

Catterick Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 1st September 2025

Present: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Bhatti, Cllr Claypole, Cllr Oselton, Cllr Ryan Cllr Les,
Police Sgt Lancaster
Clerk

1. Apologises for absence.

Cllr Wyrill, Maj. Dent

2. Open Forum

2 members of the public attended.

One resident attended to discuss the damage caused to the grass on High Green by the presence of Chafer grubs. He explained that a flying beetle lays eggs in the soil in spring which hatch into the Chafer grubs which feed on the roots of the grass. Crows and other birds tear up the grass sods to get to the grubs, causing damage to the grass. He explained that at the moment the grass does not look too bad as the grubs have developed into the beetles and flown away but the area looks green due to weeds rather than grass. He is worried that the area involved will get larger as it has over the last couple of years.

He said there is no pesticides against the grubs but a natural treatment using nematodes is available. The cost would be around £60. He said he would be prepared to administer the treatment if the Parish Council paid for the product. It would need to be carried out in September/October.

The treatment is meant to be safe for humans and animals.

The Clerk asked Cllr Les if the use of nematodes is permitted in a public place. He will check this.

The Councillors agreed in principle to the treatment but will let the resident know what the advice is from the council before confirming it.

3. Reports

3.1 Police report.

PCSO Smith previously circulated the report and Sgt Charlotte Lancaster, the new sergeant for the local neighbourhood team, went through it at the meeting.
Report from 5th July 2025 – 28th August 2025

6 Crimes Reported 3 Crime/Theft – 1 fraud related, 1 Theft from shop, 1 Theft of fuel. 2 Crimes/stolen Motor vehicles. 1 Crime/violence – domestic related.

Crimes report for the same period last year = 12

2 Anti-Social Behaviour Reports 1 environmental report regarding trees- civil matter. 1 report of youths being rowdy on an evening near to the Pavillion.

Anti-Social Report for the same period last year = 2

25 Person/Safety /Warning reports 7 Abandoned Calls – All were made in error.

4 Hoax calls. 9 Concern reports - 6 separate reports of concern for people who were found to be safe and well. 2 reports raised for a resident who was found safe and well. 1 report of an elderly male who had fallen, ambulance was called.

1 Suspicious Reports – 1 Report of a female asking for assistance which was reported to NYP for information only.

3 Domestic Incident

1 Alarm sounding- all ok on arrival

All other warnings reported in the same period last year = 13

3 Reports of other incidents.

1 Road Related Incidents- 1 report of inconsiderable riding of motorcycles, 1 report of a possible drink driver. 1 Administration – possible abandoned vehicle.

Other incidents recorded (RTC's, RTC damage) the same period last year = 11

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.

23/09/2025 – 1000hrs

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 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.smith3521@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

Sgt Lancaster said that she is prioritising speeding in Catterick Village and Catterick Garrison.

The Clerk has had an email from a resident about horses being ridden along the footpath between Slessor Rd and Mill Bungalows and the mess the horses make. She asked Sgt Lancaster if the police were the correct people to contact as horses should not be ridden on a footpath. She suggested the Environment Agency. Cllr Les said he would get some clarification on this.

3.2 North Yorkshire Council

Cllr Les – He reported about the fire on Langdale Moor. It covers 22 sq km. At one point it was thought that it had been contained but the wind changed direction. 2 roads have been shut and the Coast-to-Coast path. Unexploded shells from training during World War 11 have been causing additional hazards. 19 have so far exploded.

Luckily there have been no injuries and no evacuations needed.

3.4 Marne Barracks

Major Dent could not attend the meeting but sent this report.

- Both Regiments now returned from summer block leave.
- No set date for heavy plant machinery to start moving on site but a meeting is set for 10 Sep to discuss new electrical sub stations to be installed which will involve some heavy plant.
- 3rd Regiment still due to move in first quarter of 2028.

4. Minutes of the last meeting

Minutes from July 7th 2025

Proposed Cllr Oselton Seconded Cllr Claypole

5. Matters arising

The gov.uk domain for the Council Website has now been set up and the clerk's email address has now changed to a gov.uk one. The Clerk has sent the Councillors out their new email addresses and instructions on how to set them up.

6. Current Issues

6.1 Adoption of the Risk Management Assessment Policy and renewal and readoption of the risk assessments.

As mentioned by the clerk at the June meeting, she has been working on producing a risk management assessment policy and register and updating risk assessments. These have all been circulated to the Parish Councillors to read prior to the meeting. The policies and risk assessments were agreed to and adopted by the Councillors

Proposed Cllr Campbell

Seconded Cllr Oselton

6.2 Wall/Trees in the cemetery.

The clerk has still not received the full survey report on the cemetery wall. She will contact them again.

The two trees have been felled but unfortunately during the felling damage was done to the surrounding area – the surface grass around the graves has been churned up and there have been some complaints from residents. One resident thinks that the grave stone of his family plot has been damaged. The Clerk met with Rennisons to discuss the damage and they have now levelled off the area, added top soil and reseeded it. They have also removed a pile of sawdust that had been left from grinding the stumps. The tree surgeon that did the felling said that he has removed quite a few vases and artifacts from the area that had been blown around in the gales before he started work and he thought he had removed a dove that had been knocked off the grave stone. There were no chips or other damage to this gravestone or any others.

Cllr Campbell has been to check the area since the repairs and she thinks that they have probably done as much as they can. Cllr Oselton is still not happy with the area. It was decided to wait and see if the grass starts to grow before the bill is paid.

6.3 Tree Survey

The tree survey was carried out on July 18th. No report has yet been received. The Clerk has contacted them and will do so again.

7.Parish Finances

7.1 Periodic Accounts

Previously circulated

Proposer: Cllr Bhatti

Seconded: Cllr Claypole

The External Audit has been approved by the auditor and the certificate received by the clerk. This will be published on the website and notice board.

7.2 Re-adoption of the Financial Policy

The updated financial policy was circulated to the Councillors prior to the meeting and the Councillors agreed to re-adopting it.

Proposed Cllr Oselton

Seconded Cllr Bhatti

8. Correspondence

- The Clerk has received an email from a resident about the Himalayan Balsam that is growing in the Beck. Cllr Campbell will have a word with Colin about this and the removal of the other weeds growing in the beck.
- The Clerk has received an email about replacing the cherry tree that had to be removed from High Green as it had died. Her family own a house on High Green and this tree was originally planted by them in memory of her father who owned this house. She was wanting to replace the tree.
The Parish Council have previously decided not to allow anymore memorial trees but as this is replacing one for the same family they agreed to it as long as it is planted in the same place. The Clerk will contact the resident.

9. Planning

None

10.Minor Matters

Date of next meeting Monday October 6th 2025

Meeting closed 20.10

Signed

Dated