

Monthly Update – October 2024

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

Apologies for absence have been received from Councillors Mrs K Mann and Mrs M Shiel Dods.

Councillor Langthorne to declare an interest in Accounts regarding cheque payments.

2. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17th SEPTEMBER 2024.

RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 17th September, 2024 having been having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

3. REPORT OF COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WATSON

To report to the meeting.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION – The meeting will be opened for a maximum of 10 minutes for Members of the public who wish to speak regarding items within the remit of the Council.

5. LOCAL CRIME REPORT.

The local PCSO is intending to attend the November meeting of the Council.

The Police are also trying to arrange a local drop-in event.

Statistics taken from	01/09/2024 to 30/09/2024
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	4 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	0 Reports
Total	4 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	2 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	1 – possible attempted break-in to store
Criminal Damage	4 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	0 Reports
Violence against the person	1 – severe dog bites
Other crimes inc. Drugs	0 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	0 Reports
Total	8 Reports

Register your security cameras/Ring door Bells

Security cameras can deter criminals in the first place - and also help the police identify them and bring them to justice. We're asking you to

register your CCTV cameras or video doorbells on our secure digital evidence management system, NICE Investigate.

It's a quick and easy process. By registering now, you will be set up to send us footage which we can use to catch criminals.

You'll be helping to keep your property and your community safe.

! The service is entirely free of charge.

! Your information is kept safe and secure, never made public.

! Only the police will be able to see your security camera locations.

! Your participation is always completely voluntary.

Register now

1. Send us an email to digitalevidence@northyorkshire.police.uk telling us that you would like to register your business or home security cameras.

2. Wait for an email reply – you will be contacted by a colleague from North Yorkshire Police with a link and an information pack.

3. Click the link in the email to securely register your cameras, and upload any footage if needed.

6. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES – FOR INFORMATION ONLY.

- (i) Broken Glass in the Recreation Ground.

The Clerk cleared away a quantity of broken glass in the Recreation Ground after the last Council meeting.

- (ii) NYC Sweeping Machine.

The following response has been received from North Yorkshire Council with regard to the frequency of the street sweeping machine visiting Brompton village –

Apologies in the delay in replying to your query regarding our mechanical sweeper service. Our sweeper services Brompton on a 3 monthly rotation, however in the past few months we have unfortunately had to pull our sweeper drivers from the service due to staffing issues in our waste service. Our sweepers are due to go out next week, I will ask the driver to service Brompton as soon as possible.

- (iii) Local Bus Services.

Letter from The Hambleton and Richmondshire Bus Users Group to NYC -

3rd October 2024

Dear Mr Clarke,

Government support for bus service improvements 2024-25

HarBus (The Hambleton & Richmondshire Bus Users Group) has been very encouraged by the previous Government's financial support for bus service improvements this year, and by North Yorkshire Council's intention to use this funding. We are particularly pleased to see the Council's support for DalesBus and Moorsbus services this year, and the introduction of the £1 young people's fare. However, we are concerned about the absence of any other service improvements so far in our area.

We would therefore be very grateful if you could please update us on your current plans to use this funding, and when these will be implemented, as time is running out, with us now more than halfway through the financial year. Will there be any opportunity for local residents to provide any input into these improvements? Has the Government set a deadline for the expenditure?

We have a particular interest in the excellent proposal for a Saturday service on route 155 from Leyburn to Bedale, to link services to the west with those to Northallerton. but nothing has yet materialised. You may be aware that it is currently impossible to travel the length of Wensleydale on Saturdays.

We are however dismayed that the 74A and 74B town services in Northallerton have been cut in frequency and duration without any consultation at a time when we understood services were to be improved

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you or an appropriate colleague to attend **our next public meeting on Monday 28th October at 11.00hrs** at our office in Northallerton, or online if you would prefer, to update our members on your plans

We look forward to your early response.

Yours sincerely

Liz Lockey
Chief Officer – Hambleton Community Action
On behalf of HarBus

Cc Hambleton and Richmondshire town and parish councils

(iv) Annual Newsletter.

Having received comments from Councillors the Annual Newsletter will be going to print shortly.

(v) Repair of Leaky Dam.

Coxon Brothers carried out the repair of the leaky dam on Mr Spence's land on the 2nd October.

(v) Defibrillator – Thurston Park Estate.

NYC has agreed that a defibrillator on the Thurston Park estate can be connected via a street light.

As with the defibrillator at De Bruce Road NYC Street Lighting don't actually connect straight into the light column but put in a secondary post - the costs of which is £550 (increased by £50 since the one at De Bruce was put in).

