

# Catterick Parish Council

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## **Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2025**

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

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

Cllr Campbell, PCSO Smith and Major Dent

### **2. Open Forum**

1 resident attended the meeting.

Mr Bannister started by thanking the Parish Councillors for their work in the village. Mr Bannister organises the Hello Catterick hub held in the Booth Hall on Thursday mornings. He asked if the Parish Council would once again help to fund the hire of the room. About 30 residents attend throughout the morning. Free drinks, biscuits, cakes and now soup and a roll at lunch time are provided. Visiting groups and organisations also attend such as Citizens Advice and the police.

Last year the Parish Council funded 7 months at around £800 with Cllr Les funding the rest.

The Councillors agreed that it was a very useful Community organisation and agreed to fund the room hire for another 7 months. (£800)

Proposed: Cllr Bhatti seconded: Cllr Ryan. The rest of the councillors agreed.

### **3. Youth Club update.**

Naomi Fletcher the Youth Club leader attended the meeting. She reported that the numbers attending the Youth Club were still good- averaging 25+ each week. The age range is from school year 5 to year 9 with some older ones coming in and out to see the leaders. Naomi's daughter and a couple of other young leaders are now helping but they are struggling to find long term adult volunteers.

A number of activities and visiting groups such as the Rotters (talking about food waste) the police and arts and craft have been organised.

Naomi asked if the Parish Council could fund the club again. The Clerk said that the Youth club funds are very low and once this terms salary and pavilion hire have been paid for there will be very little left. She suggested that the amount we donate should be increased from the £1500 we have donated in the past. The money is used for the two youth workers salary, the pavilion hire and the insurance.

The Councillors agreed that the Youth Club was doing a good job and was a safe place for the young people of the village to meet. £2000 was suggested.

Proposed Cllr Ryan Seconded Cllr Claypole

The rest of the Parish Councillors agreed. The Clerk will pay this.

Cllr Les said that he would also increase his grant from the Locality budget fund to £800. This would go to the Youth Club via the Parish Council.

## **4. Report.**

### **4.1 Police report.**

PCSO Smith previously circulated the report. She is leaving the area in January and a new PCSO will be allocated to this area.

Report from 3rd November 2025 – 28th November 2025

**3 Crimes Reported** - 1 Crime/Theft – Theft of a post box. 1 Crime/violence – domestic related. 1 Crime/Other – Report of threats made to another.

Crimes report for the same period last year = 8

**1 Anti-Social Behaviour Reports**-1 Anti-Social Nuisance – Report of a rowdy group in the street.

Anti-Social Report for the same period last year =0

**5 Person/Safety /Warning reports**-1 Abandoned Calls – Made in error. 1

Suspicious Report – 1 report of a male being a nuisance. 1 Domestic related.

1 Report of a missing person, they returned home. 1 Concern raised for a male, he was found safe and well.

All other warnings reported in the same period last year =4

**1 Reports of other incidents.** 1 Report of a Road Traffic Collision.

Other incidents recorded (RTC's, RTC damage) the same period last year = 2

### **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)

### **4.2 North Yorkshire Council**

Cllr Les There was nothing to report this month

### **4.3 Marne Barracks**

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

Both Regiments go on leave 19 Dec – 5 Jan.

Some ground works will start 12 Jan installing high voltage cables and other services for the new builds. Some heavy plant will arrive prior to this.

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

Minutes from 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025

Proposed Cllr Oselton      Seconded Cllr Ryan

## **6. Matters arising**

The Clerk has reported the concerns about speeding that the resident raised last month to the police on the speed concerns form, as advised by Highways.

The Clerk has reported the problem with the leaves around the beck and Street Scene have made out a worksheet for the job.

## **7. Current Issues**

### **7.1 Christmas Lights switch on.**

The Clerk and Colin met up with an electrician to check the electrics for the lights.

Everything seems to be working now. Colin has got the tree.

Decorating will take place on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> with the switch on, on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> at 4.30pm.

Cllr Campbell has bought the chocolate and coffee and the clerk will get the mulled wine, mince pies, etc.

Cllr Les has given £300 from his Locality Budget fund to help with repairs and the switch on costs.

### **7.2 Wall in the cemetery.**

The cemetery wall repairs were started last week and they hope to have it finished this week. The Clerk spoke to the neighbour and he agreed to the stonemason accessing the wall from his garden.

### **7.3 Co-option of Parish Councillor**

It was decided to do this next month as the Chairman was not able to attend the meeting.

## **8.Parish Finances**

### **8.1 Periodic Accounts**

Previously circulated

Proposer: Cllr Ryan Seconded: Cllr Bhatti

## **9. Correspondence**

The Clerk has received an email from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance asking if the Parish Council could give a donation this year. Usually, it is the Great North Air Ambulance that ask for a donation. Their costs have increased, fuel costs alone by £26,659. The Councillors agreed that this was a vital service for our area and agreed to give a donation.

£500 was suggested.

Proposed Cllr Claypole      Seconded Cllr Ryan.      The rest of the Councillors agreed.  
The Clerk will pay this.

## **10. Planning**

None

## **10.Minor Matters**

The annual inspection of the playparks has been carried out. And the report received. The Clerk will forward this to the rest of the Councillors.

They contacted the clerk to tell her that one piece of equipment in Arena View playpark needed urgent repair as one of the wooden beams supporting a climbing net had areas of rotting wood. This part of the equipment has been taped off and the clerk has put a notice on not to use it.

This equipment is only 5 years old and timber has a guarantee of 20 years so the Clerk has contacted Sovereign Play and they are to organise an inspection of the equipment.

Date of next meeting Monday January 5<sup>th</sup> 2026

Meeting closed 19.45

Signed

Dated