

MARSKE AND NEW FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council – MRS Charlotte Smith

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Minutes of the ordinary Council Meeting held in St Edmunds Church on Wednesday 14th May 2025

Present: Cllr Meredith (Chairman) Cllr Ridley Cllr Villiers Cllr M Wallis

Clerk: MRS C Smith NY Cllr Peacock 13 Members of the public

25.38 Parish Council Vacancy- The Council may fill the vacancy by co-option.
Any interested parties are to contact the Clerk for more information.

25.39 Reports

- a. Dales Police Report (appendix).
- b. Updates from Councillors- none.

25.40 Consultations

- a. YDNP Draft Active Travel Network for the National Park- Noted.
- b. YDNP Coast 2 Coast public path orders-The Council Commented that the proposed 2m width may be excessive.
- c. North Yorkshire Council Housing needs survey- A reminder to please complete the survey before the 30th May.
- d. North Yorkshire Council Local Plan- Meeting dates noted.
- e. North Yorkshire Council Let's Talk Skills- noted.

25.41 Conservation Area Appraisal- No further update.

25.45 Defibrillator training- The Council reviewed the quotation submitted for defibrillator training and, after due consideration, formally approved the proposal.

Action: Request to be submitted to Jacksons Trust for funding.

25.46 Highway matters

- a. Protocol for Opening and Closing Toad Warning Signs on Clapgate- The Council proposed activation from 1st March to end April.

Action: Cllr Meridith will be responsible for this.

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25.47 Planning

- a. [ZD25/00149/FULL | Full Planning Permission for Revised Retrospective Application for Use of Two Existing Residential Dwellings for Tourism and Leisure Accommodation and Change of Use of Former Agricultural Barns to Function Room, Games/Activity Room, Ceremony Room and Utility Room, and Associated Works | Telfit Farm Telfit Track Marske Richmond North Yorkshire DL11 7NG](#) **OBJECT**

Parish Council Comments on Telfit Planning Application

ZD25/00149/FULL – Full Planning Permission for Revised Retrospective Application for Use of Two Existing Residential Dwellings for Tourism and Leisure Accommodation and Change of Use for Former Agricultural Barns to Function Room, Games/Activity Room, Ceremony Room, and Utility Room, and Associated Works

The Parish Council **objects** to this retrospective application due to the **unrestricted number** of large-scale weddings and events proposed, which would **significantly impact traffic, noise levels, and local infrastructure**.

Material Considerations:

1. Traffic and Highway Safety

The Council notes that NYC Highways **previously recommended refusal** for a similar application in 2021, citing that **Skelton Lane is unsuitable for increased traffic** due to being a **narrow, single-track road** without sufficient passing places. **Traffic associated with events at Telfit would intensify safety risks** for pedestrians, cyclists, and horse riders who frequently use the route.

- Construction of passing places agreed with Highways **does not appear to have been completed, a time scale needs to be introduced for completion as a condition**.
- Passing places do **not adequately mitigate safety risks for non-vehicular users** of Skelton Lane.

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- **Speed and road safety** remain a concern, as pedestrians are forced to step into verges that are **not always wide enough or clear of hazards** such as blackthorn scrub.

To ensure pedestrian safety, the Parish Council requests:

- A **full highways assessment** to evaluate the impact of increased traffic.
- Implementation of a **speed reduction** on Skelton Lane by highways.

2. Impact on Local Character and Amenity

Skelton Lane is an **integral part** of the **Marske Beck Valley footpath network**, a highly valued area for **walkers, cyclists, and horse riders**. Increased vehicle movements associated with large-scale events would:

- Diminish the **quiet, rural character** of the area.
- Disrupt **the tranquillity** of this remote upland setting, which has **significant wildlife and amenity value**.
- Lead to **noise pollution**, affecting residential properties and surrounding natural habitats.

