

Terrington Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11 November 2024 at 7:00pm in Terrington Village Hall

Before the meeting commenced the North Yorkshire Council's 'Cost of living campaign', which is raising awareness of the help and support available if people are struggling to pay for food and other essentials was mentioned. Further information is on the Parish Council notice board. The Chairman then invited members of the public to raise any issues they wanted to draw to the Council's attention. Support was expressed for the planting of more daffodils.

1. Attendance

Present: Cllr Winning (Chairman), Cllr Barber, Cllr Barlow, Cllr Challoner Walker, Cllr Lewis. Kerr Wilson (Parish Clerk), Keith Adkins (RFO) and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Kendrick (accepted by Council)

2. Declarations of interest None

3. To confirm the minutes of the

Extraordinary meeting of Terrington Parish Council held on 21 October 2024.

The minutes of the Council meeting held on the 21st of October 2024 were approved as a true and accurate record

Proposed Cllr Lewis

Seconded Cllr Barber

4. Finance

4.1 To note the following receipts since 06-09-2024:

£500.00 grant from NY Councillor Locality Fund and £1095.08 grant from Howardian Hills NL for Swifts & Friends project

£175.00 burial fees

£12.65 wayleave payment from Northern Powergrid

The Council noted the receipts listed at 4.1

4.2 To note the following payments against approved expenditure made since 06-09-2024:

£10.80 to Terrington Village Hall for hire of Wimbush Room for PC meeting in July (authorisation: 11-03-25 Minute 4.11.5)

£2000.00 plus £400.00 recoverable VAT to Robert Goodwill for grass cutting (authorisation: 11-03-24 Minute 4.11.3)

£700.00 for design work and £666.40 for printing for Neighbourhood Plan (authorisation: 09-09-24 Minute 4.5)

Clerk salary for July-Sept 2024 and income tax to HMRC (authorisation: 11-03-24 Minute 4.11.1)

The Council noted the payments listed at 4.2

4.3 To note the repayment of £1595.08 underwriting of the Swifts & Friends project to Jane Hanstock.

The Council noted the repayment made at 4.3

4.4 To receive a statement of payments and receipts in the current financial year to date by budget heading

The Council noted and received the statement of payments and receipts to date

- 4.5 To agree a draft budget for 2025-26 and to set the level of the Parish Precept for 2025-26

The Council agreed the proposed budget for 2025-26 and that the Parish Precept be set at £4300.

Proposed Cllr Winning

Seconded Cllr Barber

5. Terrington Parish Neighbourhood Plan

To receive an update on the work of the Neighbourhood Plan Group (report submitted by Cllr Kendrick)

The Council was informed that the six-week consultation on the Draft Neighbourhood Plan and Design Codes concluded on 27th October 2024. There was a good number of responses to the consultation. The Neighbourhood Plan Group are now considering the comments and preparing a revised plan for approval by the Parish Council, prior to being submitted to North Yorkshire Council for the next stages. The Neighbourhood Plan Group would like to thank all those who took the time to read and make comments as their contributions will help create a robust plan for the Parish.

6. Cemetery

To receive an update from the Burial Authority Officer.

Boundary wall – Cllr Winning reported he was waiting for quotations for re-pointing the wall to be submitted.

Yew trees – The yew trees in the cemetery need to be contained and will need pruning.

Action. Cllr Winning asked Councillors to visit the cemetery to consider what would be an acceptable shape and size that could be achieved by pruning the yew trees.

7. Dark Skies – To receive an update on Richard Darn's visit and the external lights audit.

The Council received a written update from Richard Darn (Dark Skies) on the roadside audit of external lights in the village conducted on the 21 October 2024. Terrington village was found to be in the mid 70% range for compliance (pass rate being > 60%).

The audit found that Terrington Preparatory school does throw up considerable light with a few exceptionally bright floodlights. To achieve dark skies status a demonstration project needs to be set up to show that improvements can be achieved by making practical improvements to lighting.

It would appear that the Headmaster is open to a dialogue on lighting issues and Richard Darn is happy to discuss the matter with the school.

The Clerk was asked to put Richard Darn in touch with the school.

