

# MARSKE AND NEW FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of the ordinary Council Meeting held in St Edmunds Church on Tuesday 20th February 2024 at 7pm

Present: Cllr Meredith (Chairman) Cllr Ridley Cllr Villiers  
Cllr L Wallis Cllr M Wallis Clerk: MRS C Smith  
1 Member of the public

**24.1 Public representations-** None.

**24.2 Apologies-** None.

**24.3 Declaration of Interest-** None.

**24.4 Minutes of the meetings held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> November & 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023 -** signed as a true and accurate record.

### **24.5 Reports**

a. **Dales Police Report (Appendix).**

b. **North Yorkshire Council update-** Cllr Peacock updated the Council that there would be available funding for the Milestone repair form the Locality Budget. Rural Health care concerns were discussed and the Little White Car for Hospital transport.

**Action: Cllr Wallis to find out further information about the local hospital transport service. Clerk to forward costings for the Milestone repair to Cllr Peacock when received.**

c. **Courses and Events attended by Councillors and Clerk-** The Clerk updated the Council on training attended on updating the Vision ICT website and the internal auditing process.

d. **Updates on correspondence from the Clerk-** Items received covered in the Agenda items.

**24.6 Landline, Mobile And Medical Device Survey-** Residents are encouraged to complete the survey (in the Appendix) and return to Reeth Parish Council - [clerk@rfhpc.co.uk](mailto:clerk@rfhpc.co.uk)

**24.7 YDNP Consultation on updating the Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan-** The Council agreed to look at the consultation in detail and send responses to the Clerk for submission.

**24.8 YDNP Conservation Area review-** No further update.

**Action: Clerk to contact YDNP for an update on the Conservation Area review.**

**24.9 Milestone repair-** North Yorkshire Council and the Milestone Society are willing to assist with the restoration of the sign. Highways are obtaining quotations for the restoration, once these are received funding can be secured.

**24.10 Defibrillator Training-** The Council resolved to publish the training in the newsletter and WhatsApp community and then set a date for the training.

**24.11 YLCA Training-** The Council resolved to book the whole Council training for July.

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**Action: Clerk to contact the YLCA to book training.**

**24.12 Richmondshire Best Kept Village Competition of 2024-** The Council resolved to sign up to the competition.

**24.13 Finance**

a. **Appointment of an Internal Auditor for 2023-24-** The Council resolved to appoint Pam Braithwaite.

b. **Bank Reconciliation dated 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024-** Approved.

c. **Bank Balance £1921.71 as at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 -**Noted.

d. **Payments for authorisation-** The Council approved the following payments:

- Vision ICT- Website & email hosting services £182.86
- Salary & HWA payment February & March.
- Payment August Salary & HWA – Cheque 100093 rejected due to change in bank signatories.

**24.14 Date of the next meeting-** Annual Parish Meeting & Annual Council Meeting Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in St Edmunds Church, Marske.

**All welcome, please contact the Clerk if you have any items for the Annual Parish Meeting.**

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## **Appendix**

### Monthly Police Report – 4th Nov 2023 – 5th Jan 2024

Firstly let me wish you all Happy and prosperous New Year.

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

- 13 – Theft
- 39 – Suspicious Circumstances
- 30 – Road Traffic Collisions (minor)
- 2 – RTC (serious)
- 15 – Road Related offences (manner of driving / vehicles without tax or insurance and possible OPL)
- 18 – Violence
- 16 – Concern for Safety
- 8 – Antisocial behaviour nuisance
- 3 – ASB personal
- 34 - Abandoned Calls (misdialled / pocket dials)
- 1 – Industrial accident
- 7 – Criminal damage
- 3 – Missing Persons
- 21 – Highway Disruptions (Floods/Ice/Trees/Animals)
- 6 – Burglary (Quad bikes taken)
- 2 – Poaching (the latest of which had equipment and vehicle seized)
- 2 – Fraud (online/phone)
- 1 – Drugs
- 2 – Stolen motor vehicles (1x motorcycle, 1 x Quad not as a result of Burglary)

In total 183 calls were received reporting either the above or making General enquiries.

The numbers may seem high, however they are this time over a two monthly period. If you wish to receive Information and updates of events/incidents, sign up to North Yorkshire Community messenger either by visiting the NYP website or contact me,

[Donald.watson@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto: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. If you think as a result of a phone call that 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.

The Team will continue attending Parish/Council meetings and local Community Groups duties permitting.

PCSO 5232 Don Watson, PC 355 Heather Campbell, PCSO 5777 Sharon Diamond, PCSO 5550 Tracie Taylor-Page

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## Monthly Police Report - Jan 5th – Feb 7th 2024

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; 7th Jan thieves entered the changing room at Cawkhill Park during a Rugby match stealing several mobile phones and purses, transactions were also carried out on the stolen bankcards. Overnight 26th Jan, 2 Quad bikes were stolen from the Carpley Green area, one fitted with a tracker was later recovered in the Bradford area. Overnight 4th Feb, Burglary at Yorebridge House an amount of cash was taken. Overnight 5th Feb, a Quad bike and a generator were stolen from the Wensley area.

