

MARSKE AND NEW FOREST PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk to the Council – MRS Charlotte Smith

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DRAFT Minutes of the ordinary Council Meeting held in St Edmunds Church on Thursday 4th December 2025

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

North Yorkshire Cllr Peacock 6 Members of the Public

25.83 **Public Representations-** None.

25.84 **Apologies-** None.

25.85 **Declaration of interest-** None declared.

25.86 **Minutes** held on the Thursday 11th September 2025 were approved and signed as a true and accurate record.

25.87 **Reports**

a. Dales Police Report- The Police report was received and noted (Appendix).

b. Updates from Councillors- None.

25.88 **Councillor Vacancy-** The Council have a current vacancy, for more information please contact the Parish Clerk.

25.89 **Conservation Area Appraisal-** The Clerk reported that an email had been received from the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority (YDNP) today confirming that the extended Marske Conservation Area boundary was approved at the full Authority meeting in September and that the final adopted appraisal is now available on the YDNP website.
The Parish Council noted its disappointment that a second draft was not returned for comment prior to adoption, as previously indicated. Concerns were raised by farmers regarding potential impacts on future farming schemes and diversification.

Resolved: That the Clerk write to YDNP to formally express the Parish Council's disappointment and request clarification regarding the consultation process and lack of a second draft.

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- 25.90 Email and Website-** The quotation received from Vision ICT for upgrading to a **.gov.uk** domain was considered and **accepted**.
- 25.91 Insurance Renewal-** The renewal quotation of **£244.00** from Zurich was considered and **approved**.
- 25.92 Highways-** An update was provided regarding road subsidence and overgrown greenery on verges. Councillor Peacock raised concerns about the extent of verge cutting with North Yorkshire Council and noted that some areas require further cutting back. It was suggested that a programme be implemented to remove trees and reduce excessive growth.
- 25.93 Signpost Restoration-** David confirmed that the casting for the fingerpost is still awaited from the foundry. This delay is normal due to the limited number of specialist foundries operating in the UK. Following a recent visit, the casting is expected imminently. Once received, the fingerpost will be painted and installed promptly. David will continue to keep the Council informed of progress.

NY Cllr Peacock circulated a Coast to Coast Passport book.

- 25.94 Training-** Defibrillator training provided by Severnside Defibs and Training LTD was discussed and approved. A Wednesday evening was considered suitable, with the venue dependent on the number of attendees and the length of training. A message will be sent via the WhatsApp group to gauge numbers.
- It was noted that **two cheques** have been received from the **Jackson Trust** towards the defibrillator battery and training costs. The Council gave thanks for the grant contribution received.*
- 25.95 Waste bin-** It was noted that the waste bin located in the centre of the village has been replaced.
- 25.96 Planning**
- a. **Hope Moor Windfarm-** Update following the drop-in session attended by Parish Councillors at Barningham (Please see Appendix for full notes). Bi-monthly updates were requested.
- North Yorkshire Councillor Peacock reported that he had spoken with the project manager, who advised that the Parish Councils

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would be kept informed. The project is at a very early stage, with further progress expected in the spring.

Cllr Peacock will lobby for in-person consultations. YDNP will be monitoring the application. It was noted that Government policy regarding onshore wind farms has changed, and relevant policies are currently being updated.

It was agreed to contact Hope Moor Wind Farm to request information on when a parish consultation could be carried out.

- b. **Telfit retrospective application-** The application remains with the legal team. Cllr Peacock has asked the planning team to bring the matter forward and provide an update.

25.97 Finance

- a. **Budget-** The draft budget for 2026–27 was discussed and approved.

- b. **Precept-** It was agreed to approve the **precept demand of £3,390.00** required from North Yorkshire Council in accordance with Section 41 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992, and to submit the request to North Yorkshire Council. This would be a **0.48% decrease** for the Parish Council Precept.

- c. **Bank Reconciliation dated 30th November 2025-** Approved and signed as a true record.

- d. **Bank Balance of £7,194.85-** Noted.

- e. **Payment Schedule-** Payments and receipts made since the last meeting were noted.

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

- Defib Battery £330 (Inc VAT)
- Council Insurance £244.00
- Salaries and HWA

25.98 Exchange of information & items for the next Agenda- Hope Moor Wind Farm.

25.99 Next meeting date- The next meeting will be held on 18th March, unless an earlier meeting is required.

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Appendix

Monthly Police Report 10th Oct- 7th Nov 2025

We do not report crimes whereby victims could be identified, for example Domestic Violence or Harassment although they 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; Reported 11th Oct Theft of an Eldis caravan and Ivor Williams tipper trailer from Quarry lane Leyburn. Reported 13th Oct Theft of motor vehicle from Bainbridge area the vehicle was recovered 14th Oct and a person was arrested on separate charges. Between 9th – 17th Oct Theft of approximately £500-£600 of electric cable scrap copper pipe and radiators stolen from a property under renovation in the Harmby area. Reported 6th Nov Theft of a Graham Edwards trailer from the Gunnerside area.

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

13 – Abandoned Calls (misdials/pocket dials).

2 – Animal/Wildlife.

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

14 – Violence.

4 – Criminal Damage.

3 – Civil Dispute.

9 – Missing Person/Concern for safety.

8 – Road Traffic Collision (Minor).

