

# Catterick Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

Present: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Bhatti, Cllr Ryan, Cllr Les,  
Maj. Dent  
Clerk

### **1. Apologises for absence.**

Cllrs Claypole, Oselton and Wyrill,

### **2. Open Forum**

None present

### **3. Reports**

#### **3.1 Police report.**

PCSO Smith previously circulated the report.  
Report from 29th August 2025 – 4th October 2025

**6 Crimes Reported**-1 Crime/Theft – 1 Theft from shop. 2 Crime/violence – domestic related. 2 Crime Violence – 1 Cyber Crime related. 1 report of 2 x males fighting in the pub, 1 male arrested for GBH. 1 Crime- criminal damage. Damage caused to a vehicle.

Crimes report for the same period last year = 8

#### **0 Anti-Social Behaviour Reports**

Anti-Social Report for the same period last year = 3

**8 Person/Safety /Warning reports** 1 Abandoned Calls – All were made in error.

1 Concern reports – Call received from a member of public informing us of 2 children wanting to swim in the river, advice was given to the children, they took the advice and went home. 5 Suspicious Reports – 2 reports of males knocking on doors, both were spoken to and left the area. 1 Report of a male acting suspicious in a park, officers spoke to him and gave him suitable words of advice. 1 report of a male litter picking, he was given words of advice as he has special needs. 1 report of a confused male knocking on doors, he was taken back home.

1 Sudden Death

All other warnings reported in the same period last year = 7

**2 Reports of other incidents.** 2 Road Related Incidents- 1 report of possible drink driver which was dealt with by RMP. 1 report of a young male riding around on an E-Scooter. 1 report of a Road Traffic Collision, male was arrested for drink driving.

Other incidents recorded (RTC's, RTC damage) the same period last year = 6

#### **Coffee with a Copper**

Please come to see me at the Thrift shop in Booth Hall on Tuesdays. Come and have a chat about any issues or advice you may need.

21/10/2025 – 1000hrs

11/11/2025 – 1000hrs

Times and dates may change due to duty requirements.

#### **Community Messaging**

North Yorkshire Community Messaging allows members of the public to register to receive alerts, crime notifications and community news from organisations. It is a way of maintaining contact with Neighbourhood Watch and Rural Watch groups. Neighbourhood & Rural Watch have their own database within community messaging for their members.

You can sign up to receive alerts as a member of the public here:

<https://www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk/>

Project Servator is still up and running in Richmondshire.

We will be here, unannounced. We can be at any place, anytime and anywhere.

If you see a suspicious vehicle in the area, please call police at the time so we are able to have a greater chance of speaking to the occupants and establishing whether they are legitimate. If possible, try to obtain the vehicle registration, any wording on the vehicle, descriptions of occupants and direction of travel.

Residents are encouraged to report all incidents at the time they are happening to enable effective action can be taken by police. We can only act on information we are aware of

Please visit our website [www.northyorkshire.police.uk](http://www.northyorkshire.police.uk) for advice regarding Crime Prevention and safety advice.

Emergency - 999

National 24hr non-emergency number 101

- 101 calls cost 15 pence per call from mobile or landline, regardless of length of call

Call 'Crimestoppers' anonymously on 0800 555 111

Contact Details: PCSO 3521 Di Smith

[diane.smith@northyorkshire.police.uk](mailto:diane.smith@northyorkshire.police.uk)

### **3.2 North Yorkshire Council**

Cllr Les – He reported on the allocation of s106 Commuted Sums for open Spaces and Village Halls, Catterick will have a sum of £17,697.68 available for the use in open spaces

### **3.4 Marne Barracks**

Major Dent attended the meeting -Major construction work will not now start before early summer next year. Minor work to install high voltage cables will begin this year.

