

Catterick Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 3rd February 2025

Present: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Bhatti, Cllr Ryan, Cllr Oselton. Cllr Les, PCSO Smith and Major Bagshaw
Clerk

1. Apologises for absence.

Cllrs Claypole and PC Sgt Lawson

2. Open Forum

No members of the public attended the meeting

3.Reports

3.1 Police report.

PCSO Smith attended the meeting

Report from 6th January 2025 – 1st February 2025

5 Crimes Reported -1 Crimes/Theft – shop thefts – investigation ongoing.

4 Crime Violence – all were domestic related.

Crimes report for the same period last year = 2

4 Anti-Social Behaviour Reports - 2 Nuisance reports - 2 reports of youths banging on doors. 2 Personal reports - 1 report of unwanted texts, 1 report of a neighbour dispute.

Anti-Social Report for the same period last year = 0

15 Person/Safety /Warning reports 6 Abandoned Calls – all were made in error.

2 Concern reports. 2 Domestic Incident 2 Suspicious reports. – 1 report of possible cloned number plates, 1 report of foot mark on a door. 1 Sudden death. 1 Report of an insecure premises. 1 Report of sheep on the road.

All other warnings reported in the same period last year = 3

2 Reports of other incidents. 1 Highway disruption – report of a vehicle blocking access. 1 Administration – refers to pre-planned event.

Other incidents recorded (RTC's, RTC damage) the same period last year = 7

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

Coffee with a Copper. Please come to see me at the Thrift shop in Booth Hall on Tuesdays. Come and have a chat about any issues or advice you may need.

4th March 10.00 -12.00hrs

18th March 10.00 -12.00hrs

8th April 10.00 -12.00hrs

13th May 10.00 -12.00 hrs

Times and dates may change due to duty requirements.

Project Servator is still up and running in Richmondshire.

We will be here, unannounced. We can be at any place, anytime and anywhere.

If you see a suspicious vehicle in the area, please call police at the time so we are able to have a greater chance of speaking to the occupants and establishing whether they are legitimate. If possible, try to obtain the vehicle registration, any wording on the vehicle, descriptions of occupants and direction of travel.

Residents are encouraged to report all incidents at the time they are happening to enable effective action can be taken by police. We can only act on information we are aware of

Please visit our website www.northyorkshire.police.uk for advice regarding Crime Prevention and safety advice.

Emergency - 999

National 24hr non-emergency number 101

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

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Contact Details: PCSO 3521 Di Smith

diane.smith3521@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

3.2 Marne Barracks

Major Bagshaw attended the meeting.

He reported that the cost of the development work at Marne Barracks has increased from £80 million to £150m. Savings to reduce the cost to below £110m are being looked into. Because of this he does not now think that the new entrance from the service road onto the barracks will go ahead. More traffic will therefore be using the main gate at the start of the village. If this does get too bad, he suggested that he could get the contractors to attend a meeting to discuss the problem. Due to the need to find savings, the work will not now start until late summer.

The Clerk mentioned the email she had forwarded onto Maj. Bagshaw from a resident in Oran Lane who was concerned with the number of large vehicles going down trying to find the entrance to Marne Barracks. Maj. Bagshaw has tried the Marne Barracks postcode in different navigation systems but they all take you to the main gates so he is not sure why more vehicles are going down Oran Lane. He has asked that the residents living in streets close to Oran Lane check where they are directing the home delivery lorries. If a sign is needed at the start of Oran Lane, Highways would need to be contacted.

3.3 North Yorkshire Council

Cllr Les -The Budget for the coming year is being discussed and the Council Tax is likely to rise by £4.9%. The Rural Support Grant from the Government has been taken away so this has made budgeting a lot harder. £5m has had to be taken out of the Council reserves.