3. Scale and Frequency of Events

The Parish Council is **concerned by the lack of event restrictions in the application**. While acknowledging that small events and tourism accommodation may have local benefits, unrestricted large events could cause **disproportionate increases in traffic and noise**.

- The **original planning application states a wedding guest limit of 120**, but the applicant **has agreed to a limit of 80 twice previously** at parish council meetings and again at tonight's parish council meeting"
- This **agreed limit of 80 guests** has **not been reflected in the latest application**, which raises concerns about enforceability and future expansion of events.

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To safeguard local amenity and mitigate impacts, the Parish Council requests the following **planning conditions**:

1. **Large events (40-80 guests)** should be **limited to 12 per year**.
2. **Smaller events MUST NOT exceed 40 guests maximum**.
3. The **applicant must notify both the Parish Council and Skelton Lane residents** of the 12 large event dates in reasonable time to provide clarity and minimise conflicts.

Conclusion

The Parish Council strongly urges the Planning Authority to consider these points and incorporate the requested **conditions** to ensure that **traffic, safety, and local amenity impacts** are properly managed. Without these safeguards, the proposal risks **detrimental effects on the character, safety, and tranquillity** of Skelton Lane and Marske Village.

25.48 Litter picking equipment- The Council considered the purchase of bin bag hoops for the village litter picking group.

Action: Clerk to check with NYC regarding supply of litter-picking equipment.

Agenda item for June: Dog waste bin locations.

25.49 Waymarker sign- Update the work will commence as soon as weather permits.

25.50 Richmondshire Best Kept Village- Guidance noted.

25.51 Finance

- a. **Bank Reconciliation** dated 31st March 2025- signed as a true record.
- b. **Bank Balance of £4968.49** Noted.
- c. **Payments for authorisation-** The Council approved payment of the items;
 - YLCA - Membership Subscription 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026 £66.00

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- Salaries May, June, July
- HRMC PAYE-
- ICO £52.00 +VAT

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Appendix

Monthly Police Report – 7th Apr - 6th May 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.

Incidents of note; Overnight 10th Apr, a water pump from a mobile crusher was stolen from Shawl Quarry Tip, Leyburn. Overnight 11th Apr, a towed green 2,500litre capacity wheeled diesel Bowser containing 1,000 litres of diesel with attached Honda pump and Jigsaw Fuel dispenser and Solar Panel was stolen from Wensley Quarry, Rednir. Overnight 4th May, a white Ford Transit Van was stolen from the Redmire area. Overnight 5th May, a number of newly planted shrubs were stolen from the community area known as “Georges Garden” in Hawes.

- 4 – Lost/Found.
- 9 – Violence.
- 9 – Concern for safety.
- 9 – Highway Disruption (Animals/Floods/Trees).
- 15 – Abandoned calls.
- 10 – Road Traffic Collisions (minor).
- 11 – Road Related Offences (manner of driving/vehicles without tax and possible OPL).
- 5 – Theft.
- 2 – Missing person.
- 2 – Criminal Damage.
- 1 – Wildlife.
- 3 – Antisocial Behaviour (personal).
- 3 – ASB (nuisance).
- 11 – Suspicious Circumstances (Door to door sellers/vehicles parked/etc).
- 1 – Burglary.
- 2 – Civil Dispute.

In total 127 calls were received reporting either the above or making general enquiries.

North Yorkshire Community Messaging is a free email messaging service from North Yorkshire Police and the office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner providing news and updates on policing matters relevant to you and your local community 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.

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

PCSO 5777 Sharon Diamond has now departed the sunny climes of Leyburn Police station and is now working from and covering Richmonds area.

PCSO 5232 Don Watson. PC 355 Heather Campbell. PCSO 5550 Tracie Taylor-Page

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Dear Colleague,

The Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority are asking residents, visitors, communities, and organisations to comment on a draft Active Travel Network for the National Park, which aims to provide better opportunities for visitors and residents to travel actively into and around the National Park.

