

Terrington Parish Council

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 15 May 2023
at 7.00 pm in Terrington Village Hall**

1. Attendance and apologies

Present: Cllr Winning (Chairman), Cllr Challoner Walker, Cllr Kendrick, Cllr Lewis, Kerr Wilson (Clerk) and 4 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Adkins, Cllr Stevenson.

2. Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 9 May 2022.

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 May 2022 were confirmed as a true and accurate record at the Parish Council Meeting on 14 November 2022.

3. Matters arising - None

4. Report by the Chairman of Terrington Parish Council

The Chairman presented an overview of the Parish covering a wide range of issues. (see appendix 1).

5. Report by the Clerk to the Council

The Clerk highlighted some of the key activities the Council has been involved in between May 2022 and April 2023 (see appendix 2)

6. Report by the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)

The report from the RFO was summarised by the Chairman and is reported in full in appendix 3.

7. Report by the Burial Authority Officer

Cllr Winning (Burial Authority Officer) reported that revised Cemetery Charges came into effect from August 2022 and revised Terrington Cemetery Regulations were approved and adopted by the Parish Council in January 2023. The income from burial fees which varies considerably from year to year was £3000. He thanked Jane Hanstock and Keith Adkins for the work they did in revising the charges and regulations.

In January 2023 Cllr Challoner-Walker was appointed as Deputy Burial Authority Officer with the same duties and responsibilities as the Burial Authority Officer when he is officially absent.

Cllr Winning reported that considerable work is required to install a new badger fence, repair the boundary wall and tree work.

8. Public discussion

Cllr Winning opened the meeting for public discussion. The public safety of some footpaths and boundary walls in the village was raised as a serious concern.

In particular, the poor condition of several footpaths in Terrington from the Village Hall towards South Back Lane, from Church Lane towards North Carr, and from Terrington to Little Terrington.

Concern was also expressed about the stability and safety of the boundary walls at the front of Terrington Hall School on Main Street and along the public right of way from Church Lane to the School playing fields.

The Council acknowledged these serious safety issues and asked the Clerk to report their concerns to the relevant authorities and to the School Headmaster.

Action – Parish Clerk to write to NYC Highways and Terrington Hall School Headmaster.

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A year ago, Castle Howard submitted sites for possible future development in Ryedale, including one in Ganthorpe. Within an hour of that news becoming public, notices were posted in Terrington and Ganthorpe with responses coming almost within minutes. Days later the Annual Parish Meeting was awash with concerned residents of Ganthorpe and that started a train rolling that has continued. After various public meetings and the demise of Ryedale District Council, we have North Yorkshire Council and we have our newly formed Neighbourhood Plan Group. This came as an answer to RDC’s ‘going-away’ present to us, this being the so called, a “Key Decisions...” document, meant to be a far more comprehensive review of their planning policy. Instead we learned little other than they propose to increase the number of ‘Service Villages’, to include Terrington.

At a recent meeting with NYC, I was told that their current policy, which might change earlier than expected, is to retain all 7 planning policies of the seven defunct District Councils. This also means 6 planning committees, our local one hearing cases from Hambleton as well as Ryedale and chaired by Cllr Caroline Goodrick. The 7 policies are likely not to change until NYC writes and implements its own planning policy within about five years. This may or may not include Service Villages.

About a year ago, we were delighted to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, with a most enjoyable event including the lighting of our new beacon. Very sadly we then had to deal with the passing of that incomparable lady, our Queen. That included the PC being instructed to arrange the ‘Moment of Reflection’ one evening. Now we have a new King and have just been pleased to celebrate his coronation.

A year ago, we started a Council year with only three Councillors rather than six, which meant finding three more. Two kindly volunteered from Ganthorpe and one from Terrington so we had a full complement once more. Regrettably we lost one Councillor in January but were joined recently by Cllr Kendrick, so my thanks to those people who came onto our Council.

We’ve had a lot of challenges this year, not least with the practical side of Planning. You’ll hear more on that from Kerr but we certainly had unusual cases. Our first campsite in my many years on the Parish Council. In fact we had not one but three in the year. Then we came across an application for a Certificate of Lawfulness, not once but twice. We even had an application for a subterranean house.

There are people I really do need to thank for their work and support over this past year. Firstly, all the Councillors past and present who have served through the year, including Cllr Adkins as RFO and webmaster. Special thanks to our Clerk Kerr Wilson without whom I’d have been lost. I’d also like to thank our past County Councillor, Caroline Goodrick, our departed Ryedale District Councillor Claire Docwra and their replacement, our new North Yorkshire Councillor Steve Mason whom we’ve only seen once at the bridge opening but hopefully we shall see him at a meeting this year.

Cllr Bill Winning (Chairman)

15th May 2023

Planning Applications

When a planning application is made about buildings, campsites or trees the Parish Council is notified by the Planning Authority and given the opportunity, usually 4 weeks, to make any observations on the application. The Planning Authority do take notice of the Council’s submissions, although they do not have to accept any recommendations made by the Council. Planning decisions are taken by the NYC Planning Committee, on the recommendation of the Planning Officer.

Between May 2022 – April 2023 the Council considered 31 Planning Applications. The majority of applications raised no concerns although in a few cases the Council suggested that conditions be applied.