7 – AntiSocial Behaviour.

1 – Burglary.

1 – Lost/Found.

1 – Fraud/Forgery (online/phone).

1 – Theft.

In total 120 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 and Crime Commissioner, providing news and updates on policing matters relevant to you and your community. You can sign up to the messaging service by visiting the NYP site.

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

PC355 Heather Campbell. PCSO Tracie Taylor-Page.

For the observant of you, you may have noticed I have not listed myself on the above. The reason being, as of Midnight 17th December I will no longer be part of the team as I have decided it is time for me to hang up my stab vest and radio. I have enjoyed my service making new

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friends and meeting the people of the Dales where I have worked, thank you for being such friendly folk. I will in due course be replaced by PCSO 3521 Di Smith who will be moving over from Catterick Garrison. Right, that's all from me.

PCSO 5232 Don Watson.

Email & website

Thank you for contacting us. It's fantastic to hear about your council's initiative to transition to a .gov.uk domain, and we're here to ensure the process is as smooth as possible for you.

To register the .gov.uk domain name, the initial year costs £ 100, then £25 per year after that. With a gov.uk domain name you need at least one role-based email address name e.g.

Clerk@yourcouncil.gov.uk

We offer two packages for emails these are:

1. Fully Managed – £15 per mailbox, per year
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Kind regards,

Daniel, Director

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Planning

Notes from Hope Moor Windfarm drop-in session at Barningham on 18/11/2025

We spoke with Francis Cunningham, Project Manager, and also Jack, an ecologist in the Hope Moor Windfarm team. We were disappointed not to be able to meet with Kelly Wyness as it was he who corresponded with the parish council. This was surprising as we arrived at time we had let them know we would arrive. We stayed over an hour and a half and asked several times to speak with him.

Francis Cunningham confirmed that as well as the turbines, the access route to the site for construction and substations will be included in the DCO. The grid connection may be a separate application, and if so, the application may be made by Northern Powergrid to supply from the National Grid on Teesside.

The route for construction traffic is not yet determined. The best options are generally ones where a trunk road goes closest to the site.

Timeframe of construction: work would not start before 2030 and would possibly take two years to complete.

On the process, we understood that a first community consultation will be in spring 2026. We were told Consultation 1 is a “rough idea of plans”; that the Environmental Impact Assessment will be scoped at the same time and the scoping document will be public, and will involve a “mini consultation”. They will provide exhibitions and one of these could be in Marske. We were told that consultations will last eight weeks, and that the second consultation will be more formal than the first. Later, when asked to clarify the process, we learned that the scoping exercise IS Consultation 1 so we were left unclear whether there will be a total of two or three consultations.

We asked what engagement the parish council can expect over the next 12 months. We did not get a clear answer on this. When asked if the council could have bimonthly updates on the project the answer was that would be no problem.

Community benefits: They want communities to approach them with ideas, any time from now onwards.

There is no cut-off date for finalising benefits. Examples of scenarios were mentioned, which included insulating domestic buildings, installing solar panels on church roofs, micro-hydroelectric schemes as more likely than reduced electricity bills for everyone (as this is hard to administer). Communities will need to set up a community trust.

Grouse-shooting will continue on the site. The site will remain Access Land (with short-term closures during construction for safety)

Telfit Application update

Dear Charlotte

The unilateral undertaking is in the latter stages of being finalised, legal agreements do take a considerably long period of time to resolve as they need to be correct.

Liam Timmins

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Defib training

Good morning Charlotte,

Thank you for your email and confirmation that you would like to book a defibrillator familiarisation session. Do you know what defibrillator(s) you have in your community? Also, did you have a date/month in mind? I have pretty good availability for next year at the moment. In my experience, a weekday evening tends to be the best attended, usually a Tuesday or Wednesday, but I am happy to do whatever suits you and your community best.

There are no minimum or maximum numbers, the more the merrier. As far as set up for the session is concerned, if we can have seats for attendees, and if I can have a table at the front and a space of at least 6ft or so in front of the table, so that I can use the floor space for the 'real-time' demonstration that would be great. Otherwise, I am low maintenance, no power/electrics or screens etc needed!

Next steps would be for you to send me a preferred date (or dates) so we can secure one in the diary. I will also need the following details from you so that I can send over an invoice for payment. Payment must be made prior to the session date, this secures the date in the diary.

- Billing address
- Session venue address
- Contact name / number / email for the session
- Make / Model of defibrillator(s) – if you're not sure then send me a picture

If you have any further questions then please do not hesitate to ask and I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind Regards,

Chris Butcher

Managing Director

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Defib Replacement battery

I recommend we purchase one of these now as they are currently on sale- [Cardiac Science Powerheart G5 AED Battery | DefibWarehouse - Wide range of defibrillators](#)

Price £275.00

Payment Schedule

Date	Amount	Memo	
23/10/2025	-83.38	HMRC SDDS	0000683484 FIRST DDR P
01/10/2025	-79.65	HMRC SHIPLEY	475PM015978392603 BBP
24/09/2025	-116.49	MRS CE SMITH	SEPT PAY BBP
24/09/2025	-107.85	MRS CE SMITH	AUG PAY BBP
24/09/2025	-117.93	MRS CE SMITH	JULY PAY BBP
24/09/2025	-78	MRS CE SMITH	HWA X3 BBP