Active travel refers to journeys that involve some form of physical activity. In the National Park this includes walking, “wheeling” (wheelchair or active mobility aid), cycling and horse riding.

Proposals include multiuser routes linking transport hubs to visitor destinations and service centres, several local schemes and three walking zones asking for suggestions of improvements to walking opportunities within 2km radius of a key service centre.

Further details about the active travel public consultation process can be found on our Active Travel Webpage:

[Active Travel - Yorkshire Dales National Park : Yorkshire Dales National Park](#)

The interactive survey can be found here: -

[Yorkshire Dales National Park Active Travel Plan](#)

Users can comment on one, or all the route and scheme suggestions within the survey.

Please note the **deadline for submissions is 18th May 2025**

Please feel free to circulate this letter to anyone with an interest in the development of active travel routes into and around the National Park.

If you have any questions regarding the Active Travel Plan and public consultation process, feel free to contact the Access and Recreation Team.

YDNP – Coast 2 Coast upgrade

As part of our programme of works on the Coast to Coast Path National Trail, we are proposing a number of public path orders.

Please can any comments be sent to me by Thursday 29th May.

NYC Local plan

Dear Councillors,

As you may know we have commenced work on the first North Yorkshire Local Plan which will guide future development and conservation of the area (excluding the National Parks) up to 2045. We have reached the first formal public consultation stage known as ‘Issues and Options’ which we have entitled ‘North Yorkshire Local Plan: our first conversation’. The consultation asks for views on what the vision for the area should be, the issues and matters that are important for the local plan to consider and the approaches we could take. It does not consider specific development sites.

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The consultation is being carried out between 19 May and 15 July and is open to anyone to respond.

We are therefore holding two briefings sessions on Thursday 15 May and Monday 19th May 5pm-6pm to provide city/town and parish councillors with information about the content of the document, the questions the consultation is asking as well as the consultation arrangements (including how to respond). As well as a short formal presentation from officers, there will be ample opportunity to ask questions. Both sessions will be the same so if you are interested you will only need to attend one session and if we could ask that you only send a maximum of two from each council to the session it would be appreciated.

NYC Housing needs survey

Dear Charlotte

Following the meeting on the 12th February that myself , Amanda Madden, and the Upper Dales Community Land Trust attended, I can confirm that the Swaledale housing needs survey has now been prepared and is to be sent out this week to all residents .

I would confirm that once the survey closes on the 30th May , and all the surveys are back in , I will compile a report and be back in touch to present the findings to yourselves .

The survey can be completed using the paper form , or online using the QR code below or via www.northyorks.gov.uk/survey/swaledale



If you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact me

Kindest regards

Janine Ledger

Good afternoon,

The North Yorkshire Local Plan covers the geographical area outside the National Parks and therefore all city/town and parish councils that cover this area (however small) have been invited to attend these sessions. For some councils this may only constitute a limited part of your area however please free attend if you feel it will be helpful.

To attend either of the briefing sessions please click here:

- Thursday 15th May: [Join the meeting now](#)

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- Monday 19th May: [Join the meeting now](#)

Kind regards

Rachael

Rachael Hutton
Planning Policy and Place Manager
Policy and Place

Let's Talk Skills

Let's Talk Skills is part of our series of Let's Talk conversations with you. The conversations are part of our continued commitment to listen to people who live and work in North Yorkshire. We want to hear from you! Please fill in the online survey here www.northyorks.gov.uk/letstalk

We want your input on the training and skills development opportunities North Yorkshire needs. Whether it's supporting school leavers or those nearing retirement, offering a fresh start for those stepping onto the career ladder, or providing the tools needed to care for others, your insight helps us ensure that all residents of any age can access lifelong learning.

Understanding what's important to you means that we can develop a curriculum that reflects the skills needed to ensure North Yorkshire is the best it can be.