8. Highways issues –

1. The Council to receive an update on road white-line centre markings and roadside foliage at Little Terrington.

The Chairman reported that he attended a useful workshop with North Yorkshire Highways and raised a number of concerns. He was able to report that action has now been taken in cutting back foliage at Little Terrington and that Highways have accepted that the width of the road at the brow of the hill road qualifies for white-line road markings.

2. The Council to identify what action(s) could be taken for improving pedestrian safety and traffic management in Church Lane.

The Council identified the following issues affecting pedestrian safety and traffic management in Church Lane.

- a) 30 mph speed limit, b) Cars parked on the pavement c) Pedestrians having to walk on road d) Children being dropped-off in the road e) two-way traffic f) Pavement obstructed by hedge g) Cars parked at junction and corner of North Back Lane and Church Lane.

It is understood that parents are to be encouraged to drop-off children in the school grounds. The Council suggested that school staff also be encouraged to park within the school grounds rather than parking on Church Lane and this matter should be raised with the Headmaster.

The Council suggested that the owner of the hedge at the corner of Main Street and Church Lane be asked to trim it back to allow full access to the pavement.

It was suggested that the Council consider whether to make a further application to NYC to make Church Lane a 20 mph limit.

3. Report on improved visibility at New Road and Main Street corner.

Cllrs Barber, Barlow and Winning were thanked for cutting back the foliage at New Road junction to improve visibility and access.

4. Upcoming changes to Parish Portal used to report highways-related issues.

A new improved NYC Customer Portal for reporting issues relating to Highways, Streetlights and Public Rights of Way will be introduced on 11 December 2024. The Clerk was asked to register Terrington Parish Council.

Cllr Barlow suggested that Council and NYC should give consideration to extending the 30 mph limit to encompass the Lavender Farm. This will be included as an item in a future agenda for discussion.

- 9. Community First Responder Volunteers** – To note that the Yorkshire Ambulance Service are currently inviting applications to become a volunteer community first responder.

Cllr Winning reported that he is aware that 3 residents have expressed an interest in volunteering to become a community first responder.

- 10. Public House - Renewal of Asset of Community Value registration**

Motion – That the Parish Council submits an application to renew the registration of the public house (previously known as the Bay Horse) as an asset of community value (ACV).

Cllr Winning

Cllr Challoner Walker

The Council unanimously decided to submit that an application to re-register the public house as an asset of community value.

NOTE. It has subsequently come to light that the current application expires on 12 November 2025 and an application should be made 8 weeks prior to the renewal date.

11. VE Day – 8 May 2025 - VE Day 80th Anniversary Commemorations.

To consider whether the Council wishes to join in the VE Day commemorations and register with the Royal Pageantmaster as holding a public event with beacon lighting.

Cllr Winning reported that Terrington Village Hall have already registered that it will be joining in the VE Commemorations.

12. Defibrillator – To note that the Defibrillator Fund is now open. The Parish has defibrillators in Terrington and Wiganthorpe, but the Council may wish to consider the feasibility of locating one in Ganthorpe.

Cllr Challoner Walker expressed an interest in having a defibrillator in Ganthorpe and made the kind offer to cover the annual electricity consumption cost while remaining as a resident of Ganthorpe. The Clerk was asked to enquire about funding and the Council needs to explore suitable locations with access to mains electricity.

13. Daffodils – Daffodils bursting into bloom heralds the start of spring and is a welcome sight in any village. However, over time flowering begins to decline and bulbs need replacing.

Motion – To authorise the purchase of daffodil bulbs for planting at the plump and elsewhere in the village/parish not exceeding £100. Proposer Cllr Winning.

Following a discussion on the best time to plant bulbs it was decided to defer this matter until next year. Cllr Winning withdrew the motion.

14. Swifts and Friends Group – To receive the Swifts and Friends report for information

The Council noted the Swifts and Friends project has been well managed and successful. Boxes for 60 or so nesting pairs of swifts have been put up around the parish and monitoring will continue for the next 4 years. The Council expressed its grateful thanks to Jane Hanstock and Keith Adkins.

15. Matters for inclusion on next agenda

16. To agree the following proposed dates for Parish Council meetings 2025

The Council agreed to schedule meetings as follows -

Monday 13 January 2025

Monday 10 March 2025

Monday 12 May 2025

Monday 14 July 2025

Monday 8 September 2025

Monday 10 November 2025

The meeting closed at 20.25hrs