention.

The Chair expressed many thanks to CC Winward for her helpful contribution to the meeting and CC Winward returned thanks to all those working together to make their local community a safer place.

5. Police and crime report - district and local A report from North Yorkshire Police was circulated prior to the meeting. In addition it was noted that not all crimes that are publicised on social media are actually reported to the police and that a spate of local crimes is frustrating but the police are doing their best with limited resources and they do really value local information.

There have been frustrations in trying to contact the police via 999 and 101 particularly with regard to rural crime. There is still a lack of confidence in the 101 system and police could do more to explain to the public what the constraints are and to encourage use of the system. CC Winward noted that the 101 system was currently being recommissioned alongside an online resource to report crime. CC Winward invited members of the group to get in touch with her if they wished to visit the 'control room' and see how the system worked.

Sgt Graham noted that he was still promoting mobile working as a way of having officers out in the community.

6. To discuss concerns regarding Rural Crime Mobile Watch events where police and residents work together to prevent and detect crime were greatly appreciated by both sides. Residents would like it to happen more often and Sgt Graham said his team would do the best they could but resources were limited.

7. Matters arising from previous meetings:

a. **To receive an update regarding the Youth Group** It is believed that the Youth Group is no longer operating.

b. **To receive an update regarding reporting through 101** See 5. The Chair had only received one communication in response to his offer to pass on 101 concerns to senior officers.

8. **Neighbourhood Watch** A report from Harrogate and District Neighbourhood Watch was circulated prior to the meeting. Concern was expressed regarding the future of Neighbourhood Watch. CC Winward had spoken to the National Chair recently. The police consider Neighbourhood Watch a valued partner but there is a need to refresh and modernise the organisation. There has been very poor communication from the organisation to our local co-ordinators and a lot of local information is passed on between residents via social media.

9. **Fire and Rescue Service report** The closer links between the police and fire and rescue services locally were continuing. Sharing buildings and resources makes financial sense and leads to improved communication. There is no formal joint plan as yet. The station at Boroughbridge is staffed by on-call firefighters who provide a vital service. Recruitment is ongoing and the meeting were asked to pass on the message regarding the need for more volunteers to come forward for daytime shifts. A question was asked regarding a very slow response to a 95 Alive survey in Langthorpe but this is a North Yorkshire County Council matter rather than the Fire and Rescue Service. Report attached.

10. **Dishforth Camp** report No communication received.

11. **AOB Flooding.** The emergency volunteers had been called out twice and done sterling work. Communication and lack of clarity over who was responsible to order and maintain the road closure was stressful for volunteers during Storm Ciara. The response to Storm Dennis was better organised. CC Winward encouraged volunteers to outline the problems in the debrief session.

12. **Date, time and venue of next meeting** The next meeting will take place in The Jubilee Room Boroughbridge 19:30 September 10 2020.

