

# MARSKE AND NEW FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

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## **Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held held on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025 at 7p.m In St Edmunds Church, Marske**

**Present: Cllr Meredith      Cllr Villiers      Cllr Ridley      Cllr M Wallis**  
**John Matthews (Upper Dales Community Land Trust)**  
**Amanda Madden      Janine Ledger- NYC Rural Housing Enabler**  
**1 Member of the Public      Clerk: MRS C Smith**

### **25.0 Public representations**

Update from the Upper Dales Community Land Trust, Supported by North Yorkshire Council

#### **Assessing Housing Needs in Swaledale:**

- Proposal for the Parish Council to support a housing needs survey at no cost to the council to understand local housing needs.
- A Housing Needs Survey is an independent report that collects information about the current housing profile and requirements of a specific area. It assesses both the present and future housing needs of the community.
- In the case of Swaledale, the survey will focus on the need for low-cost housing for local people who cannot currently afford to live in the area. To qualify for this housing, individuals must have a local connection to Swaledale, such as being born there, having family ties, working locally, or having other significant reasons for their connection to the area.
- The survey will provide valuable data on the type, tenure, size, and number of homes required to meet the local demand. This will help ensure that housing developments address the actual needs of the community and support local residents in securing affordable housing solutions.

#### **Collaboration with Upper Dales Community Land Trust (UDCLT):**

- UDCLT is partnering with North Yorkshire Council (NYC) and Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP) to address local housing needs.
- UDCLT, a volunteer-run charity, seeks available land and properties for conversion into housing for local residents and young families.

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- UDCLT operates under Section 106 to ensure that housing remains available for local residents.

**UDCLT Website:** For more details, visit <https://www.udclt.co.uk/>

## **Request for Available Buildings or Land:**

- Parish Council was asked to report any available buildings or land to the Trust.

## **Housing Need Survey for Swaledale Parishes:**

- The survey aims to gather baseline evidence for the Community Land Trust housing schemes.
- Parishes to be approached include Arkengarthdale, Reeth with Healaugh and Fremington, Melbecks, Marrick, Muker, Gunnerside, and Grinton.
- The survey is planned for May, with representatives attending Parish Council meetings to discuss its purpose and answer questions.

## **Councillor Support for Housing Need Survey:**

- The Parish Council was approached to confirm their support for the housing need survey. This decision is yet to be considered by council members.

***Action: Council members to decide if they support a housing need survey for our Parish area.***

**25.1 Apologies-** Received and accepted from Cllr L Wallis (Via Cllr Meredith).

**25.2 Declaration of interest-** None.

**25.3 Minutes of meeting held on the Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2024-** approved as a true and accurate record.

## **25.4 Reports**

- a. Dales Police Report (appendix).
- b. Updates on correspondence from the Clerk- None.
- c. Updates from Councillors- None.
- d. Update form the Richmond Yorkshire Community Interest Company (CIC) - Discussion on the recognition by North Yorkshire Council as the Community Anchor Organisation (CAO) for the Richmond area. Cllr **Appointment of Representative to CAO** – Cllr Villiers to attend for further information.

**25.5 Planning-** no current updates.

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**25.6 Best Kept Village 2025-** The Council agreed to participate.

**25.7 Conservation Area Appraisal Consultation Confirmation-** The consultation has been confirmed for the 12th of March, from 6-8pm in the Church Marske.

Publicity and Draft Appraisal: The Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP) will publicise this event and circulate the draft appraisal for comments and consultation.

Questions about the consultation area and the level of influence residents have were raised and will be passed on to YDNP for further clarification. The Council requests that the Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP) circulate the draft appraisal to the residents of the village as soon as possible, at least one week before the consultation meeting.

**25.8 Coast to Coast path update from the YDNP Area Ranger – Swaledale & Arkengarthdale**

New Path and Signage:

- The new path to avoid the road was considered a good idea but had reservations based on past experiences. The Parish Council was thanked for following up.
- Roadside signs have been installed at Hardstiles and on the Clap Gate road where the Coast to Coast leaves the road.
- A sign to alert walkers to take care on the road section into Marske is still under consideration with appropriate wording to be decided.

Ongoing Work:

- The team is currently very busy on the Coast to Coast path at the top end of the dale over the next few weeks. For further attention or updates, contact is requested towards the middle of March.

**25.9 Emergency Plan-** Discussion on defibrillator (defib) training and inclusion of emergency defib carriers. The Council agreed to proceed with the emergency plan. Further details of the plan are yet to be finalised. The Council deferred further discussion to the next meeting.

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***Action: Clerk to confirm details of defibrillator training and costs.***

**25.10 Highways-** The issue of road subsidence between Sour Nook and Downholme Bridge was discussed. It was noted that road movement has been observed in the area.

