

Catterick Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 13th April 2026

Present: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Ryan, Cllr Connelly, Cllr Oselton and Cllr Les
Clerk

The Chairman Cllr Campbell opened the meeting by announcing that due to the re-application by Roadchef for the Motorway Service Area at J52 being received late this was not put on the agenda for discussion and asked if the Councillors agreed to it being discussed. This was agreed,

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Bhatti, Cllr Claypole, PCSO Coburn and Major Dent.

2. Open Forum

30 +members of the public attended the meeting.

I resident attended on behalf of Michael Syddall School. She also brought along a letter from herself and Mr Saunders the deputy head teacher.

The school are wanting to raise money for a minibus that could be driven on a normal licence for use by the school for sporting activities, extra trips and experiences for the children as costs of hiring coaches has risen to such a high level. The school has become aware that many pupil's families are no longer able to afford travel costs incurred in belonging to sporting teams etc, or even to take trips out as families so the bus would also be available for hire by residents and groups of the village.

The Parish Council agreed to discuss this later in the meeting.

The rest of the public attended to discuss the re-application by Roadchef for the Motorway Service Area at J52 after the planning that had been granted by North Yorkshire Council was quashed on the appeal by MOTTO due to a lack of a sequential flooding test. This looks into whether there were more suitable sites that had no issues with flooding.

There were again strong feelings against this application.

Some residents had received a notification from the North Yorkshire Planning Department and others hadn't and some were not sure if their previous objections would be looked at again or if they needed to resend their objections.

It was again emphasised by the Parish Council and Cllr Les that only material objections would be considered.

It was suggested by the public that the Parish Council organise a public meeting to allow more discussion about it and to advertise this meeting more widely by a leaflet drop. The Parish Council agreed to this and asked for contact details of the public present so they could help with the leaflet drop.

It was also suggested that Roadchef were invited to the meeting.

The clerk will organise the printing of the leaflets, book the Booth Hall for the meeting and contact the residents present to help with distributing the leaflets.

3.1 Police report.

PCSO Coburn could not attend the meeting but sent a report

Report from 2nd March 2026 – 13th April 2026

5 Crimes Reported 3 Crime/Theft – Theft 1 Crime/violence – Assault No further Action 1 Crime/Other – Other Offence

Crimes report for the same period last year = 6

3 Anti-Social Behaviour Reports 1 Anti-Social Behaviour Nuisance – Large group of adults causing a nuisance 2 Anti-Social Behaviour Personal – Youth Related Anti-Social Report for the same period last year = 2

12 Person/Safety /Warning reports 1 Abandoned Calls – Accidental Call 4 Suspicious Report – Youths at location, Scam call, Drone over the army barracks, Doorseller 4 Call made with good intent. 2 Civil matter 1 Concern for safety All other warnings reported in the same period last year = 5

3 Reports of other incidents. 2 Road Related – Reporting driving

1 Report of Road traffic offense

Other incidents recorded (RTC's, RTC damage) the same period last year = 1

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 for advice regarding Crime Prevention and safety advice.

PCSO Jamie-Leigh Coburn Collar Number 5725

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

3.2 North Yorkshire Council.

Carl reported that after a meeting to discuss the congestion on the A6136 a survey of the vehicles using the road and the reason for the journey, is to be carried out.

4. Minutes of the last meetings

Minutes from 2nd March 2026

Proposed Cllr Oselton Seconded Cllr Connolly

All agreed.

5. Matters arising

The two beams that have started to rot on one of the pieces of play equipment in Arena View playpark is to be replaced this Wednesday, 15th April.

The routine inspection course for playparks that Cllr Connelly said he would attend has been booked.

The Clerk has been in touch with the Environmental Protection Officer about the rat problem at no. 24 High St. They have been to visit the next-door property and the social club. There was rubbish around but not an excessive amount and no evidence of rats. He has been in touch with the owner of number 22 who has said the rubbish is not on her land. The Officer has tried to contact the resident of 24 High St but after a number of attempts has not had any response. He has said that the level and condition of the waste do not meet the threshold for Environmental Health enforcement and with no evidence of pest activity and without the complainant responding to his letters the case will be closed.

6. Current Issues

6.1 New grass cutting contractor

The clerk has sent of the details of the tender to 5 contracting firms but so far has only had one reply. She has emailed the others again and they have said they are still interested.

6.2 Adoption of the Smaller Authorities' Proper Practices Panel (SAPPP)

Joint Panel on Accountability and Governance Practitioners' Guide for the annual return 2026/2027. (Previously circulated.)

This is the guide the Parish Council and Clerk have to follow for next years end of years return.

The Councillors agreed to this. Proposed Cllr Riley Seconded Cllr Connelly

7.Parish Finances

7.1 Periodic Accounts

The Accounts for March have been previously circulated

Proposed Cllr Ryan Seconded Cllr Oselton

All agreed

8. Correspondence

- The Clerk has received an email from a resident about the poor bus service for the village, making it difficult to get to Richmond, Tesco, and Northallerton. |To get to the latter two places, journeys into Richmond have to be made and then long waits for connecting services.
She asked the Parish Council if they could support the village in trying to regain some direct bus routes.
Cllr Les suggested we write to the Mayor of York as he is now in charge of the buses in York and North Yorkshire. The Clerk will do this.
- The clerk has had an email from a resident saying a nail was sticking out of the steps to the large slide in Kings Close play area. He did manage to bend it round so that a child wouldn't catch their leg on it. Cllr Oselton said he would go and take a look.

9. Planning

The Motorway Services ref 19/00493/FULL was discussed in the Open Forum

10.Minor Matters

- The councillors discussed the request by Michael Syddall School for a donation to help them buy a minibus. They agreed that it would be useful, especially if it could be hired by other groups. They agreed to donate £1000 but to give the money once the target was nearer being reached.
Proposed Cllr Riley Seconded Cllr Campbell.
- A large branch of the willow tree near the footbridge was split off from the trunk in the storm earlier in March. The Clerk asked our tree surgeon to remove it completely. This has left the tree very lopsided. The Clerk suggested that the Council asks the surgeon to cut back the tree to make it safer. The Parish Councillors agreed to this. As it is in the conservation area the clerk will have to apply to the planning department for permission to do work on it.

Date of next meeting Monday May 11th 2026 (A week later due to May bank holiday)
This will be the AGM and will follow the Annual Parish Meeting.

Meeting closed 20.30

Signed

Dated