



Ripponden Parish Council

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Parish Councillors express concern at deployment of police resources

Ripponden Parish Councillors noted with concern the response on behalf of the West Yorkshire Police to their request for a detailed review of the use of police resources in the Ripponden, Barkisland, Soyland and Rishworth areas.

The reply from the Calderdale Divisional officer in charge of Partnerships and Neighbourhood Policing regarding future police service provision in the Parish of Ripponden centred around considerations regarding the impending total closure of the flood damaged Sowerby Bridge police station.

The correspondence from Richmond Close outlined the problems associated with decreases in police budgets and public consultations which had taken place with residents and Calderdale Councillors.

A Parish Council spokesperson concluded after the debate that "Police efforts to mitigate the results of flood damage to the police facility in Station Road Sowerby Bridge would seem to imply total closure. Further reductions in police service to the communities in the upper Ryburn and Blackburn valleys are a major concern - our Council Tax payers need to be told exactly what is planned."

The Chief Inspector responsible for Partnerships and Neighbourhoods has been invited to a Council meeting in the near future to give further details of future policies and police provision in Ripponden Parish Council area.

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