Number	Parish Council response
19	No objection
2	Objection (reasons given)
1	Neutral (insufficient information to make a decision)
9	No objection (but suggest conditions be applied)

Speed limits and 20s plenty

20’s Plenty is a national organisation campaigning for a **speed limit of 20 mph to be the norm for** residential streets in town and village centres. The campaign claims that there has been a good response in North Yorkshire where if it was allowed to be implemented, 20 mph would be the default limit. NY Councillors broadly accept that speeding is a concern among many communities, some NY Councillors believe that a default 20 mph limit is the way forward, whilst others say it does not take account of local conditions where, for example, 40mph might be more appropriate in some areas and no vehicles whatsoever in others.

Concern about the speed of vehicles using Church Lane and North Back Lane (speed limit 30 mph) has been a long-running issue. A narrow single-track lane with no pavements, two schools and a doctor’s surgery, generate a significant volume of traffic. In May 2021 NYCC carried out a speed survey near Terrington Primary School at school opening and closing times and reported results of - mean speeds of 24.3 mph with some speeds of 28 mph.

The Parish Council applied to NYCC to make North Back Lane a 20 mph zone. This was refused because the average speeds recorded did not breach the 30 mph limit and there were no reported accidents. In any event NY Police do not enforce a 20 mph limit.

At a Parish Council meeting on 16 January 2023 the Council decided to ask the NY Highways to reconsider their decision and make the roads past the two schools, Main Street, Church Lane, North Back Lane a 20 mph zone. The response from NYC was that North Back Lane would be considered for 20 mph limit, but not Church Lane or Main Street.

NYC carried out an initial consultation on a proposed 20 mph speed limit in North Back Lane and no objections were received. The relevant documentation has been drawn up and is with the NYC Legal Services Team for processing and formal advertising. We are told this will take longer than usual due to the volume of work relating to the formation of the new authority.

Definitive Map Modification Order

In March 2022, following the discovery that there was no right of way in respect of the unadopted section of South Back Lane East where it joins the footpath (25.94/11) from Main Street to Ganthorpe, the Parish Council submitted evidence to North Yorkshire County Council who concluded that the evidence showed that a right of way subsists and as a consequence a Modification Order has now been made and is expected to be confirmed in early June 2023.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee

In early 2022, the Council was informed that the Queen's Jubilee celebrations would begin on the 2 June 2022, with the lighting of beacons and bonfires across the UK. It was suggested that Terrington should consider installing a beacon.

The organisation of the celebrations was taken forward and organised by local residents and a beacon, fully funded by generous donations, was constructed and installed. A well-attended BBQ and cake cutting preceded the lighting of the beacon. Thanks go to the many who contributed to the success of the event but especially to Dave Stockdale for his technical wizardry and tenacity.

Platinum Bridge over Sawmill Beck.

A new bridge over Sawmill Beck was supplied and constructed by North Yorkshire County Council, with a financial contribution from Terrington Parish Council. Named the Platinum Bridge, it was opened by Councillor Mason on the 25 November 2022. Thanks go to Jane Hanstock for her determination in making this happen.

Increase in sewage discharges

The increase in sewage discharges upstream of the Terrington Water Treatment Works was brought to the attention of the Council in September 2022. Yorkshire Water were asked what action they were taking to minimise the discharges, such as increasing the Storm Tank capacity. After several prompts, in March 2023 Yorkshire Water informed the Council that the combined sewer overflow outlet between Terrington and the Treatment Works will be fitted with telemetry to monitor the discharge so that they can understand what action needs to be taken.

Rural community grant scheme supporting construction of a badger fence.

An application for £1536.09 under the Rural Community Grant Scheme for a contribution towards the cost of a new badger-proof fence for the perimeter of the Cemetery, was successful.

Parish Council Representation

In September 1975, the Parish Council specified that Terrington with Wiganthorpe should have five councillors and Ganthorpe one councillor. After taking legal advice, it has been confirmed that anyone from any of the three villages can be elected or co-opted to the Council to represent the whole Parish, provided they meet the eligibility criteria to hold public office.

Kerr Wilson

Parish Clerk

15 May 2023

Annual Finance Report 2022-23

Income for the year 2022-23 was £8672 including a grant of £1536 from Ryedale District Council towards the cost of a badger fence for the cemetery. The parish precept had been raised by 7.5% above that of the previous year in order to try and make up some ground lost to inflation over recent years, an increase which turned out, as it happened, to still be below the level of inflation. Burial fee income was £3000, some £2000 higher than the average for recent years, partly due to an increase in fees, particularly for non-residents, agreed in an attempt to raise fees towards a level which would cover the maintenance costs of the cemetery.

Expenditure for the year was £4823. As usual the largest item was for grass cutting for which the net cost amounted to 47% of the precept. Salary costs were up on previous years as we had a paid clerk for the whole year. A contribution of £500 was made to North Yorkshire County Council towards the cost of a new bridge over Sawmill Beck which we were told had a substantial effect in bringing forward the work on the bridge. Unusually, very little spending was needed on the maintenance of parish assets and nothing on tree work.

The final result was a surplus for the year of £3848, including the one-off badger fence grant. Total reserves at the end of the year were £12230 which includes earmarked reserves of £5536 variously for the badger fence and other much-needed work on the cemetery, expenditure on the defibrillator, and tree work, leaving a general reserve of £6694. Bearing in mind that income from burial fees is extremely variable and the high cost of the tree work that is frequently necessary, we need to continue to ensure that the charges for our main sources of income are set at a sufficient level.

Cllr Keith Adkins (RFO)

May 2023

The meeting closed at 19.35 hrs

Signed Cllr Bill Winning (Chairman)

Date