21 – Suspicious Circumstances.

8 – Violence/stalking/harassment.

9 – Road related offences (manner of driving/vehicles without tax or insurance and possible OPL).

12 – Road Traffic Collisions (minor).

2 – RTC (serious).

1 – Criminal Damage.

9 – Concern for Safety.

16 – Abandoned Calls (misdialled / pocket dial).

2 – Wildlife / Poaching.

13 – Highway Disruption (Floods/Trees/Animals).

7 – Theft.

3 – Anti Social Behaviour nuisance.

3 – Burglary.

1 – Fraud (online/phone)

In total 146 calls were received reporting either the above or making General enquiries.

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Good Afternoon All,

I have recently completed the speed gun course, but am only able to attend approved locations that we currently have a list of (most of the dales is not on this list). To get a location approved it needs to be logged on our website through this

link:<https://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/wsi/watch-schemes-initiatives/community-speedwatch/community-speed-watch/>

and select the link at the bottom (tell us about a location). This then goes off to be checked and assessed before being added to the list of locations we can come to with a speed gun. If you get a chance can you please complete the link and also pass it to anyone else who has speed concerns. At present, if a speeder is caught a warning letter is sent, as the PCSO speed gun scheme is quite new, this will hopefully develop in to tickets/fines in the future.

Thank you

Kind Regards

Sharon Diamond

Collar Number 5777

Police Community Support Officer

North Yorkshire Police

[Waymarker repair/refurb](#)

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## **Landline, mobile and medical device survey by the Parish Council**

### **Notice and Consent**

This information is being collected to assess the needs of the Swaledale/Arkengarthdale community in relation to the BT's switch to non-copper landline telephone (Digital Voice). **Your personal information such as name and address will not be shared with anyone and the Clerk will only use this for reference purposes.** The general information will be used to create a picture of the needs of the community, which will be sent to your MP Rishi Sunak and the BT Digital Voice team. We will hold the forms until the end of 2025 or when the digital switch over is complete.

Most of the questions are Yes and No answers so please do not be put off by the length of the form.

To return the form email it to your Parish Council Clerk above or contact them to arrange another method by the 31<sup>st</sup> January.

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form.

**Please sign and date below to give your consent to the Parish Council to hold this information.**

Signature -

Date –

### **Personal Details**

Name -

Email –

Address –

Phone number –

### **'Telecare' Related Survey**

1. Have you ever had a power cut?
2. How many times has this happen over the last five years?

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3. How long do they usually last before the power is restored?

4. Do you have Broadband (BT etc) or Reeth Rural Network?

5. Do you have a reliable mobile signal?

6. If not, how often is the mobile signal down?

Rarely  Every Day  Every Week   
Every month  It is off more than it is on

7. Has your mobile signal been lost during a power cut?

8. How long was it before the signal was restored?

9. Do you have a copper/analogy landline?

10. Do you have any medical devices that rely on either the copper landline or your mobile signal?

11. What are these devices (general description)

12. How are you and your devices affected when there is a power cut?

13. Are you concerned about the Landline Digital switch over?

14. Do you feel your needs are being taken seriously?

Please use the space below if you want to provide additional information or the question space above is not large enough. Thank you for your time.

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## YDNP Consultation

Dear all

This is to let you know that the first public consultation on updating the [Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan](#) has just been launched. A copy of the press release can be found [here](#).

The consultation is being run on behalf of the [partnership of local organisations and interests](#) that is responsible for producing the Plan. The partnership wants this to be a 'wide and open' consultation, simply asking people to identify the key issues that they think the revised Management Plan most needs to tackle.

The consultation period will last 6 weeks, ending on Monday 26 February.

**The online survey for you to complete to respond to the consultation can be found [here](#).**

There is also a short film, which we hope will encourage people to respond and which we will be promoting through social media etc - which can be found [here](#). Obviously, we would like to get in as many responses as possible, so do please share and promote the consultation with as many other people as you think appropriate.

Separately, the National Park Authority has also commissioned and produced a film showcasing the National Park's [Special Qualities](#) – the landscape, wildlife, heritage and communities of the Dales. Hopefully, it shows why it's worth people caring about what happens to the National Park in the future.

A link to the survey and lots more information about the Yorkshire Dales National Park Management Plan can also be found on the [Yorkshire Dales National Park website](#).

The results of the consultation will be published in March, and will be used to inform the production of a series of 'Evidence Reports', which will be published in April. The Evidence Reports will then be used to start to identify potential objectives for inclusion in the updated Plan.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about the consultation then please just ask.

Kindest regards



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## YLCA Whole Council Training



### WHOLE COUNCIL TRAINING



We are offering dates for councils to express an interest in having a YLCA Officer provide Whole Council Training at a venue of their choice. The council will be charged for the number of filled seats on the council, whether all councillors attend or not, although as this is training for all the members of a council, the idea is that everyone comes along to hear the information and guidance, to build better understanding and cohesion within the authority. The dates are provided in the programme below.