(v) Methodist Church.

Further instance of youths on the Methodist Church rook on the 19th September was reported to the Police.

A dead squirrel hanging in wires above the Methodist Church was dealt with by Northern Power Grid.

7. CHAIRMAN'S/VICE-CHAIRMAN'S ACTIONS.

To be reported to meeting.

8. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

(i) Finance Working Group.

Matters discussed by the Finance Group on the 7th October -

Tree works survey report received - The Clerk to ask Hillside Tree Surgeons if they are able to carry out the required aerial inspections to 8 trees.

The current balance in the budget for tree works to cover as far as possible the works identified in the report.

The Clerk reported that the PCC would be considering whether it was able to carry out the sweeping around the Church at its November meeting.

Requests had been received to sell back grave spaces to the Burial Board that were no longer required by the families who had inherited them from relatives. AGREED - That the four grave plots be repurchased at the original purchase price of £150 in each case.

As regards the Play Equipment Annual inspection Report -

Remedial works in respect of the Recreation Ground play equipment are in hand
RECOMMENDED - That (i) new Junior Swings be purchased in the current financial year and that three tenders be requested in this respect;

(li) a high traditional slide be purchased for the Recreation Ground in the 2025/26 financial year, the ground works for a slide on a mound being considered to be too big an involved project that would restrict future maximisation of projects for the Recreation Ground;

(lii) a new set of swings be purchased for Water End in the next financial year and that consideration be given to what other item of play equipment would be suitable for Water End.

(lv) monies be set aside year on year for annual maintenance of play equipment.

RECOMMENDED - That subject to the agreement of Councillor Watson the overgrown hedge at the entrance to the village off North Moor Road be cut back as this is the location where the Welcome to Brompton sign is to be sited with the current location being unsightly.

Councillor Watson has responded that he does not see this being an issue.

It was noted that the Wildlife Area budget was overspent and no request had been received for this to be changed therefore no further monies were available to spend on the wildlife area in the current financial year and a forecast of future expenditure would be required in March 2025.

RECOMMENDED - That the contribution of £500 to NYC in respect of a VAS sign on North Moor Road be allocated from the CIL monies.

AGREED - That the sum of £11,000 be transferred from Barclays Bank Premium Savings account to the Unity Trust Bank Savings account.

AGREED - That £30,000 be transferred from the Current account at The Unity Trust Bank to the Savings account.

AGREED - That the donation to the Royal British Legion in respect of the Poppy Appeal be £100 as in previous years.

£700 has been identified for the project of the relaying the top path in the Cemetery.

Future meetings of the Finance Group to be held on Tuesdays in the week prior to the monthly Council meeting.

(ii) Road Safety and Highways Group.

No meeting held.

(iii) Pedestrian/Cycling Strategy Joint Working Group.

No meeting held.

(iv) Wildlife Area Working Group.

No meeting held.

(vi) New Estates Working Group.

No meeting held.

9. PLANNING MATTERS.

(ii) Decisions.

ZB24/01711/CAT - Application for works to tree in a Conservation Area.- Sunnyside Water End - Granted

ZB24/01576/MRC - Application for variation of condition 7 (approved plans) for application 16/00811/FUL as revised drawing SCH1716 (proposed floor plans and elevations)Condition Number(s): 7 (Approved Plans)Conditions(s) Removal:To allow for substitution of approved plans (see covering letter)To alter condition to refer to the revised drawings submitted with the application - SCH1716 - 1 (Proposed Floor Plans and Elevations) - Street House Farm Deighton Lane – Granted

ZB23/02459/REM - Application for approval of Reserved Matters Taylor Wimpey development at Darlington Road - Granted.

(ii) Applications.

ZB24/01591/LBC - Retrospective listed building consent for the removal and replacement of external render – 24 The Green

Councillors comments are requested on the above planning application

10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Income

North Yorkshire Council (half-yearly Precept)	38,000.00
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Payments –

RoSPA (Play Equipment Safety Inspections)
280.80

CE + CM Walker (grasscutting)	1,725.60
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Boston Seeds (Bulbs)	123.99
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Smeeden Foreman Ltd (Tree survey)	1,514.40
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Royal British Legion (Poppy Appeal Donation)	100.00
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HMRC (PAYE)	107.40
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P Atkin (Salary)	429.18
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Sam Turner & Sons (Sand and Cement)	13.49
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Hillsde Tree Surgeons (Strimming + removing braches over play equipment)	120.00
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P Atkin (Expenses)	****
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Mr D Langthorne	****
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YDS Ltd	****
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NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges) Direct Debit	29.33
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Bank Balances

Barclays Bank –

Business Premium Ac't (i) – £131,428.42

Business Premium Ac't (ii) – £629.52

Unity Trust Bank at 30th September 2024 –

Current Account - £69,435.73

Deposit Account - £30,235.25

RECOMMENDED – That the accounts listed above be approved for payment.

