

Monthly Update – December 2025

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS.

No apologies have been received to date.

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

2. MINUTES.

RECOMMENDED – That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on the 18th November, 2025 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

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Maximum of 10 minutes. One question per person.

5. LOCAL CRIME REPORT + INSTANCES OF VANDALISM.

Statistics taken from	01/11/2025 to 30/11/2025
Crime Type	
Anti-Social Behaviour	0 Reports
Anti-Social Personal	1 Reports
Total	1 Reports
Arson	0 Reports
Burglary Dwelling	0 Reports
Burglary Commercial/Other	0 Reports
Criminal Damage	1 Reports
Theft (inc. Theft from Shop)	1 Reports
Violence against the person	1 Reports
Other crimes inc. Drugs	1 Reports
Hate Crime	0 Reports
Robbery	0 Reports
Fraud	0 Reports
Auto Crime / SMV	0 Reports
Total	4 Reports

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

- (i) Damaged Path Next to Bus Shelter.

NY Highways have placed an order for the path to be repaired.

- (ii) Surface of Northallerton Road.

Received from NY Highways –

Large pothole outside the Rugby Club – this road was inspected last week and whilst on site the Highway Officer carried out a repair to the defect causing concern.

Poor road surface between the Hilton Green turn off and The Close – as above this area has been inspected but on this occasion no actionable defects were recorded.

- (iii) Battle of The Standard Plaque.

The Council's Insurers have agreed to insure the plaque at no extra cost.

- (iv) New Post Box.

Royal Mail have chased this up and have asked the appropriate department for an update.

- (v) Wet Leaves on Pavements.

Heavy deposits of wet leaves opposite the bus shelter and on walking routes to school such as alongside Northallerton Road near The Close have been reported to NY Waste and Street Scene for clearance.

- (vi) Broken Fence Outside the Village Hall.

A section of broken metal fencing alongside the Village Hall has been reported to NY Highways for repair.

- (vii) Blockage in the Beck.

A blockage previously reported to the EA has still not been cleared and has been reported again. The EA responded that a Field T team had been sent to clear the blockage but may have gone to another location and cleared something else thinking it was this one. The exact location was therefore sent to the EA.

- (viii) Gate at Recreation Ground.

The repair to the gate that was not closing properly has not been successful. Although the gate is out of warranty Streetscape have said that they will order the required parts and carry out the repair as good will free of charge when they are installing the new climbing frame at Water End.

- (ix) Climbing Frame at Water End.

Although it was agreed at the last Council meeting to purchase Streetscape's Option 3 being a rotating cone climber for Water End at a sum of £9,700.00 +VAT it was decided out of meeting that the surfacing for the cone climber should be wet pour surfacing with a pcc edge to match the new surfacing to the swings and not to use safamats at Water End due to the possible adverse effects of any flooding. This therefore amended the quotation received to £12,290.00 +VAT.

RECOMMENDED - That this course of action be endorsed.

- (x) Transfer of Web Site and E Mail Addresses.

It is anticipated that the transfer of the Council's web site and the set up of Councillor's email addresses will take place in January.

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

To be reported to meeting.

8. REPORTS – INCLUDING REPORTS OF WORKING GROUPS –

(i) Finance Group.

The Finance Group is to meet on Monday 16th December 2025.

Allotments Rent

The landlord has accepted the Council's proposal as regards a rent increase for the allotments site of £1,700.00 from 1st April 2026 and yearly increases for inflation thereafter.

This being due to the fact that the plot holders had already paid their rents for the current year.

VAT

A VAT reimbursement in the sum of £1,028.45 has been received from HMRC for the period 1st September to 30th November 2025.

(iii) Burial Fees 2026

Recommended 5% increase on the 2025 fees, subject to rounding, which currently are –

- £420.00 per burial plot
- £200.00 per interment in a burial plot
- £60.00 for Memorials (half size headstones – half fee)
- £150.00 for the purchase of ashes plot
- £80.00 for interment of ashes
- No fee for deceased persons under 16 years of age.

Fees are doubled in respect of interments and plot purchases where the deceased person did not reside within the Parish boundary but in such cases proof is required that the person still had immediate relatives in the Parish, unless they had moved out of the Parish within a period of less than 12 months.

(ii) Highways/ Road Safety Working Group.

No meeting held.

(iii) Wildlife Area Working Group.

No meeting held.

(ii) Social Media Working Group

No meeting held.

(iv) Joint Pedestrian/Cycling Working Group.

No meeting held.

9. PLANNING MATTERS – To consider the applications for planning permission received since the last Council meeting.

None received.

10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT.

Income –

HMRC (VAT Reimbursement)	£1,028.45
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Payments –

Restarting Hearts (Defibs Donation £300 + new pads £100)	400.00
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YLCA (Vacancy advert)	20.00
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Brompton Methodist Church (Room Hire)	96.00
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Mrs A Trehitt (Annual Allotments Rent)	1,200.00
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P Atkin (Salary)	458.48
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HMRC (PAYE + NIC)	138.01
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P Atkin (Expenses)	****
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Hillside Tree Surgeons (Hedge cutting)	****
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Mr D Langthorne	****
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YDS Limited (Trailer Hire)	****
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Paid outside of meeting –

Newsquest Media Group (Advert in D+S Times)	780.00
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*NYCC Yorwaste (Advance Charges)

Direct Debit*	30.36
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Unity Trust Bank at 30th November 2025 –

Current Account - £68,587.80

Deposit Account - £61,700.14

Barclays Bank at 3rd October 2025

Business Premium Account - £128,974.16

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

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS - Including Notification of Road Closures.

None received to date.

12. GREENS INSPECTION + WILD LIFE AREA.

The grasscutter turned up to cut the wildlife area but found the surface to be far too wet to proceed and didn't cut the area due to being concerned that machines would churn the ground up.

Hopefully the wildlife area will be strimmed during the current week.

13. CORRESPONDENCE.

(i) Budget Consultation.

York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority consultation on funding for Police and Fire and Rescue Services sent to all Councillors to complete.

(ii) NYC Parish Workshops.

A place has been booked for the Council on the Parish Workshops to be held by North Yorkshire Council in January/ February 2026. Depending on the take up these will either be held at the NYC Highways Depot in Thirsk or virtually via Teams.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS – Including Date of the next Meeting – Tuesday 20th January 2026. This meeting will be held in Weavers Pavilion, Station Road.

15. BURIAL MATTERS - Including the setting of burial fees from 1st January 2026.

Councillor Potter and the Clerk have met in the Cemetery to make a start on plans for the Plots A to H in the Cemetery.