

Monthly Update – May 2025

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN. Nominations to be received from Councillors by 12 noon Monday 12th May.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

An apology for absence has been received from Councillor S Rolph.

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

3. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED COUNCILLOR.

An interested applicant is to be interviewed on the 30th May.

4. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN. Nominations to be received from Councillors by 12 noon Monday 12th May.

5. MINUTES.

RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 15th April, 2025 having been having been previously circulated be taken as read and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY
HELD ON 15th APRIL 2025

Draft circulated for information only

7. APPOINTMENTS TO WORKING PARTIES –
 - (I) FINANCE WORKING GROUP.
 - (II) ROAD SAFETY AND HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP.
 - (III) WILDLIFE AREA WORKING GROUP.
 - (IV) PEDESTRIAN/CYCLING STRATEGY JOINT WORKING GROUP.
 - (V) NEW ESTATES WORKING GROUP.

Appointments made in 2024 –

FINANCE WORKING GROUP – R Carter, A Robinson and M Shiel Dods

ROAD SAFETY AND HIGHWAYS WORKING GROUP - R Carter, J Hazelwood and E Kelly

WILDLIFE AREA WORKING GROUP - S Rolph, E Kelly and *K Mann*

PEDESTRIAN/CYCLING STRATEGY JOINT WORKING GROUP - R Carter, J Hazelwood and E Kelly

NEW ESTATES WORKING GROUP – *K Mann*, R Smith and M Shiel Dods.

Add Village Hall Committee

+ Add Meetings with BRG reps - Chairman, Vice-Chairman + Clerk

8. APPOINTMENTS TO OTHER BODIES ETC–

The Allotments Group, The Village Hall Committee + the PCC liaison meetings.

Appointments made in 2024 –

The Allotments Group – M Shiel Dods

YLCA Branch Meetings – Chairman and Clerk - DELETE as Council is no longer a member

PCC liaison meetings - Councillors M Shiel Dods, A Robinson and the Clerk

9. REPORT OF COUNCILLOR STEPHEN WATSON

To be reported to meeting.

10. 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.**

11. LOCAL CRIME REPORT + INSTANCES OF VANDALISM.

Statistics taken from	01/04/2025 to 30/04/2025
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	2 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	5 Reports
Total	7 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	0 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	1 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	3 Reports
Violence against the person	2 Reports
Other crimes inc. Drugs	1 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	0 Reports
Total	7 Reports

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

- (i) Meeting with the BRG.

Points raised at the meeting held on the 24th April -

BRG accounts for the financial year 2024/25 would be available in September.

The Assets list was produced at the meeting.

In Bank as at 24/04/205 - £5,805.00

£3,041 of which was from the Fun Day. £1,000 were donations - £378 was from the cafe.

The BRG would need to apply for the Warm Spaces grant.

As long as the banner advertising the availability of the Pavilion was on the side of the building there would be no need for planning consent as it was replacing an existing sign.

Pitch marking through NYC was too expensive, having only been done once and was now carried out in house by Mr A Toman.

Three football teams had confirmed that they would be playing at the BRG pitches in the next football season.

There were no issues with the Football Foundation in respect of using the Pavilion for different uses.

Improvement works to the Pavilion were estimated to be £75,000 + fees and VAT, being a total of approximately £100,000 which would be funded through grant funding, donations and possibly the Football Foundation.

As regards other sports the National bodies for such may provide grant funding.

The Pavilion would be ideal as a village hall or a community hub with the possibility of the Council using the Pavilion for its meetings.

The new goalposts had been delivered.

Sporting groups could be asked to look at funding opportunities.

There was a need to look at grant funding for both the inside and outside.

BTC wanted to support the BRG especially in ensuring that the play area was up to date.

Councillor Watson said that Persimmon Homes and Broadacres Housing wished to support the BRG and that he would try to get Taylor Wimpey on board.

It was up to the Council to decide how the CIL monies would be spent and the interest on this money was currently being used for various purposes.

Wi Fi had been installed but had later been taken out but could be put back in.

The laying of a 5G pitch for playing hockey etc would cost over £80,000 but there was an issue if the pitch was in a flood zone.

