**Text of letter from Parish Council to Highways (Area 6), copied to NYCC Chief Executive and Karl Battersby, Corporate Director of Business and Environmental Services.**

**6th August 2021**

We would like urgent information on planned roadworks in Kirkby Malzeard.

I attach a map with images of the chaotic diversion signs in and around Kirkby Malzeard.

The interactive roadworks map on the NYCC website shows roadworks will take place between Kirkby Malzeard and Laverton (2nd - 6th Aug), Northern Powergrid works along Backlane North (31st Aug - 3rd Sept) and some work by Yorkshire Water in Mowbray Crescent (17th August). Whilst none of these have any signs posted in the village or on my map, none are of particular concern to residents.

We are, however, concerned about a huge raft of other works that are signed in the village but not listed on the NYCC website,

Our Parish Council and various residents have been telephoning NYCC for several days and all have been told NYCC have no knowledge about any of the signs shown on my map (attached).

Please may you establish what roadworks are planned, that have been flagged by signs around the village.

These works are:

**Longswales Lane: "Road Closed 16th - 24th August 0700 - 1800"**

**Main Street (signs are at East end and West end) "Road Closed 20th - 26th August 0700 - 1800"**

**Church Street "This Road will be closed, 2nd - 7th September, 0700 - 1800"**

With regard to these works, we want to know: What work is planned and by whom and what route of diversion is suggested (the current diversion signs do not make any sense).

We would also like a named contact person to call on to sort this out.

If the roads are closed, as indicated by signs, there will be no access out of the village eastwards or northwards from 20th - 26th August and no access out of the village northwards from 16th - 24th August, without a significant diversion, because Church Bank is closed and has been since February 2020.

We would also like some reassurance that emergency vehicles will have access to the village at all times.

Local businesses have suffered from a lack of communication from Highways.  The local shops really need to know asap what works are planned so that they can adapt to the road closures.

The Fish and Chip Shop in particular would like to know about these works so that they can reduce staff or even close if there is significant disruption.

Please may you respond by the end of Monday 9th August at the very latest?

This letter and responding correspondence will be posted on our community website, unless we are specifically instructed not to.

(Kathryn and Mark, I cc'd you in for your information with regard to works on the Church Wall)