This survey takes just a few minutes to complete and draws on your experiences with learning, any challenges you've encountered, and your vision for the future of skills in North Yorkshire. There are several ways you can take part in Let's Talk Skills: You can fill in an online survey here www.northyorks.gov.uk/letstalk – the survey is on Commonplace, which is a safe and easy-to-use online tool used to engage with communities, by over 250 organisations including neighbouring councils in Leeds and West Yorkshire. If you would prefer, you can pick up a paper copy from your local library or main local office and return it in the envelope provided. You can also email letstalk@northyorks.gov.uk or call 0300 131 2 131 (please say 'Let's Talk' when prompted) to request a survey.

You can write to:
Let's Talk
North Yorkshire Council
County Hall
Northallerton
DL7 8AD

Accessible formats of the survey are available on request. Please share your views with us and encourage your colleagues, friends and family to do the same. The survey closes on 9 June 2025. Questions from members of the public? Please ask residents to email LetsTalk@northyorks.gov.uk or call 0300 131 2 131 if they want to speak to someone.

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Defib Training

Good afternoon,

My name is Chris Butcher, I am the Managing Director of Severnside Defibs and Training. I am enquiring to see if your community could benefit from a familiarisation session on your local defibrillator?

Did you know, there are approximately 40,000 out-of-hospital cardiac arrests per year within the UK. However, the survival rate is currently low, with only 10% of victims surviving. Yet, research has shown that deploying a defibrillator within 3–5 minutes of collapse can produce survival rates as high as 50–70%.

I can offer a defibrillator familiarisation session - giving you and your community the knowledge and confidence to use it. It is perfect if your community have never had any familiarisation on it, or are frightened to use it. It is all well and good having a defibrillator, but of no use at all if people are scared to use it! These sessions have been, and continue to be, extremely popular with Parish Councils and communities up and down the UK - especially as they don't take a long time and are an informal, no pressure environment.

The session lasts 1.5hrs approx and is a full practical demonstration of the defib you have in your community (using a training device the same as your defibrillator, not your actual defibrillator). It is not a hands-session (i.e we do not ask attendees to stand at the front and perform CPR/Role-play, or use the defib, however they are welcome to if they want to), nor is it certificated training, it is a real-time demonstration and familiarisation session.

We also use the latest in manikin technology to show clearly the effects of cardiac arrest and simulate blood flow when carrying out CPR – this all helps paint a clear picture of what happens during a cardiac arrest rescue and makes it easier for the public to understand.

The session overview is as follows:

- *Means of access (i.e how to gain access if the defib is inside a locked cabinet)
- *How to spot a Cardiac Arrest and the difference between a C.A and Heart Attack
- *Fears, phobias and myths surrounding defibrillators including statistics
- *Discussion of the defibrillator in your community
- *Overview of 'prompts' of the defibrillator (the defibrillator will be turned on at this point so everything can be heard and seen)
- *Slow time demo – a scenario involving a training defibrillator, talking to the audience step-by step
- *Real time demo involving the defibrillator and manikin from start to finish

This is priced at £325 +VAT per session for as many people as you like, there are no minimum or maximum numbers – the more the merrier. I am happy to do day time or evening at a venue that suits you best. Whilst I am there, I can also look over the defib(s) you have and make sure they are ok / rescue ready, as part of the price. If you want to make use of this now or in the future then please do let me know.

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Please take the opportunity to look at reviews from our sessions here: <https://uk.trustpilot.com/review/severnsidedefibs.com>

If you have any questions, or would like to book a session, then please let me know.

I look forward to hearing from you,

Kind Regards,

Chris Butcher

Managing Director

Severnside Defibs and Training LTD

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<https://www.facebook.com/severnsidedefibs>

Protocol for Opening and Closing Toad Warning Signs on Clapgate

Discussion on establishing a clear protocol for the Parish Council to manage the opening and closing of toad warning signs on Clapgate, as advised by Highways. Currently, it is unclear who has been operating them. While the original intention was to respond to weather conditions conducive to toad movement, it may be necessary to set fixed dates, such as 1 March to 30 April.