Northallerton Town Reserves had recently paid £60 to pay a game on the pitch.

There was a need to target running costs and also have a surplus.

Whether there is any scope in having a Banking Hub or a Post Office branch

To do -

Draw up a 5 year plan identifying gaps and funding opportunities

Holding an open evening to display the plans to the public and sporting groups

BRG to apply for Warm Spaces grant

PA to send on line banner link to BS - Done

Next meeting – July

(ii) Councillors Attendance

For the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 Councillors attendance at Council meetings was as follows - from a maximum of 11 meetings -

R Carter - 10

J Hazelwood - 7

E Kelly - 9

M Langthorne -11

A Robinson - 9

M Shiel Dods - 7

S Rolph – 7

(iii) Agricultural Vehicle Movements.

Rishi Sunak MP has contacted the NYC Corporate Director of Environmental Services who has undertaken to write to Mr Spence to inform him of the complaints received and request his cooperation in exploring ways to mitigate the impact of farm traffic within the village.

(iv) Play Equipment Inspections.

Tyne and Wear Play have undertaken to carry out the play equipment safety inspections of the three sites – ie the Recreation Ground, Water End and the BRG play area in June.

(v) Rent of Church Green.

Crow Leisure Ltd have been informed that the rent for Church Green for the May Fair will again be £180.00.

(vi) Burial of Ashes in the Closed Church Yard.

Thirty years ago the then Vicar at the Church for some unknown reason allowed the burial of some ashes in the closed Churchyard.

There is a dedicated section behind the Church for pre-paid ashes plots but this was in the actual churchyard, near the Church door, which being a closed Churchyard was under the control of the Council.

This was unknown until ten years ago when the wife of the husband whose ashes were in the closed Churchyard died.

The Church realised that a mistake had been made and asked the Council if it would approve the wife's ashes being buried next to her husband.

The Council raised no objection subject to the PCC having the agreement of the Diocese to do this.

The wife's ashes were consequently buried next to her husband.

Recently the daughter has died and the Church has asked the same question - would the Council have any objections to the daughter's ashes being interred next to her parents?

The Chairman agreed that in the circumstances the Council would raise no objection to this.

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

To be reported to meeting.

14. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

(i) Finance Group.

The Finance Group met on the 7th May.

Insurance Premium

AGREED - That the insurance cover be renewed for a three year term although the insurers are unable to offer the usual 5% discount but will maintain the current price, which has risen slightly from last year.

Barclays Bank - Business Premium Accounts.

The Council has two BP accounts with Barclays Bank - one with a balance of £127,486.34 and the second with a balance of £634.12

The £634.12 has been transferred into the larger BP account.

A letter will therefore be signed by the Council's two signatories asking that Barclays close the second account and transfer any interest due to the larger remaining BP account.

Council's Car Park

Recommended that the surfacing works of the car park including the installation of kerbs to prevent stone from getting into the beck and the completion of the painting of the fence be undertaken as provided for in the Council's budget.

Representation on the Village Hall Committee

Recommended - That this position be allocated in due course to a person co-opted to the current vacancies on the Council.

Wildlife Area

Agreed - That the representatives on the Wildlife Area Working Group be asked to provide an update to the Council.

Next Meeting

Monday 9th June at 4.00pm

(ii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

No meeting held.

(iii) Outdoor Gym Equipment/ Play Equipment Working Group.

No meeting held.

(iv) Joint Pedestrian/Cycling Working Group.

The Joint Working Group is to meet early in June.

(v) New Estates Working Group.

No meeting held.

15. PLANNING MATTERS

(i) Decisions

ZB25/00487/FUL – Construction of bungalow at Prospect House - Refused

(ii) Applications

ZB25/00477/FUL - Construction of an agricultural building to cover 2 silage clamps -
Lowfields Farm Fullicar Lane

Councillors views are requested on the above planning application

16. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Income

Nil

Payments –

CE+ CE Walker (April grasscutting)	1,826.40
Streetscape (New play equipment)	24,660.00
Fletcher Pest Control (Pest control at the allotments)	81.60
Maureen Hague (Internal audit fee)	95.00
P Atkin (Salary)	444.28
HMRC (PAYE)	111.00

P Atkin (Expenses	****
Mr D Langthorne (Village Caretaking)	****
YDS Limited (Trailer +Digger Hire etc)	****
Hillside Tree Surgeons (Tree works)	****
 NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges) Direct Debit	 30.36

Unity Trust Bank at 31st March 2025 –

Current Account - £53,446.47.

