

Terrington Parish Council

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 19
May 2025 at 7.00 pm in Terrington Village Hall**

1. Attendance and apologies

Present: Cllr Winning (Chairman), Cllr Barber, Cllr Barlow, Cllr Challoner Walker, Cllr Kendrick, Cllr Lewis, Kerr Wilson (Clerk), Keith Adkins (RFO) and 7 members of the public.

Apologies: none

2. 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).

4. Report by the Clerk to the Council

The Clerk highlighted some of the key activities the Council has been involved in between May 2024 and April 2025 (see appendix 2)

5. Report by the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)

The report from the RFO covered the Council's financial position and is reported in full in appendix 3.

6. Report by the Burial Authority Officer

Cllr Winning, as Burial Authority Officer, reported on the service that the Cemetery provides (appendix 4).

7. Community First Responder.

The Chairman welcomed Jan Tyler and Maoliosa Kitchen to the meeting, who have recently completed their training and have been appointed as Community First Responders (CPR). Jan explained that they are part of a small team of authorised CPR volunteers who cover Terrington Parish and beyond and are trained to provide life-saving treatment to patients in the vital first few minutes of an emergency until the ambulance crew arrives.

8. Public discussion

The meeting was opened to the public for comment and discussion.

Many thanks were expressed to the Terrington Community for the planning, organisation and sense of community spirit that was generated for the VE Day commemorations. Enormous effort was put into decorating the village, the outdoor commemorative service with the school children, setting up displays, providing food and drink, a moment of reflection at the beacon and music and dancing. The activities, which lasted the whole day, brought the village together in a common purpose.

Residents raised a few other matters. A concern was raised about the frequency of the new red and blue bins bin collection and whether the arrangements will work for larger families, particularly those who are committed to want to support the need to recycle.

(Post meeting note: Blue lid-wheelie bin for paper and card, and the red lid wheelie bin is for aerosols, clean foil, food and drink cans and cartons, glass bottles and jars, and plastic bottles, pots, tubs and trays.)

Attention was brought to the public footpath that runs alongside Wath Beck. It was reported that the diversion of a watercourse, part of the Revitalise re-wetting project, may be the cause of the beck flooding, making the public footpath boggy and causing an obstruction on the footpath.

Mention was made of the overgrown grass verge affecting visibility at the 'T' junction of Coneysthorpe Road and Terrington Road. Cllr Barber agreed to deal with the problem.

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This last year has not been what I'd call an 'easy' year. We find ourselves presented with all manner of things. One area is land-use, planning. The variety of applications has been at times, challenging. For example, we currently have another request for a Certificate of Lawfulness. Up until a couple of years ago I'd only seen them through my professional work, not coming to Council.

Tree works applications have been numerous too. But what about other things? Highways matters be they roads or footpaths. We've now got a 20mph speed limit along North Back Lane. Not all we had asked for as it does not include Church Lane, which I think it should. Plus we're still in a tussle with Highways over the missing white warning centre line through Little Terrington.

Consultations have been thrown at us by our 'new' unitary authority, NYC, who are in the process of changing so much and each thing seems to have generated some form of consultation.

Outside meetings have been needed. There have been requests to attend those with YLCA. Plus I have been to two with NY Highways and now two with HHNL. Then there have been a number at the request of yourselves, local residents.

And to me, that is what it all comes back to. The most satisfying aspect of being a Parish Councillor is being able to either achieve something directly or, far more often, be able to facilitate things being done that help our residents. Most of the time, the problem can be easily resolved just with a conversation, a simple request or directing the issue to someone you know can bring about a resolution. There have been quite a few of such instances this year, with some great outcomes. OK, not always. Frustrating too, when it's outside our remit completely and we can't help but....

Other issues, that Kerr will mention include Terrington being designated as a Dark Skies Friendly Village, a project from the community that has bestowed benefits on some, from partnership working as well as reducing our light pollution. A lot of work done there by local concerned residents.

The year started with us being joined by two new Councillors, Barber and Barlow (in alphabetical order). They have joined in with what I'm proud to say is to me, a very good team. All of them have made significant contributions this year in a variety of ways. From trimming back foliage to improve sight lines, to supporting their own hamlets and to leading the Neighbourhood Plan Group to completing our Terrington Parish Neighbourhood Plan that Cllr Jane Kendrick has now submitted to NYC for their views.

So I'd like to thank Jane and her compact team of hard working residents, for a superb job. I'd like to thank the other Councillors for all they too have done and their support. I feel we have a great team that also includes two other members. Firstly, the man who controls the purse strings. Keith has continued to play a crucial part in this Council as our Responsible Financial Officer. Not just that but also our Webmaster, looking after our excellent website, designed and built, by him. Thank you Keith for both roles, very professionally executed. Please stay with us.

The final member is our 'quiet man'. That is, until something needs to be said to keep us in check! The man who, so safely, has his hand on the tiller, who does all the real work and who is there to support all of us. He's our guiding light, our Parish Clerk, Dr Kerr Wilson. I'd be lost without you, so thank you for all you have done and continue to do.

Is that it for the thanks this year? No, I don't think it is. I've mentioned him before and happy to do so again as, Mark Wigham sees things that need to be done and sometimes tells us. We go-see and find he's already done the work necessary. Other times he just does the work and says nothing. That's happened a few times this year and it's really appreciated by all of us. Thank you Mark.

