

MARSKE AND NEW FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the ordinary Council Meeting held at Crofts Gate, School Terrace on Tuesday 12th December 2023 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Meredith (Chairman) Cllr Villiers
 Cllr L Wallis Cllr M Wallis Clerk: MRS C Smith

1. **Public representations-** None.
2. **Apologies-** None.
3. **Declaration of interest-** Cllr M Wallis pecuniary interest item 5a as the owner of Jingle Pot Farm.
4. **Reports-** To note the following reports & consultations:
 - a. Dales Police Report (Appendix)
 - b. North Yorkshire Council Household Waste Recycling Centre survey (Appendix).
5. **Planning**
 - a. Proposed Telecommunications Upgrade at JINGLE POT FARM, MARSKE, RICHMOND, NORTH YORKSHIRE, DL11 7EQ (NGR: 410568, 500988)
The Council favour the upgrade to improve the areas connectivity. The Council would like to know if there is a backup power supply for mast to ensure connectivity during any blackouts.
6. **Finance**
 - a. **Budget-** The Council discussed the budget in detail and noted that the Council tax base for the parish had reduced by 25.14 % (further information contained within the appendix).
 - b. **Precept 2024-25-** The Council *resolved* to set the precept demand for 2024-25 at **£3,073.00**.
7. **Date of the next meeting-** 20th February at 7pm.

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Appendix

Monthly Police Report – October 30th – November 27th

We do not report crimes whereby victims could be identified, for example Domestic Violence or Harassment although they are included in the totals below.

Crimes of note; Between 02/11/2023 and 04/11/2023 a large quantity of Tools and Garden equipment was stolen from a shipping container in Leyburn. Overnight on the 15th of November there was an attempted burglary in the Reeth/Fremington area; this was linked to another burglary in the Richmondshire area.

- 4 – Concern for safety
- 2 – Fraud (on line /phone)
- 7 - Road Traffic Collision (minor)
- 4 – Theft
- 1 – Burglary
- 3 – Violence (including animals)
- 1 – Hoax Emergency calls
- 6 – Abandoned Calls
- 1 – Anti Social Behaviour (personal)
- 0 – ASB (nuisance)
- 0 – Lost/Found Property (Dogs and Bikes)
- 1 – Wildlife (Raptors)
- 1 – Stalking/Harassment
- 2 - Road related offences (manner of driving/vehicles without tax or insurance and possible OPL)
- 0 – Drug related offence
- 6 – Suspicious Circumstances
- 5 – Highway Disruptions (Floods/Trees/Animals)

In total 93 calls were received reporting either the above or making General enquiries.

The Team continue attending Parish/ Council meetings and local Community groups, duties permitting.

You can sign up to North Yorkshire Community messaging by visiting the NYP site or if you wish contact me, Donald.watson@northyorkshire.police.uk providing your First Name, Last Name, House Number/Name, Postcode, Mobile number and email address and I will sign you up.

Stop Scams UK. Call 159 if you think someone is trying to trick you into handing over money or personal details – stop, hang up and ring 159 to speak directly to your Bank. It works in the same way as 101 for the Police or 111 for the NHS.

PCSO 5232 Don Watson

PC355 Heather Campbell

PCSO 5777 Sharon Diamond

PCSO 5550 Tracie Taylor- Page

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Planning

Dear Mrs Smith,

PROPOSED BASE STATION INSTALLATION UPGRADE AT CS10843524 - JINGLE POT FARM, MARSKE, RICHMOND, NORTH YORKSHIRE, DL11 7EQ (NGR: 410568, 500988)

Cornerstone is the UK's leading mobile infrastructure services company. We acquire, manage, and own over 20,000 sites and are committed to enabling best in class mobile connectivity for over half of all the country's mobile customers. We oversee works on behalf of telecommunications providers and wherever possible aim to:

- promote shared infrastructure
- maximise opportunities to consolidate the number of base stations
- significantly reduce the environmental impact of network development

Cornerstone are in the process of progressing site upgrades in the Richmond area of North Yorkshire for radio base station upgrades that will improve service provision for VMO2 (trading as O2). The purpose of this letter is to consult with you and seek your views on our proposal before any planning submission is made. We understand that you are not always able to provide site specific comments, however Cornerstone and VMO2 are committed to consultation with communities on our mobile telecommunications proposals and as such would encourage you to respond.

As part of VMO2's continued network improvement program, there is a specific requirement for a radio base station upgrade at the above location to provide enhanced connectivity to the area. An existing telecommunications site has been identified, however the current equipment cannot accommodate the operator's latest requirements. As such, the equipment needs to be replaced in order to implement this upgrade to VMO2's service. Mobiles can only work with a network of base stations in place where people want to use their

mobile phones or other wireless devices. Without base stations, the mobile phones, and other

devices we rely on simply won't work.