Deposit Account - £60,995.42

Barclays Bank at 3rd April 2025

Business Premium Account (1) - £127,486.34

Business Premium Account (2) - £634.12

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

17. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT.

Circulated separately.

18. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN – FINANCIAL YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2025.

To approve the Annual Financial Return for the Financial Year ended 31st March 2025 for submission to the External Auditors as follows –

	31 st March 2024	31 st March 2025
Balances brought forward	£200,142	£161,120
Precept	£68,000	£76,000
Total Receipts	£14,551	£55,217
Staff Costs	£6,463	£6,663
Loans	0	0
All Other Payments	£115,110	£76,588
Balances carried forward	£161,120	£209,086
Total Value of Cash	£161,120	£209,086
Fixed Assets	£103,952	£107,606

Total Borrowings	0	0
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+ that the advertisement to the public of the Audit be undertaken.

19. REVIEW OF STANDING ORDERS.

To adopt the revised Standing Orders circulated separately

20. REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS.

To adopt the revised Financial Regulations circulated separately

21. COCKPIT HILL CAR PARK – To consider ELECTRICAL VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS.

Information received from NYC –

At this stage there is nothing more to be done as we need to have the Charge Point Operator signed up to the contract. This is due to take place imminently.

Within a month of signing the contract the Charge Point Operator should be presenting us a list of the sites that they are proposing to install charging points at, and the timescales they plan to work to. North Yorkshire Council has the final say on the deployment and there will be discussions around the locations. We have set minimum numbers that need to be installed in rural areas to ensure a fair spread across the County. We can put forward Brompton if it's not on the list.

If you'd like to put in your own charging points then that is the prerogative of the Parish Council. However, North Yorkshire Council have no funding to share in this respect so funding and managing the entire process will be down to the Town Council; there may be government grants but these are now relatively restrictive and limited in what they will fund. How the Parish Council decides to set up the charging infrastructure and the management would then be up to yourselves. We would be happy to advise on this if this is requested.

With regards to people overstaying there is the ability to charge an overstay fee. I would not be overly concerned about this with the type of charging points that we will be installing and the likely level of demand at this point in time but recognise it could become an issue in future. However, if it did become an issue the enforcement of parking rules in this car park is down to the Parish Council as the owner of the car park. An overstay fee would require signage informing users of the charging points that this was a potential course of action, however we're talking about vehicles likely to be using the charger overnight, so there has to be a level of reasonableness here; I wouldn't be expecting people to go and move their car at 4am because it's finished charging and they want to avoid a fine.

If the charging points are installed under the North Yorkshire Local Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (LEVI) scheme, then we will manage most of the issues listed above and work with the Parish Council on any issues that arise, though enforcement of the car park will still fall to the Parish Council. If the chargers were to be located in the car park that you're suggesting, then NYC would require a lease agreement to allow the charging points to be installed which should cover who is responsible for what, this would also cover a level of revenue share with the Parish Council.

With regards to the Charge Point Operator appointed by Hambleton District Council they did go into liquidation, they are also the first charging points to be replaced. This should take place relatively quickly after signing the contract.

I hope that helps to answer your questions. It's just a matter of bad timing that I cannot yet give you any more information. We're aiming to be in contract from 1st June so long as everything goes through smoothly.

22. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including Notification of Road Closures.

23. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

Update requested.

24. CORRESPONDENCE - Not appearing elsewhere on the agenda.

25. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Including Date of the next Meeting – Tuesday 17th June 2025.

26. BURIAL MATTERS.

To arrange for a visit to the Cemetery during June in particular to decide where ashes should be buried when the row along the edge of Plot G is full.