## **4. Minutes of the last meeting**

Minutes from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

Proposed Cllr Ryan      Seconded Cllr Bhatti

## **5. Matters arising**

Cllr Les contacted the asset management department about the use of nematodes as a way of getting rid of the Chafer grubs on High Green. They have said they would not give permission for a third party to apply any form of pest control on their land and think it would be irresponsible to use this unregulated pest control method on our land. The Councillors decided to follow this advice.

## **6. Current Issues**

### **6.1 Wall/Trees in the cemetery.**

The grass on the area that was damaged during the tree felling has now started to grow back. The Clerk has previously sent an email with photographs to the Councillors and they agreed via email that the Clerk could pay the invoice.

The clerk has now received the full survey report of the wall, (Previously circulated to the Councillors) in which the surveyors again say that the wall is structurally sound

but areas do need repairing and gave recommendations of what work would be needed.

Since this report more damage has occurred – one of the coping stones had been broken off and more of the cobble stones pushed out. The damage was extensive so the Clerk has sent photographs of this new damage to the surveyor and his observations seem to suggest that the extra damage would not have been caused by rainwater alone. The Clerk has reported this to the police as possible vandalism.

They are unable to investigate further as there is no specific time frame and any forensic evidence would have been lost due to the weather. They have said they will conduct patrols when operational demand allows.

The surveyor has said that now that the internal areas of the wall have been exposed rain will be able to penetrate the stone and mortar and accelerate the work.

The Clerk has been trying to find out if the wall is a party wall but none of the land registry plans show this. The Clerk thinks it is probably ours as the wall would have been there before the houses in Pallett Hill were built. Cllr Les also thinks it will be ours.

The Councillors agreed to the clerk obtaining quotes for the work needed on the wall.

## **6.2 Tree Survey**

The tree survey was carried out on July 18<sup>th</sup>. The report has now been received and circulated to the Councillors. In general, the trees are in a good condition and it said that the majority of trees 'offer a Broadly Acceptable Risk and are assumed to be at a point where the risk is already 'As Low as Reasonably Practicable' (ALARP) when considered over the coming year.' It was suggested that 5 trees need additional assessment to determine their actual risk level. The cost of this would be £935. The Clerk suggested the additional work is carried out to complete the survey. Also, part of the cemetery had been missed so she suggested they ask them to assess the trees here as well. The Councillors agreed to both these.

The Clerk and Cllr Campbell will walk around the village and check on the trees that were mentioned as needing attention.

## **6.3 I.T Policy**

This had been previously circulated to the Councillors. Cllr Ryan suggested that an amendment should be made to make it clearer who to contact if there was a breach in security.

With this amendment the policy was accepted.

Propose Cllr Ryan    Seconded Cllr Bhatti

## **7.Parish Finances**

### **7.1 Periodic Accounts**

Previously circulated

Proposer: Cllr Campbell    Seconded: Cllr Ryan

## **8 Correspondence**

The Clerk has received an email from the Citizens Advice asking if the Parish Council could give a donation again this year. From Catterick Village they have helped 74 clients with 157 issues and have attended Hello Catterick on 3 occasions over the last 12 months.

The Councillors agreed that the work they carry out is vital and agreed to donate £500 again this year.

Proposed Cllr Ryan      Seconded Cllr Bhatti

## **9. Planning**

None

## **10.Minor Matters**

- The Clerk has been told that Joe Bench, the village litter picker is retiring after 7 years. She asked if the Parish Council should send a letter of thanks and a small gift to show appreciation for his work in keeping the village tidy. This was agreed to.
- The Clerk checked that the Council wanted her to buy two poppy wreathes for Remembrance Day. Normally a £100 donation is also given. This was agreed.
- The Clerk has received an email from Highways about a proposal of applying waiting restrictions of no parking at any time to the junction of Leeming Lane and Chapel Riggs and on Leeming Lane opposite this junction. The Councillors agreed that the parking here is very bad and must make it difficult for cars to enter and leave Chapell Riggs and agreed to the proposals. The Clerk will respond to the email.

Date of next meeting Monday November 3rd 2025

Meeting closed 20.10

Signed

Dated