Our technical network requirement is as follows:

- CS10843524 - JINGLE POT FARM

There is a requirement to provide upgraded equipment in this location to accommodate increased network demands, provide modern technologies and to allow for continued consistent coverage to be provided to this area by VMO2.

The following site has been identified as requiring an upgrade to enable it to provide the required level of connectivity to the area:

- JINGLE POT FARM, MARSKE, RICHMOND, NORTH YORKSHIRE, DL11 7EQ (NGR: 410568, 500988)

The upgrade comprises removal of the existing 17.8m monopole supporting 2 no. antennas and replacement with 20.5m monopole and headframe supporting 6no. antennas, 2no. 0.3m dishes and ancillary equipment. Removal of 1no. cabinet and replacement with 3no. cabinets and works thereto.

This is an existing telecommunications site on Jungle Pot Farm adjacent to the stretch of

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Clapgate Spring Plantation Woodland through which the southern end of Cordilleras Lane weaves. The site is surrounded by agricultural land and is located outside of the boundaries of the nearby designated conservation and national park areas to the south and east respectively.

The proposed works seek to upgrade the site to provide improved coverage and increased network capacity, required to enable VMO2 to meet increasing demand for services in the surrounding areas, and to support the government's ambitions for high quality telecommunications networks across the UK.

As above, the upgrade works require the removal and replacement of the existing mast (monopole). A replacement monopole is required to ensure structural integrity and stability, as the new equipment is heavier than previous equipment and an increase in quantity of equipment is required upgrade the site. The existing mast would not be able to accommodate the quantity of equipment or its weight and as such, a new mast is required.

In addition, an

increase in height is also required to provide improved coverage to the surrounding areas by ensuring the antennas are able to rise above obstructions in the environment including the surrounding trees and changes in topography.

The proposed monopole is generally similar to the one it replaces, being of a slimline monopole design with a headframe. The monopole itself will be skinner than the existing. The new headframe will be slightly wider to support an increase in antennas from 2 to 6 as well as new ancillary equipment and 2 no. dishes mounted on the mast below. Dishes are required to provide a link back to the wider network. Ancillary equipment is required to make the antennas more efficient and reduce the need for additional ground based equipment.

It is acknowledged that a 2.7m height increase is required as part of the proposal. The height of the mast has been dictated by technical requirements. Modern technology is much more prone to 'clipping' than previous technologies, this means the signal is much more easily interrupted

by existing 'clutter' in the environment, including built form, vegetation and changes in topography than previous technologies. For these reasons, a taller mast is required to over-sail these obstructions and ensure coverage is able to meet the areas that need it most.

At ground level 1 equipment cabinet will be removed. 1 new cabinet and 2 racks are proposed to support the upgraded installation and will be located within the existing fenced compound and of similar sizing to the previous cabinets.

The upgrading of this site presents an opportunity to address a need for improved coverage without having to site a new base station installation in the area. It is an established telecommunications site, and the installation will not appear significantly different from the structure already in place. The site also maintains adequate separation distance from the nearest residential settlements ensuring it would not result in any impact beyond that which has already been accepted under previous applications.

Upgrading existing sites is in accordance with both the Code of practice for wireless network development in England (2022) and Chapter 10 of the NPPF (2023), which aim to ensure that the number of installations is kept to a minimum.

In designing the proposed upgrade, the applicant has sought to achieve a balance between technical requirements and minimising environmental impact, as far as is practicable. It must however be acknowledged that technical constraints heavily influence the design and limit the scope to alter the appearance of the proposed replacement equipment.

The amount of telecommunications equipment on the site has been kept to a technical minimum and the smallest practical components have been utilised. It has been designed

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to be read in the same context as the existing equipment, so as to limit visual impact whilst still working within the technical design constraints of delivering the latest technologies. The Local Planning Authority must register, where available, and our records of other potential sites have already been reviewed, the policies in the Development Plan have been taken into account and the planning history of the site has been examined.

All Cornerstone installations are designed to be fully compliant with the public exposure guidelines established by the International Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection (ICNIRP). These guidelines have the support of UK Government, the European Union and they also have the formal backing of the World Health Organisation. A certificate of ICNIRP compliance will be included within the planning submission.

In order to give you time to send your comments or request further information, we commit to allow at least 14 days before an application is submitted to the Local Planning Authority. This 14-day period starts from the date at the top of this letter.

We would also be grateful if you could please advise of any local stakeholders or groups that might like to make comments.

We look forward to receiving any comments you may have on the proposal.

Household Waste Recycling Centre survey.

We are encouraging all residents to complete the survey either online or via a paper version (attached) if any residents are not able to access the internet.