The amount each Councillor has to spend in their Locality Budget Grants is also most likely to be reduced from £10,000 to £5,000.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes from January

Proposed Cllr Ryan Seconded Cllr Bhatti

5. Matters arising

- a) The tree works to be carried out on Low Green, Beckside and High Green will hopefully start the week commencing 17th February.
- b) The Clerk has been in touch with MacPlant to see when they can start the kerb work around the village green. The setts have been ordered and once these have arrived, they will get a licence from Highways to enable them to work on the road.
- c) The Clerk has contacted Street Scene about the possibility of having a litter bin installed at one of the gateways off the A6055 as cars park here and some litter is being left here. They have said that they would have to inspect the area to see if it was suitable for the vans to stop and empty the bins. The Clerk is waiting for a price of a bin. In 2022 it was £282. The Councillors wondered whether it was really worth spending this money on a bin here when there are a lot of other expenses this year. They decided not to progress with it at the moment.

6. Current Issues

6.1 Beck Side erosion.

Cllr Wyrill is getting quotes for this but did not attend the meeting.

6.2 Urban Grass Cutting

Each year Highways pays the Parish Council to cut the grass in certain areas of the village. The Clerk has received a letter from Highways asking if we want to continue this year. The Parish Council will receive £532.77. The Parish Councillors agreed to continue with this. The Clerk will contact Highways.

6.3 Renewal of Annual Play Park Inspection.

The Clerk asked if the Parish Councillors were happy to renew the contract with The Play Inspection Company for the annual inspection of the play parks later this year. The charge has increased by £8. They thought that they seemed to do a thorough job and agreed to the renewal. The Clerk will contact the company.

6.4 Memorial Bench Policy

The Clerk has received another email from the resident about the bench on Beckside and the Bench Policy. The bench that was removed did not have a plaque on and she wanted to know if it was a memorial bench. She said the policy on the Parish Council website was for memorial benches and wanted to see our policy for non-commemorative benches. The Clerk has amended the Bench Policy to include both commemorative/memorial benches and non-memorial benches. This was previously sent out for the Councillors to read. They all agreed with these amendments and the new policy was accepted.

Cllr Les has made some enquiries into whether there are any guide lines on the type of benches acceptable in a conservation area. The Planning Development Department suggested that we look at the Conservation Area Appraisals and Management Plans at North Yorkshire Council for Catterick Village. It mentions benches but does not specify the type but does say that any outdated or damaged items should be replaced. It mentions the mosaics in front of this bench and the one on Low Green and says that these should be kept. There is no plan to remove these. Cllr Les agreed that it was up to the Parish Council to decide what type of bench was used. As did the Planning Enforcement Officer (As mentioned last month)

7. Accounts.

7.1 Periodic Accounts

Previously circulated

Proposer Cllr Bhatti Seconded Cllr Ryan

8. Correspondence

a) The Clerk has had an email from a resident in the Brough Meadows/Ash Croft area concerned about the state of the roads and footpaths when the snow was on the ground earlier in January. She has been in touch with Highways to ask about gritting but these minor roads are low on the priority list. They did mention the Community Gritting Partnership – this is a volunteer scheme that helps the Highways team by gritting and clearing areas that are not normally covered by Highways until all the main routes have been cleared. The group would buy the equipment and the salt & grit and then spread this themselves.

The Councillors were quite sceptical about the number of volunteers that would come forward for this as they thought that many of the grit bins around the village are not being used at the moment and just throwing salt/grit onto the pavement would not be effective unless it was trodden in or the snow was first removed.

b) The Clerk has received an email from a group called Electrical Safety-First campaigning to promote the safety of lithium batteries, their use in e bikes and scooters, safe disposal of the batteries and ensuring that online sales are subject to the same safety regulations as high street shops and any conversion kits used on bikes are safe. They are trying to get legislation through parliament and already have the backing of a number of local councils. They have asked if the Parish Council would support the campaign.

The Councillors thought that some safety measures needed bringing in and agreed to back the campaign. The Clerk will contact the group.

c) A resident has been in touch about the increase in dog fouling in the village. She wondered if anything else could be done about it.

In the past the Parish Council have bought non-permanent marker sprays to highlight the problem and this did seem to reduce the amount of dog waste left around. The Clerk will order some more. The Clerk will contact North Yorkshire Council to see if then Dog Warden can patrol the village more frequently.

9. Planning

None

10.Minor Matters

Cllr Oselton said the road around a manhole cover on the High St, outside no 7-9 was breaking up. The Clerk will contact Highways about this.

Date of next meeting Monday March 3rd 2025

Meeting closed 20.20

Signed

Dated