***Action: Cllr M Wallis agreed to monitor the situation and will report back to determine if remedial action is needed from North Yorkshire Council.***

**25.11 Water Quality-** No significant developments to report.

**25.12 Way Marker Restoration**

- a. **Volunteers** – Call for any willing volunteers to assist with restoration? Can interested persons please contact the Clerk.
- b. **Signpost Quotes** – The Council resolved to appoint Signpost Restoration Limited to restore of the parish fingerpost, including the addition of one new finger. Volunteers will assist with dismantling existing components, cleaning the post back to bare metal, painting the post in situ, and erecting the components. The new finger will indicate "unsuitable for motor vehicles."

**25.13 Finance**

- a. **Bank Reconciliation Statement dated 31st January 2025-** Approved and signed as a correct record.
- b. **Bank Balance of £3,114.15-** noted.
- c. **Payments for authorisation-** Approved.

**25.14 Exchange of information & items for the next Agenda-** Emergency Plan to be included in the next meeting Agenda.

**25.15 Annual Meeting Dates-** Additional meeting needed in May following consultation on the conservation area appraisal.

**25.16 Next meeting date-** To be confirmed.

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## Appendix

### **Monthly Police Report – 8th Dec 2024 – 8th Jan 2025**

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

Leyburn Police Station covers the areas of Arkengarthdale. Swaledale, from Hudswell up to the county border. Wensleydale from the Hambleton to Cumbria borders, Coverdale and Bishopdale.

15 - Road Traffic Collisions (Minor).

1 – RTC (Serious).

12 – Abandoned calls (pocket dials/misdials).

5 – Lost/Found.

15 – Suspicious Circumstances (Door to door sellers/Vehicles parked, etc.).

1 – Stalking/Harassment.

9 – Concern for Safety.

7 – Anti Social Behaviour (Personal).

5 – ASB (Nuisance).

1 – ASB (Environmental).

1 – Civil Dispute.

7 – Violence.

3 – Burglary (out buildings entered).

4 – Road Related Offences (manner of driving/vehicles without tax and possible OPL).

1 – Missing Person.

2 – Criminal damage.

15 – Highway Disruption (Animal/Snow/Floods/Trees).

1 – Fraud/Forgery (online/phone).

In total 130 calls were received reporting either the above or making general enquiries.

The Neighbourhood Team will continue attending Town/Parish council meetings and Community drop ins/events where duties allow.

PCSO 5232 Don Watson.

PC 355 Heather Campbell.

PCSO 5777 Sharon Diamond.

PCSO 5550 Tracie Taylor-Page.

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## **Monthly Police Report - 8th Jan – 4th Feb 2025**

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Leyburn Police Station covers the areas of Arkengarthdale, Swaledale,

From Hudswell up to the county border. Wensleydale from the Hambleton to Cumbria borders, Coverdale and Bishopdale.

Incidents of note; between 6th – 8th Jan, Theft of heating fuel and tools from a property in West Witton to an approx. value of £800. Between 24th – 29th Jan, a garage was entered and a quantity of vintage fishing tackle, chest waders and a Stihl saw was taken from premises in the Harmby area. A second garage was also entered and a plastic box containing Blue Willow pattern china was taken. 31st Jan, a report was received of potential crimes against birds of prey. 2 x Buzzards and a Tawny Owl were found dead in the Thornton Steward area. 2nd Feb, a report was received of a further dead Buzzard being located in the Hurst area.

4 – Animals/Wildlife.

14 – Road Traffic Collisions (Minor).

9 – Road Related Offences (manner of driving/vehicles without tax and possible OPL).

1 – Fly Tipping

7 – Highway Disruption (Animal/Snow/Floods/Trees).

15 – Abandoned Calls.

3 – Violence.

1 – Stalking /Harassment.

11 – Suspicious Circumstances (Door to door sellers/Vehicles parked etc.).

10 – Concern for Safety.

3 – Theft.

1 – Civil Dispute.

1 – Poaching.

3 – Lost/Found.

3 – Burglary.

2 – Criminal Damage.

In total 112 calls were received reporting either the above or making general enquiries.

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## **Richmond Yorkshire Community Interest Company (CIC) - Discussion on the recognition by North Yorkshire Council as the Community Anchor Organisation (CAO) for the Richmond area.**

Dear Charlotte,

Please allow me to introduce myself - my name is Ian Woods and I am the Chair of the newly formed **Richmond Yorkshire Community Interest Company (CIC)** which has been recognised by North Yorkshire Council as the Community Anchor Organisation (CAO) for the Richmond area.