I have included a poster, please could you print and display or circulate in any newsletter to your community, there is a QR code to scan or the link to the survey is [Changes to household waste recycling centres | North Yorkshire Council](#)

We would like to receive as many completed surveys as possible, so we would really appreciate your help in promoting this survey as one of the options we are looking at could affect all residents in North Yorkshire.

Many thanks for your help, if you have any queries, please get in touch.

Precept 2024-25

How is the precept calculated? The precept is calculated by multiplying the council tax base (the number of properties in a parish that are liable to pay council tax) by the precept rate (the amount per property that the parish council decides to charge).

How is the precept spent? The precept is spent on providing services and facilities for the benefit of the parish.

What is the Council Tax Base? The Council Tax Base is effectively the number of properties in a particular area that are liable to pay Council Tax.

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When is the Council Tax Base determined? The Local Government Finance Act 1992 requires every billing authority to calculate its Council Tax Base in accordance with the Local Authorities (Calculation of Tax Base) (England) Regulations 2012 and must do so at some point between 1st December and 31st January leading up to the next financial year.

Why is it expressed as Band D equivalents? The legislation referred to above dictates that the Tax Base must be expressed as Band D equivalents, as a single measure of the number of properties liable to pay Council Tax.

How is it calculated? All properties are valued by the Valuation Office Agency (an Executive Agency of Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) in to 1 of 8 Bands, A to H. The number of properties in each Band after taking account of discounts, exemptions, and the Local Council Tax Support Scheme in a particular area are converted to Band D equivalents using the following proportions:

A 6/9ths B 7/9ths C 8/9ths D 9/9ths E 11/9ths F 13/9ths G 15/9ths H 18/9ths

Band A therefore is equivalent to 6/9ths of a Band D and, at the other end of the scale, Band H is equivalent to 18/9ths or more simply 2 Band D's.

What factors influence the movements from one year to the next? As referred to in the previous question, not all properties are liable to pay the full amount of Council Tax as they may be entitled to a discount, exemption, or help through the Local Council Tax Support Scheme. Changes in discounts, exemptions & Local Council Tax Support, as well as new build properties and demolitions, all affect the level of the Council Tax Base.

Can the Council Tax Base change even if no new houses have been built in the Parish? Yes – the Council Tax Base could change as a result of changes in discounts, exemptions & Local Council Tax Support.

Why is the Council Tax Base important when setting the Parish Precept? The Council Tax Base is important as, in effect, it will be the number of properties the Parish Precept is levied against.

How is the precept reflected on Council Tax Bills? The Parish Precept will be divided by the number of Band D equivalents in the Council Tax Base and then applied to Council Tax Bills in the proportions previously referred to. Both the old and new precept figures applicable to the relevant Band will be reflected on the face of Council Tax bills with a percentage increase from one year to the next rounded to 1 decimal place.

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Income							
	Details	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
	Precept	£3,073.00	£2,784.00	£2,784.00	£682.50	£650.00	£650.00
	Grants			£174.00			
	Total	£3,073.00	£2,784.00	£2,958.00	£682.50	£650.00	£650.00
Expenditure							
	Details	2024/25	2023-24 YTD up to sept (1/2 year)	2022/23	2021-22	2020-21	2019-20
	Website	£170.00	£0.00	£177.38	£150.00	£204.00	£150.00
	Defibrillator costs	£129.00	£0.00	£279.00	£112.86	£0.00	£0.00
	Insurance	£230.00	£0.00	£224.00	£218.00	£0.00	£0.00
	YLCA membership	£60.00	£57.00	£56.00	£55.00	£55.00	£53.00
	Training	£75.00	£55.00	£13.60	£0.00	£54.38	£0.00
	S137 Grants	£0.00	£174.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Grass cutting	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00	£250.00	£250.00
	Council Admin	£1,829.00	£620.81	£1,895.02	£1,323.50	£180.00	£134.38
	Flood	£0.00	£0.00				
	Repairs	£0.00	£0.00				
	Hall Hire	£175.00	£100.00				
	Audit	£30.00	£0.00				
	Misc	£75.00	£0.00				
	Restore reserves	£300.00	£300.00	£300.00	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
	Total	£3,073.00	£1,006.81	£2,645.00	£1,859.36	£743.38	£587.38
	Profit or Loss		£1,777.19	£313.00	-£1,176.86	-£93.38	£62.62

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2023/2024 Precept		
		Notes
Revised No of Band D Properties	68.49	-25.14% (91.50 2023-24)
Proposed Precept	£3,073.00	
2024-25 Contribution	£44.87	This is the proposed precept divided by
an annual increase of	£14.44	the revised No of band D properties in our ward
the above contribution will equate to:		
Band D Contribution per month	£3.74	
Band D Contribution per week	£0.86	
Band D Contribution per day	£0.12	