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including Notification of Road Closures

Gritting and Salting

Received from NYC Highways –

Carriageways through residential estate areas would be classified as Tertiary routes and would not routinely be gritted. There are occasions when such would be considered however this would only be during severe conditions and only where our resources would allow after completing all Primary and Secondary routes. If the residential estate in question is not adopted then again these areas would not be treated.

Regarding our footway treatments, we would not treat footways following 'normal' overnight frosty conditions. However again in severe conditions, busy shopping areas and main pedestrian footways will be treated before 9am. During these periods it would be high pedestrian trafficked areas that would be tended to first. Any remaining footway and cycle routes would then be treated based on their priority order and as resources allow.

Tractor Movements.

On the 24th September evening at around 6:00pm, a tractor towing a slurry spraying unit managed to crash into the wall of Cockpit Hill, ripping out bricks and tarmac, bursting a tyre on the slurry unit and narrowly avoiding some newly installed gas works.

There were 4 gas engineers and multiple residents looking on in astonishment and completely dismayed at the situation.

There could have been a major incident as this was inches away from ripping out a gas pipe.

The Council was asked to report the matter to the Police but the Police said that it was inappropriate for third parties to report such matters to them.

In addition in the same week on Northallerton Road damage was made to overhead cables by an agricultural vehicle.

12. COCKPIT HILL CAR PARK – SIGNAGE.

To agree that signs be erected at the Council's car park stipulating that the land is private for the parking of vehicles belong to residents only and that any vehicles parked without valid MOT and Tax will be removed.

13. TREE CONDITION SURVEY REPORT.

Referred to the Finance Group – see above.

14. APPLICATION FOR ROYAL MAIL POST BOX – KINGSBROOK ESTATE.

An additional Royal Mail post box on Kingsbrook Estate also serving The Williams Heath estate would appear to comply with the rules for additional post boxes without having any adverse effect on existing Royal Mail post boxes in the Parish.

To agree to make an application to Royal Mail

15. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

Bulbs have been purchased for the wildlife area, the turf having been taken off.

16. CORRESPONDENCE - Not appearing elsewhere on the agenda

(i) Sandbags.

Received from NYC –

North Yorkshire Council is simplifying its approach to supporting communities who need access to sandbags during a flood incident. The offer that was available to communities from the previous District and Borough councils was inconsistent, so this has been updated to ensure there is a single offer across North Yorkshire.

From the beginning of October 2024 if a member of public requires access to sandbags they should Google Sandbags North Yorkshire or use this [link](#). If there is an immediate need for sandbags then they can call 0300 131 2 131 and either say Sandbag when prompted or follow the instructions.

If your community requires additional support in a flood incident then please contact the Elected Member from your affected Electoral Division who will be able to notify the Council. If you are unsure of your local member please use this [map](#).

If you have any questions regarding your community emergency plan or you would like to discuss about creating a plan, please email emergency@northyorks.gov.uk and one of the Resilience and Emergencies Officers will contact you.

(ii) YLCA Hambleton Branch Meeting.

The next meeting of the Hambleton Branch of the YLCA will be held remotely - Zoom on Wednesday 16th October at 7.00pm.

(ii) NYC Parish Liaison Meeting

The Clerk is to attend the Parish Liaison Meeting at Northallerton Town Hall on the 30th October which gives an opportunity to raise issues, discuss topics of common interest and to receive timely updates from North Yorkshire Council.

17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Including Date of the next Meeting – Tuesday 19th November 2024

18. BURIAL MATTERS.

One burial will be taking place before the end of the month.

Consultation regarding the Re-use of Graves

Graves could be reused and closed burial grounds reopened under proposals aimed at tackling a lack of space for the dead.

The Law Commission has suggested that cemeteries that have been declared full could be reused for new burials. The proposal is part of a public consultation by the commission on updating 170-year-old burial laws in England and Wales.

The commission has warned that urban areas are fast running out of burial space, with many cemeteries already full.

Proposed changes would allow burial grounds to reuse graves, but only after public consultation and government approval.

Safeguards would also be in place for each individual grave, with plots only eligible for reuse when the last person was buried at least 75 years ago.

A separate public consultation is considering the timeframes around grave reuse, and what would happen if family members objected.