

Catterick Parish Council

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Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 2nd February 2026

Present: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Oselton, Cllr Bhatti, Cllr Claypole, Cllr Ryan
Clerk

1. Apologies for absence.

Cllr Wyrill, Cllr Les and Sgt Lancaster

2. Open Forum

A resident attended and wanted to know if there was any update on the Catterick Bridge Hotel development.

The Councillors did not have any further information.

Mr Ashley Emmel from Emmel Tree and Garden Services attended the meeting to introduce himself as a possible applicant for the ground maintenance contract.

At the moment he works for the MOD in the Garrison and also carries out work for other Parish Councils on a self-employed basis. He is looking to become totally self-employed. He has been around the village will Colin.

Cllr Campbell told him that once the areas of grass and hedges to be cut have been confirmed that the details would be sent to him and explained that other tenders would also be obtained.

3.1 Police report.

No report was received and no one was available to attend the meeting.

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

Cllr Ryan wanted to know if a PCSO had been allocated to Catterick Village since PCSO Smith moved. There is no police contact information for residents at the moment and no report being sent.

The Clerk will contact Sgt Lancaster.

3.2 Marne Barracks

There has been no real change in the building works- the main work will begin in early summer and last until late 2027.

He realises that there will be some problems with contractor traffic coming into the barracks, but they hope to be able to manage this without causing too much disruption.

Cllr Claypole asked Major Dent who is responsible for the streetlights on Slessor Rd as there are quite a few not working. Major Dent is to check whether it is the army or Highways.

4.Minutes of the last meetings

Minutes from 1st December 2025

Proposed Cllr Ryan Seconded Cllr Bhatti

All agreed.

Minutes from 5th January 2026

Proposed Cllr Oselton Seconded Cllr Campbell

5. Matters arising

No matters arising from either meeting.

6. Current Issues

6.1 Co-option of Parish Councillor

Mr John Connelly has been regularly attending the meeting as a resident and would like to become a Parish Councillor. He gave a short resume about himself.

The Councillors discussed his co-option onto the Parish Council, and all agreed to this.

Proposed Cllr Campbell Seconded Cllr Claypole

6.2 New grass cutting contractor due to retirement of Colin Browne.

Mr Ashley Emmel attended the meeting to discuss the contract. See Open Forum.

The Clerk has contacted local Parish Councils to find out who they use as a grass contractor. Once the details of the areas cut have been confirmed she will contact them.

Cllr Campbell is to arrange with Colin Browne to go around the village to confirm the areas of grass and hedges that he maintains.

6.3 Repair to play equipment in Arena View

As mentioned in the December meeting, the annual inspection by the Play Inspection Co. reported some rot in the beams of one of the pieces of play equipment installed by Sovereign Play. The climbing net is attached to this, so they advised us not to allow it to be used until the beam was replaced. Sovereign Play have inspected the equipment. The timber is under guarantee but unfortunately not all the conditions of the guarantee have been met. A written, weekly report needs to be carried out. Only

fortnightly inspections with Richmondshire district council and now monthly inspections by North Yorkshire Council and an annual inspection have been carried out.

Repairs to equipment and surfacing carried out by others will also invalidate the warranty.

They have sent a quote for the replacement for £1068.

The quality of the wood used was questioned by the Councillors

It seems a lot of money, but the Councillors agreed that the work needs to be carried out.

Proposed Cllr Ryan Seconded Cllr Claypole

All Councillors agreed.

The Clerk will contact Sovereign play but also send a complaint about the quality of wood used for the beams.

The Weekly inspections will have to be started in both this play park and Kings Close.

Cllr Campbell said she would do this to begin with.

6.4 Urban Grass Cutting for Highways.

Each year Highways pays the Parish Council to cut the grass in the village that Highways are responsible for. For the coming year 2026/27 they would pay £553.99.

If the Parish Council didn't cut this grass, it would only be cut 5 times over the year.

Cllr Claypole wondered if this would cover the cost of any new contractor. As we don't know the cost of this, yet it was decided to continue with the cutting of these areas and receiving the payment.

The Clerk will contact Highways.

6.5 Funding for Conor Roulston's Scout trip.

Connor attended the meeting in January to ask the Parish Council if they could help out with funding for the Scout trip that he has been selected for. He had also sent an email which the clerk had forwarded onto the Councillors. Nothing could be decided then because of lack of Councillors.

They all agreed the trip was a great opportunity for him. Cllr Campbell proposed giving him £250 and then if he needs a little more at the end of his fund-raising period he could come back and ask the Parish Council again.

Proposed Cllr Claypole Seconded Cllr Ryan

All agreed to this.

The Clerk will contact Connor

7.Parish Finances

7.1 Periodic Accounts

The Accounts for December and January have been previously circulated

Proposed Cllr Campbell Seconded Cllr Ryan

All agreed

8. Correspondence

None

9. Planning

None

10.Minor Matters

Cllr Wyrill has sent an email to the Clerk to say he will be resigning from the Parish Council due to pressure of work, but he will stay on until a new Councillor can be

found.

It was agreed that how to recruit new Councillors will have to be discussed.

Date of next meeting Monday March 2nd 2026

Meeting closed 20.00

Signed

Dated