

Questions received in advance of the public accountability meeting 23 January 2018

Questions from Dan Taylor via e-mail

Questions 1-8

Hi,

I have seen a York Press article asking for questions for your upcoming public accountability meeting. I have six.

1.) Why is so much resource being allocated to the fracking site at Kirby Misperton during a time of police budget cuts when 3rd Energy uses a creative tax avoidance scheme using a parent company in the Caymen Islands? Companies like this is why there is no money for the police. If they want this level of police involvement then they should surely pay for it? I went down to site for a day to see the situation for myself and there was twice the amount of police as protestors, and I counted at least 8 police vehicles. A massive cost implication which seemed over the top.

2.) Why do evidence gatherers film people during (getting good close ups) the two 20 minute allowed slow walks? It's intimidating and puts people off their legal right to protest.

3.) Why have the police on multiple occasions closed Great Habbton Road when photos from the site show the locks on are clearly contained in the gateway and there is room for cars to pass?

4.) Why was the removal of a car attempted in Kirby Misperton village to allow the removal of the workover rig without any attempt to contact the cars owner? I saw the video of the event, and it looks really bad on NYP. The local resident is understandably confused and angry. Why are the police helping 3rd energy disrupt village life to suit their needs?

Link to video:

<https://www.facebook.com/red.shell.37/videos/g.573619286143264/10155876826434901/?type=2&theater&ifg=1>

5.) My brothers phone was stolen from a pub in Malton, and using find my iPhone he managed to track the phone to the street it taken to. He said the police didn't want to know. Why are the police no longer following up on thefts anymore? Is it due to too many resources allocated to Kirby Misperton?

6.) Why are any points raised by people that are negative of North Yorkshire police (such as ones that show they are not at fault for certain road closures) deleted from the NYP Kirby Misperton Facebook page? Without balance, the protestors are completely demonised.

Supplementary question from Dan

In addition to question 3, I have seen today (03/01/2018) there has been another road closure due to a lorry

surfer: <https://www.facebook.com/ian.r.crane.7/videos/1305567966215573/>

Whereas I don't agree with assertions made in the video by the filmer that police are deliberately doing this to intimidate or drive a wedge in the community, I am wondering why the road has been closed in this way and why it requires two vans and so many officers? The blockade appears to be randomly in the middle of the village, I can't see a lorry between the two vans at all. I have also heard that the lorry is passable by car (i.e: local traffic) and if they could be allowed to pass this would reduce disruption to village life so could it please be discussed

- a.) why roads are being closed in this way and
- b.) why it needs so much resource? Surely you could close the road just as effectively with a patrol car, some cones and two officer?

Questions from Paul Lamb via Twitter

Questions 9, 10

Paul lamb

@Julia_Mulligan Hear you're taking questions.

? - Are you able to register private CCTV and the like to assist in investigations

? - Small fee paid

the owners are paid nominal sum say £10 for registering their system that allows police to view as required

payment isn't really an issue. The linking of the hundreds of domestic and small business system is my point

Question from Timothy Akers via the OPCC contact us form

Question 11

What is being done to aid all ex-prisoners into meaningful work after prison, especially those who have served more than 18 months, as they are the most likely to reoffend if not given an alternative, with respect, and hope that things will get better.

Questions from Sally Field via e-mail

Questions 12, 13, 14

? - I would like to ask if the sexual offenders are given advice or education in conducting a relationship. I have worked with offenders and it seems they don't have guidance or understanding on appropriate behavior with females.

? - Are checks made on their internet usage following release as women can easily be put at risk as well as children.

? - Before release are appropriate steps taken to ensure appropriate accommodation is in place and not simply with family or girlfriend.

As I believe strong boundaries are needed to correct offending behavior without using emotional manipulation.

Sally Field - Councillor/counsellor

Questions from Gwen Swinburn via Twitter

Questions 15,16

Gwen Swinburn@GSwinburn

#NYPScrutiny Having waited 40 days for this #foi I am now into 75 days waiting for an internal review. I even simplified the request to address the investigation conclusion only... <https://northyorkshire.police.uk/access-to-information/foi-disclosure-log/foi-0323-2017-18-city-york-council-contracts/>

(FOI 0323.2017-18 - City of York Council Contracts)

Qs

1. With such delays the team appears inadequately resourced, despite PCC commitment to 'squeezing the pips dry' is it?
2. Seems Police have unfair different transparency standards Re statements at end of *investigations*. Why isn't there a common standard? See link

PI see link where I have copied in my internal review request and explainer regarding publication of conclusions. A common protocol will save time & £ & will avoid perception of and/or coverup/discretion.

https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/city_of_york_council_procurement_2#comment-81614