I'm going to mention someone else who also won't be happy about it. He does all sorts of things to help those who are not able to do those things. Quietly, in the background following retirement from his caring occupation, he has another part time job but undertakes these numerous additional roles as well. Mr Jackson, your caring for this community is appreciated.

Finally, who else can I thank but all of you, who come to meetings when you feel it appropriate, those who inform us when you see something that needs attention. Those of you who also do community welfare things. OK, like litter picking, either on our annual event or when you're out walking. There are others too, like our resident auditor, farmers who cut back hedges and trim verges, Jan and Maoliosa Community First Responders. It all makes a difference. I'll have missed someone as there are so many here who are prepared to do what they feel helps. It does. Aren't we lucky to have such a community?

Bill Winning

Chair

Terrington Parish Council

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Parish Clerk's Report - May 2024 – April 2025

1. Parish Council meetings

Between May 2024 and April 2025, the Parish Council met 5 times for its regular meetings. In addition, the Chairman called 3 Extraordinary meetings to deal with issues that needed urgent attention.

2. Planning Applications

When a planning application is submitted, (for 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 2024 – April 2025 the Council considered 15 Planning Applications. Most applications raised no concerns. However, the Council felt that two applications deserved detailed examination and were formally addressed at a Council meeting. After careful consideration the Council concluded that it had no objection to either of the applications.

3. Terrington Parish Neighbourhood Plan

The Terrington Parish Neighbourhood Plan 6-week consultation began in September and concluded on 27 October 2024 and the Council received a good number of responses. The Plan was revised in the light of the comments received and the final Terrington Pre-submission Consultation Neighbourhood Plan was submitted to North Yorkshire Council on 4 April 2025. The Parish Council is still awaiting a response from NYC.

4. Swifts and Friends Project.

The Swifts and Friends' Group was successful in securing grant funding from the North Yorkshire Councillor Locality Budget and from the Howardian Hills NL/ANOB. The project was successfully delivered with 60 boxes for nesting pairs of swifts.

5. Dark Skies Village.

Terrington has now been recognised by the Howardian Hills National Landscape as a Dark Skies Friendly Village

6. Reminder.

Much of the work of the Parish Council goes on unnoticed. The agenda listing upcoming business is published at least 3 working days before the meeting is scheduled to take place and is posted on the village notice board, on the Parish Council website, terringtonpc.co.uk, and on Terrington village life Facebook. The minutes of every meeting are published on the Parish Council website.

Kerr Wilson (Parish Clerk). 19th May 2025

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Responsible Finance Officer's report 2024-25

In addition to the usual Council receipts and payments, we had the Neighbourhood Plan grants and Swifts & Friends project taking place and I will deal with each of these separately.

The financial side of the Swifts and Friends (S&F) project is now complete. The project received a total grant of £1000.00 from Councillor Steve Mason's locality budget and a total grant of £1624.58 from the Howardian Hills AONB/NL, together covering the total sum of £2624.58 spent on buying and installing about 40 swift boxes around the parish. Monitoring will continue for the next 4 years.

The Neighbourhood Plan (NP) group received a second grant of £4595 of which £353.20 was unspent and has been returned to the grant body.

For the general accounts, the main receipts were the Parish Precept of £4133.91, an increase of 7% over the previous year, and burial fees of £2717.50, down 15% from the previous year.

The main payments were grass cutting in the Cemetery, the Plump and other small areas at £2000 ex VAT (ie almost half of the precept) to which NYC made a contribution of £381.64. Other main payments were 'existential' ie salary, insurance, membership of YLCA, and room hire, plus the defibrillator electricity supply. Very little was spent on general maintenance this year.

Other than the NP grant and S&F projects, total receipts were £7621.89 and total payments £4193.65, resulting in a surplus of £3428.24, ie only 55% of income was spent.

This all leaves general reserves of £13181.80 and earmarked reserves of £2811.29. Much of the reserves is kept in an interest-yielding building society account. The finances are thus in a healthy state and, although the requirement for future significant expenditure on the Cemetery, tree work and the defibrillator is likely and there is a need to maintain sufficient reserves to meet this, there is scope for spending on items or project which will benefit the community.

Keith Adkins, RFO

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Burial Authority Officer's Report 2024/5

Since 1st May 2024 we have welcomed 3 new guests.

Two burials and 1 ashes interment.

Add to that one grave plot reservation and two memorial stones and an additional inscription, the income for the year is **£3,555.--**

Last summer the Terrington Help Out again really did just that. Work that included the clearing out of the Sexton's Hut and extensive pruning of trees especially some potentially hazardous dead wood. And I'd thank all those who came along to undertake those jobs. Since then, there has been a little more pruning and the removal of one tree, which has opened up the site as well as finding favour with funeral directors as it's no longer an obstruction.

The ongoing maintenance of the grass has been every bit as good as usual so many thanks to Mark Wigham for that and for other works within the burial ground

There are other things still requiring attention. In particular the boundary stone walls need a good deal of repointing, especially near the gate, just inside which it is intended to create an area for the placing memorial plaques.

Cllr Clara Challoner-Walker has been a great help to me in running the cemetery, so many thanks to Clara. Anyone interested in undertaking these duties involved in operating the cemetery, do please have a word with us as we are now seeking to employ a part time Burial Authority Officer.

Meanwhile, it remains a privilege to serve our friends in the community in this peaceful garden of rest.

Bill Winning
19th May 2025

The meeting closed at 19.55 hrs

Signed Cllr Bill Winning
(Chairman Terrington Parish Council)

Date