

Catterick Parish Council

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Unconfirmed summary minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 6th January 2025

1. Open Forum and Public Participation in the meeting

One member of the public attended.

Mr Bannister started by thanking the Parish Council for the work that they do throughout the year, acknowledging that the Councillors are all volunteers. He said that many others in the village also felt the same.

He had two points to raise. The gate onto the road from the roundabout where the Motorway Services is planned is now locked and the cars that used to park down there are now parking in the next gate way along the service road towards the Catterick turn off and leaving a lot of litter. He was wondering if a rubbish bin could be installed here in the hope that they may use this for their rubbish. The Councillors said that a bin could only be placed there if it is on the route of the Council's bin emptying service. The Clerk will look into this.

Mr Bannister organises the Hello Catterick coffee mornings in the Booth Hall. It is still being well attended and is now acting not just as a warm place to meet but also as a point to seek advice and help with forms etc. He said that it costs around £1500 to hire the room over the year. All the refreshments are free, although some donations from attendees are received. Soup is now also being provided at lunch time. He asked the Parish Council if they were able to help out with cost of the room hire in the coming year. Cllr Les has offered £300 from his Locality Budget Fund.

Last year the Parish Council gave a donation to cover 6 months hire. All the Councillors agreed that it well worth supporting the Community Hub – and it was suggested that 2months hire could be donated this year.

Proposed Cllr Ryan Secoded Cllr Claypole

All the Councillors agreed. Mr Bannister will send an invoice to the Clerk.

The Councillors discussed how the Open forum and Council sessions of the meeting should be conducted at the meetings after criticism that the Parish Council meetings were not being held correctly. Cllr Campbell said that at the moment a member of the public could attend the meeting and they would be asked by the Chairman if they had any points to raise. One suggestion was that members of the public should send a request to the Clerk to speak at the meeting before the meeting. The Councillors thought that this would make it more difficult for the residents and put some people off from raising any concerns. It was decided to stay with the more informal way in use now. Cllr Les said that other Parish Council meetings he attends did it the same as we do and do not expect residents to contact the clerk first.

It was suggested a short summary of how a meeting is run should be available at each meeting. i.e. residents can only speak in the open forum section for a maximum of 5 minutes and the whole open forum session to last no more than 20 minutes. Once the Chairman has announced that we are going into Council, the public can no longer talk unless asked to do so by the Chairman. The Clerk will print out and laminate the notices.

2. Police report.

Sgt Lawson attended the meeting in place of PCSO Smith

Report from 1st December 2024 – 5th January 2025

6 Crimes Reported - 2 Crimes/Theft – shop thefts – 1 Suspect was arrested and charged the other is still ongoing. 2 Crime Violence – 1 report was domestic related and 1 is a report of stalking. 1 Crime/Auto theft – 1 report of a stolen car on Marne Bks. 1 Crime/Criminal Damage – Male reported of Criminal Damage in the Co-op.

Crimes report for the same period last year = 5

3 Anti-Social Behaviour reports/Nuisance -1 report of a neighbour dispute

1 report of a male causing a nuisance in the pub, it was all quiet on arrival.

1 report of kids throwing items at a property, there were no further reports.

Anti-Social Report for the same period last year = 1

7 Person/Safety /Warning reports - 2 Abandoned Calls – both were made in error.

3 Concern report – 1 report of concern for a male who was found safe and well. 2 reports regarding an elderly female who was found to be safe, well and returned home.

1 Domestic Incident -1 Suspicious report of bullying.

All other warnings reported in the same period last year = 5

There were no other incidents recorded for this period.

Other incidents recorded (RTC's, RTC damage) the same period last year = 6

Community Messaging

North Yorkshire Community Messaging allows members of the public to register to receive alerts, crime notifications and community news from organisations. It is a way of maintaining contact with Neighbourhood Watch and Rural Watch groups. Neighbourhood & Rural Watch have their own database within community messaging for their members.

You can sign up to receive alerts as a member of the public here:

<https://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk/>

Emergency - 999

National 24hr non-emergency number 101

- 101 calls cost 15 pence per call from mobile or landline, regardless of length of call

Call 'Crimestoppers' anonymously on 0800 555 111

Contact Details: PCSO 3521 Di Smith diane.smith3521@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Sgt Lawson followed up on the concerns raised by a resident at the last meeting about an elderly lady living in Church Wynd that had had her door kicked. He checked what had occurred and the response from the police with the officer that attended the incident and the resident. The lady was quite happy with the response of the police and had been given good advice and help with security. Sgt Lawson has also checked with the church about the possibility of locking the gate into the church yard. They are not prepared to do this for a number reasons including its use as a cut through for residents and the ill feeling this would cause if it was no longer available and the extra work it would entail for the 3 people who were able to lock and unlock the gate.