The three-hour session can be held during the day or the evening. To request this training please contact [admin@yorkshirelca.gov.uk](mailto:admin@yorkshirelca.gov.uk) to request a booking form. Bookings will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the booking form is received it is a contract between the Council and YLCA. The cost for the training is £39.00 per person (councillors or officers, ie clerk) if YLCA has to book a venue, or £34.00 per person if the council provides and pays for a venue plus mileage at 45p per mile.

The training session will include:

- Duties, roles and responsibilities of the Council, Chair, Clerk and RFO
- Legislative powers and duties
- Meetings and their management
- Council business including lawful agendas and minutes
- Delegation to officers and committees
- The audit regime
- Transparency Code
- The council as an employer
- Data Protection and the UK GDPR overview
- Any aspect of local council administration that the council needs us to focus on.

#### Dates available:

Saturday, 11 May (MORNING ONLY)  
Tuesday, 21 May  
Tuesday, 4 June  
Saturday, 22 June (MORNING ONLY)  
Wednesday, 3 July  
Thursday, 11 July  
Saturday, 13 July (MORNING ONLY)  
Tuesday, 16 July  
Monday, 22 July  
Monday, 29 July  
Monday, 5 August

#### Dates available:

Wednesday, 7 August  
Tuesday, 12 August  
Thursday, 15 August  
Saturday, 17 August (MORNING ONLY)  
Tuesday, 27 August  
Monday, 9 September  
Tuesday, 17 September  
Wednesday, 18 September  
Tuesday, 24 September  
Wednesday, 25 September  
Tuesday, 30 September

If you need to cancel your booking please refer to the YLCA Cancellation Policy provided with the booking form.

YLCA Training Bulletin is produced by:

**Yorkshire Local Councils Associations, Suite 8, York House, Station Road, Tadcaster, LS24 9JF.**

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## Best Kept Village

Dear Charlotte,

### **An Invitation**

I am writing to share with you the new arrangements for the Best Kept Village Competition for 2024, and to invite your Village to take part.

We want to continue to celebrate the efforts communities make to provide lovely village environments. However, we also feel it is time to broaden the competition and to set some new challenges, which we hope you will find of real interest. Particularly, we wish to celebrate the many ways villages are seeking to encourage biodiversity and to support nature. A brief summary of the new proposals is provided below, but full information will be sent out to villages on receipt of entries.

### **Prizes**

We have increased the total prize money this year by 25% to continue to provide an overall first prize of £400, and a further £100 prize for the best new entrant, as well as two further prizes of well grown saplings to reward two villages judged to have made a particular effort to encourage nature and bio diversity. These will be supplied at the appropriate time for planting.

### **The Competition Structure**

#### **The Village and nature**

**There are all the usual aspects of the competition, but in addition** judges will be looking also, at the efforts the community is making to encourage biodiversity. You are welcome to direct the judges' attention to projects or spaces which provide wild environments, natural flora, and encourage animal and bird life. This may include simply allowing parts of the verges and hedgerows to remain wild, planting wildflowers or providing wood piles or pathways to encourage small mammals such as hedgehogs. From our previous experience, we know many villages have already been engaged with this, both in public spaces and private gardens.

**Community Involvement and Access.** Judges have been impressed by the diverse effort villages of all sizes have made to encourage involvement in projects like community gardens and orchards, and the efforts to improve access for all. This will continue to be a feature

#### **An incentive to enter.**

We are also providing an extra prize of £100 to the best village which has entered for the first time, or for the first time since 2019, unless of course that village wins the first prize.

### **Involvement in the Judging**

To help our judges we wish to enable you to highlight the actions you as a village have taken this year to respond to the new guidelines regarding biodiversity, and the encouragement of nature and wildlife. If you would like to do so we invite you to provide judges with a brief overview of your entry or special features. These may be sent to the organiser's E-address, [joshuddleston@gmail.com](mailto:joshuddleston@gmail.com) **prior to 25<sup>th</sup> June.24** Please be brief and include the contact for the correspondent.

### **Feed back**

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We understand that villages would like feedback after the competition to guide their next year's entry. Although as a small club, we are not able to provide individual feedback to each village, this year, we will provide a general un-named summary of shared aspects from all villages that judges merited, and those features that detracted from the scores. We appreciate your understanding in this.

## **The Programme and Entry details**

**February** - Entries sent out

**March**

- **No specific entry form is required but please submit your wish to enter by the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2024 by email to [joshuddleston@gmail.com](mailto:joshuddleston@gmail.com)**
- **With your entry please confirm your village name, and the address for correspondence, if different to the one used with this invitation.**
- **The Club will send out the Judge's advice to villages when they submit their entry.**

**June**

Reminder to Villages of Judging

Judges will contact the person nominated to provide village information in late June or early July.

**July**

Judging will take place in the first two weeks of July.

**August**

The winners in the categories will be informed and presentations arranged A general feedback, to all participants will be sent.

The villages of Richmondshire are beautiful, and we appreciate how much effort goes into encouraging everyone to take part in, and contribute to this event by preparing the communal areas and buildings, individual gardens and business premises. Please accept our thanks for considering this and we look forward to your participation. I take this opportunity to thank members of the Richmond Rotary Club for their effort in maintaining this competition.

Every good wish,

Jos Huddleston

Richmond Rotary Club