CAOs were established by the unitary authority of North Yorkshire Council with the following remit:

***North Yorkshire Community Anchor Organisations are voluntary, community and social enterprise organisations, rooted in their local area and deeply embedded in local communities. They have a track record of responding to the needs of their communities and have a base from where they offer support, deliver activities and collaborate with others. Working with North Yorkshire they play a crucial role in connecting the dots between residents, local groups and organisations to deliver these outcomes:***

- *increase community resilience for both good times and in emergency situations*
- *increase local capacity to deliver services by utilising local partnerships and alliances*
- *create or support opportunities for more residents to be involved in local, social action.*

When Richmond Yorkshire CIC applied to become the CAO for the Richmond area, we carefully considered which geographical area we would wish to include in our community outreach and our submission to North Yorkshire Council included the following:

'As a company we are exploring the locations which will suit our intention to create both physical and virtual hubs. It is our ambition to develop the physical and virtual offer with short, medium and longer term plans emerging. At the moment we can offer a range of information and advisory services for visitors and locals from the Richmond Information Centre base in the Market Hall. However, we intend to expand this offer in 2024 with a dedicated 'hub' space. In the longer term one of our strands of work relates to working with partners to regenerate the town centre, support economic growth and resilience by increasing footfall and access, and establish ourselves as a key delivery partner. The feasibility of this approach is in development via one of our Directors with specific expertise and experience in this area. Our most established (current) base is in central Richmond and sits alongside and within the Richmond Information Centre. **In terms of hinterland, we believe we can service the area immediately around Richmond and approximately 5 miles to the north and north west. This would encompass villages such as Gilling West, Aldbrough St John, Skeeby, Ravensworth and Melsonby. We would not exclude settlements to the west, east or south (or further north) but would seek to work with other CAOs and VCSE organisations to ensure there is adequate support.**'

Richmond Yorkshire CIC gained CAO status in May 2024 and we have been working closely with North Yorkshire Localities team on various initiatives. Towards the close of 2024, we began a



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dialogue with NYC who are in the initial stages of developing a Town Economic Plan for Richmond and are keen to engage with interested parties about what should be included in such a plan. Our role is to think about what we want to see in the plan. Where do we see Richmond in 10/15 years time? What type of interventions would we and other stakeholders like to see in Richmond? At this stage we shouldn't be worrying too much about where the funding is coming from. Instead we should be thinking what is it we want to achieve.

My fellow Director David Walker (copied into this email) has taken on the task of leading this initiative and as part of this, has asked if I could supply a list of contacts within the settlements we defined in our CAO submission. It is very important that we seek the views of Parish Councils lying close to Richmond as the town provides services and transport links to people in your community and as such your opinions and suggestions will help in the formulation of the Town Plan.

We would welcome the opportunity to speak with you or a nominated Councillor about this initiative. In addition we would be more than happy to attend a Parish Council meeting to explain more about the Richmond CAO and the vision behind the Town Economic Plans that NYC are developing.

Kind Regards  
Ian Woods

Director - Richmond Yorkshire CIC  
Richmond Town Councillor - West Ward

## Richmond Rotary Best Kept Village Competition 2025

Dear Charlotte,

Thank you once again for entering the competition last year. We really do hope you will join us again this year. There are changes we hope you will find interesting and helpful. We have built on the great features of the villages we found last year and we hope it is an encouragement to everyone.

I am pleased to be able to invite you to enter the 2025 Richmond Rotary Club Best Kept Village Competition. We were delighted last year to welcome so many new entrants and to be able to offer three new Prizes. This year with the kindness of some charitable sponsorship we are adding a fifth prize. I understand however, that the chance simply to celebrate the lovely village environments and provisions, is the chief motivation. Prizes last year were shared between a range of different types of villages, large and small, across the whole region. As well as the main prize last year we also highlighted the natural environment in two of the prizes. This year we continue this focus and are adding a reward for those aspects of the village that encourage community life, as well as one to recognize year on year improvement. We hope the changes we have made reflect the success that villages have in adapting to developments and challenges of rural life. I have done a survey of all the area covered by the competition over many



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years to discover that a few villages within the designated area were not contacted recently. I have added these names again.

Please have a look at our **Welcome, Invitation and Entry Details attached**. We welcome all those who have entered in the past, and those who are considering this for the first time. We look forward to hearing from you by the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2025. The judges and village guidance will be sent on receipt of the entry.

Good wishes,  
Jos Huddleston

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## Payments since Last meeting

Date	Amount	Subcategory	Memo	
17/12/2024		Bill Payment	MRS CE SMITH	HWA BBP
17/12/2024		Bill Payment	MRS CE SMITH	SALARY NOVEMBER BBP
10/12/2024	300	Remittance Funds	POST OFFICE CREDIT	DONATION SIGN
09/12/2024	100	Transfer	202529 90614300	DONATION- SIGN

## Invoices awaiting payment

Vision ICT Website services £185.26

Salary Payments February & March