

# Catterick Parish Council

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## **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

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

### **1. Apologies for absence.**

Cllr Bhatti, Cllr Claypole and Major Dent.

### **2. Open Forum**

Mr Bannister attended the meeting along with the resident of no. 40 High St. She is having a problem with rats that she believes are entering her property from the empty social club and the property between her and the club. Both buildings are in a mess with bin bags, pizza box etc being left at the back of the properties. She has had a Pest Control firm in and they have been very good, but it is expensive at £80. She is worried that the rats will keep coming back unless the area is cleared of rubbish. She has been in touch with the Environment Health but has had no response. They wondered if the Parish Council could do any more.

The Councillors agreed that it is a Public Health risk, especially to the resident. The Clerk will contact the Environment Health and ask for their help. Cllr Campbell will try and contact someone from the Social Club

### **3.1 Police report.**

PCSO Coburn and PC Rahman (PC Collar no 622) attended the meeting, and the report was read out.

#### **Report from 2nd February 2026 – 1st March 2026**

**2 Crimes Reported** 1 Crime/Theft – 1 theft 0 Crime/violence – 1 Crime/Other – 1 criminal damage

Crimes report for the same period last year = 2

**0 Anti-Social Behaviour Reports** 0 Anti-Social Nuisance –

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

**8 Person/Safety /Warning reports** 3 Abandoned Calls – 3 made in error  
2 Suspicious Report – 1 sus person, 1 doorseller 0 Domestic related. 1 Report of a missing person, they returned home. 1 Concern for a male 1 Security Alarm activation, no need for police presence as all in order.

All other warnings reported in the same period last year = 3

**3 Reports of other incidents.** 1 report vehicle with no insurance 2 report of Road traffic offense 0 Report of a Road Traffic Collision.

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

PCSO Coburn has taken over from PCSO Smith and is looking at putting on Coffee with a Copper at their Nearly New shop on a Tuesday and attending the Hello Catterick Hub on a Thursday.

### **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.

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

### **3.1 North Yorkshire Council.**

Carl reported that Road Chef have submitted a new planning application for the Motorway Service Area (MSA) since the original granted application has now been rejected by the High Court. This has not yet been verified.

They need to do a flood risk assessment and show that there is not a more suitable place for the services.

Cllr Les said that once this has been sent out any objections sent in must be material objections such as the need for the MSA (especially now that Barton has been granted permission for extending and improvements), flood risk, loss of habitats.

### **3.2 Marne Barracks**

Major Dent could not attend the meeting but sent a short report.

He has past on a message to the residents in Slessor Road about the streetlights that are not working and is waiting on DIO to do a tree survey for the parish councillor's query of trees over hanging the perimeter fence.

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

Minutes from 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026

Proposed Cllr Connelly      Seconded Cllr Ryan

All agreed.

## **5. Matters arising**

The stonemason, Mark Schofield, has now taken off the protective coverings on the cemetery wall that he repaired in November. The Clerk has checked it, and it looks very good. The bill has now been paid.

Cllr Ryan suggested that photographs are taken of the wall to keep a record of the repairs that have been done.

The Clerk will do this.

## **6. Current Issues**

### **6.1 New grass cutting contractor**

The Clerk has been around the village with Colin Browne to check the areas that he cuts and the hedges he maintains.

She has written out a detailed schedule with photographs, a summary and Conditions of Contract. These were previously circulated to the Councillors. She has got details from other, local Parish Councils about contractors they use and will contact these to see if they are interested and if so, send the details out.

She will also send them to Ashley Emmel who attended last month's meeting. Colin has said that the two men who work for him are wanting to take on his business. The Clerk has told him that they will need to put a tender in along with the others. She will send them the same details.

### **6.2 Play park inspections.**

Because of the **problems with the guarantee on the play equipment in Arena**

**View the** Clerk has been looking into courses for the weekly routine inspections.

The Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (RoSPA) hold one day courses for these types of inspections. They are quite expensive, but the Council thought it would be worth it as these weekly inspections are needed and some basic training would help with this.

Cllr Campbell asked Cllr Connelly if he would be interested in taking the course in York. He was willing to do this.

The Clerk will book a place.

The Play Park Inspection Co. have asked the Clerk if the Parish Council would like to place a reorder for the annual inspection later this year. The Councillors agreed to this.

## **7. Parish Finances**

### **7.1 Periodic Accounts**

The Accounts for February have been previously circulated

Proposed Cllr Ryan    Seconded Cllr Connelly

All agreed

## **8. Correspondence**

The Clerk has received an email from a resident living in one of the houses at the South end of the cemetery. The trees running behind their boundary fence have been pollarded in the past but have once again grown tall. He says that the light is being reduced in their house and that the biggest problem is the debris from them that falls into their garden.

These trees are a regular problem. The Council agreed that the Clerk should contact Sean, the tree surgeon to get a price for having them cut again.

The Clerk will sort this out.

## **9. Planning**

None

## **10. Minor Matters**

In October the Parish Council agreed to the proposed waiting restrictions at the Chappell Rigg/Leeming Lane junction. The Clerk has now received the official notice about these restrictions. She forwarded them onto the Councillors before the

meeting. They again agreed that the restrictions are necessary for safety reasons as it is difficult entering and exiting Chappell Riggs with the number of cars that park there. The Clerk will pass on the comments to Area 1

Date of next meeting Monday April 13th 2026 (A week later due to Easter)

Meeting closed 20.00

Signed

Dated