3. North Yorkshire Council

Cllr Les said that he was disappointed that the plans for the motorway services at J52 had been past in December. The upgrade to Barton was also past. He has contacted MOTTO to see if they are going to request a judicial review.

North Yorkshire Council are discussing the budget for next year. He will have more to say on this next month but he expects the Council Tax to rise the maximum allowed.

4. Matters arising

a) The application for the tree work to be carried out on Low Green, Beckside and High Green has been approved. The Clerk will contact the tree surgeon to confirm dates.

b) The cemetery wall at the corner overlooking Pallett Hill has been repaired and the rubbish, including dumped tarmac has been removed. Colin Browne said that the roots of a

tree close to the wall could be causing damage to the wall and suggested that it is cut down. When the tree surgeon is carrying out the tree work in the village the clerk will meet up with him and see what he thinks.

5. Repair to Low Green

The Clerk has been notified that the Discharge of Conditions for the planning application for the instalment of the kerbstones has been approved. She has contacted MacPlant to tell them they can go ahead with the work.

Sgt Lawson was asked if anything could be done to stop the vehicles parking over the kerbstones once they have been installed. He said that if the land is owned by the Parish Council, then criminal proceedings could possibly be brought against anyone damaging the private property although it is sometimes difficult to prove who actually damaged it even if a vehicle is parked on the area. Cllr Ryan suggested a flyer is sent out to the residents in the area when the work is to proceed to warn them that this road will be closed and that if vehicles are found to be parking on the green in future and causing damage then criminal proceedings may be brought.

6. Correspondence

a) The Clerk has received a letter of thanks from then Great North Air Ambulance for the £500 donation.

b) The Clerk has received a request from Catterick, Colburn and Richmond Community Libraries (CCRCL) for a donation to help cover costs. The three libraries are run by volunteers but employ an admin. assistant for two days a week at a cost of £18,000. In 2024/25 budget year we gave £1500 but at the time we said we would not be able to do that every year. The Councillors agreed that the Parish Council could give some financial help as the libraries are used by the residents of the village. £500 was suggested.

Proposed Cllr Campbell Seconded Cllr Ryan

The Clerk will contact the CCRCL

c) The Clerk has just been contacted by a resident in St Annes Crescent about a branch that has broken and is still hanging from the tree. It has brought down some BT lines. It is on an area of grass that we maintain. The Clerk said that she will contact the tree surgeon to get it removed

7. Planning

Three Discharges of Conditions for the planning application for the rebuilding of the school have been received.:

Discharge of condition 3 attached to application number ZD24/00252/FULL (Arboricultural Method Statement (AMS), Root Protection Area (RPA) and alternative construction/protection measures) LOCATION: Michael Syddall Church Of England Aided Primary School Mowbray Road Catterick Village Richmond

Discharge of condition 9 attached to application number ZD24/00252/FULL (Biodiversity Gain Plan) LOCATION:

Discharge of condition 4 attached to application number ZD24/00252/FULL (landscaping scheme)

The Councillors did not have any concerns with these.

8. Minor Matters

a) The Clerk has been told that the request for a memorial tree in Pallett Hill (See August & September 2024 Minutes) by a resident has now been past to the Community Assets and Engagement Manager at North Yorkshire Council. They are finalising the Tree and Woodland Strategy which would include details of trees in memorial. She will get back in touch once this has been completed.

b) September the Clerk reported concerns from a resident about speeding along Leeming Lane to the police. She has just received an email from them. Speed enforcement vehicles have been deployed here – the last time in November. 8 Vehicles were issued with notices for Speed Awareness Courses.

Because of the large number of sites that are monitored in North Yorkshire, they said that the vehicles cannot attend as often as they would like but because of our concerns has contacted the Camera Deployment Team and requested that Leeming Lane is considered for extra enforcement in the near future.

c) The Clerk asked if anyone has come forward as the family of Mr Toas, the name on the plaque on the bench on Low Green. Cllr Oselton, who wasn't at the meeting when we discussed the bench previously, knew Mr Toas and said he lived almost opposite it. As far as he was aware no family lived in the village. It was decided that this bench could be replaced but the plaque should be reinstated on the new bench.

d) In August a resident complained about the new memorial bench that was installed on Becksides to replace the rotting one that was there. She wanted this and other recycled benches removing. She sent in an official complaint to the Planning Department. The Planning enforcement Officer has just been in touch with the Clerk for more details. She explained the Parish Council's Bench Policy of replacing benches with more sustainable ones. He was quite happy with that and said that it was up to the Parish Council what type of bench we allowed. He was going to contact the resident and say that no action was to be taken. Since then, the Clerk has received another email from the resident asking us to change the Bench Policy. The Councillors discussed the request but all agreed that Bench Policy did not need changing. The Clerk will contact the resident.

Date of next meeting Monday February 3rd 2025