

Terrington Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Monday 11
May 2026 at 7.00 pm in Terrington Village Hall

1. Attendance and apologies

Present: Cllr Winning (Chairman), Cllr Barber, Cllr Barlow, Cllr Kendrick, Kerr Wilson (Clerk), and 2 members of the public.

Apologies: Cllr Lewis, Keith Adkins (RFO), Mike Blunt.

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 2025 and April 2026 (see appendix 2)

5. Report by the Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)

The RFO submitted a report on the Council's financial position (see 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. Public discussion

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

Road safety. Concern was expressed about the change in North Yorkshire Council (NYC) policy not to reinstate the central white lines on narrow roads with blind summits following road surface top dressing.

Reference was made to two recent collisions between vehicles using North Back Lane, Terrington.

Submitted sites. NYC has reopened the call for submitted sites for development for a further six weeks, closing on 22 June 2026. The Parish Council was asked if it had any views on the sites submitted for development consideration.

The Chairman explained that we are still in the early stages of the North Yorkshire Local Plan. After the call for sites is closed, NYC will consider all the applications and sites will then either be recommended for allocation, or dismissed. After which a public consultation will take place to seek the views of the community on the sites that have been chosen.

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The story of this last year is one of numerous discussions on what might be called, ‘technical matters’ such as an IT policy, data protection, privacy notices, financial compliance. Those sorts of things but it does mean we have taken National trends onboard and put in place required policies. One or two more to look at but it’s a positive way forward for this Council. Otherwise it has been a shade quieter than the previous couple of years. That’s for a few reasons. Firstly, all the issues raised during and post pandemic have received attention, most having been resolved but with one or two still burbling along in the hope of a useful outcome. The second reason is most important in that we as a Council are blessed with an excellent team. I’m not being patronising but everyone makes a valuable contribution which helps us all. Also, officially Terrington with Wiganthorpe and Ganthorpe Parish Council, we have managed to retain councillor representation from all three settlements. That is something we hope will be reinforced this evening.

This means we have eyes over the whole Parish as well as a Councillor availability to everyone. Part of the role of a Councillor is to listen as well as to talk to residents about local issues. To have a general awareness, to observe the surroundings and report anything that might benefit from attention.

This continues to happen successfully in most cases, although in others, not so much. More on that in a moment. The Parish Council has very few powers but whilst there are some things we can actually do in terms of action, like filling grit bins, occasional cutting and strimming to improve visibility sight lines, in the main we have to either instruct a contractor or report to other authorities for them to undertake work or some other form of action. Thus we act as facilitators as much as anything else. Great when it works.

At the risk of boring those who know this tale, one of the long-term issues about which we have not forgotten, is the absent white centre line in the road through Little Terrington. Removed during resurfacing, it hasn’t resurfaced despite being told ‘OK’. Time passed plus a few frank and open exchange of wing mirrors but no line. We wrote and they said, “the road is too narrow”. We measured and it wasn’t. They said, “OK”. Lots more time, more letters, several excuses, some quite inventive. Steve the postman was left with a crashed van. More letters. Ryedale vanished, staff changed, no line but they then said, again. “the road is too narrow”. This time we showed them on their own computer it wasn’t. They said, “OK, you’re right”! Progress? No.

In all of this the road at Little Terrington flooded due to a blocked poorly designed drain. It got worse. We wrote about that too. Several times so we assumed they got the message. This time, with both issues in mind, I insisted on a meeting with their tech guy. He agreed. And so it was. 2 of them and 2 of us. Measuring tapes at dawn. The result, well they intend to clear out the drain and perhaps cut a couple of grips. Their planned fix was stopped by a shallow dug cable, so this is the best they can do at some point in the future.

The white line then? No! A change in policy near a blind summit. The white line will cause traffic to speed up, meaning there will still be a collision only at higher speed, so more risk and damage.....

We have another ongoing long term issue with Footpaths at NYC, relating to the flooding path at Wath Beck. That ended up being a negative, no action from them but we recently tried a different tack and now we’re seeing progress. Early days on this latest chapter but watch this space!

Our Parish Clerk Kerr, will tell you some of the things we have done over the year. So just in outline they include:

Highways overhauled, for want of a better word, the footpaths. Not the marked-up one we most needed them to mend, near the Village Hall. Another shallow dug cable has kicked that into touch.

Castle Howard have agreed to sort out the die-back affected ash tree on The Plump
A local farmer is continuing to cut back potentially hazardous verge shrubs which we appreciate.

We got Yorkshire Water to fix a broken drain, then a water leak and are trying to get them to fix another one.

We continued our regular consideration of applications for planning permission, tree work or now increasingly a certificate of lawfulness.

We were approached by Terrington Task Force asking if we had some jobs in mind. So whilst a couple of Councillors restored the 2 benches on The Plump, the Task Force restored another, painted all three plus the pump. They washed 42 road signs, removed ivy from trees, fitted the replacement defib cabinet and carried out lots of different tasks at the cemetery. Plus a whole lot more.

The Council also has what we might call committees from time to time. These tend to be groups and the one that has been working behind the scenes for some while now is the Neighbourhood Plan Group. They have now successfully massaged the Plan through the External Examiner stage. So it's complete and once NYCs interventions are considered, it will then go to you for a public vote. So- VOTE, it's important! Remember the submitted sites at Ganthorpe and now even more sites in Terrington. This is one reason for having in force a Neighbourhood Plan. Your request. Now it's here.

The other short term group we had was 'Swifts and Friends' who ran a most successful project to put up nesting boxes. They are now 'flying solo' outside the PC, currently monitoring the return of the birds.

This is the best bit of the Report where I get to say a BIG THANK YOU to a number of folk. First it has to be to the members of Council, Councillors Andrew Lewis, David Barlow, Jane Kendrick, Mike Barber and former Cllr Clara Challoner -Walker. Also to our highly efficient RFO, Keith Adkins for his diligence and control of our finances as well as being the webmaster of our excellent website. Thanks again to Jane for leading your terrific Neighbourhood Plan team and to your members including Ali, David, Sue and Julie. To Mark Wigham for his 'see it, sort it' attitude as he does so much the rest of us don't see. To The Terrington Task Force led by Sandy and Julie and to all the 70+ volunteers this year. Wow! To all the Parish residents who attend our meetings, litter pick, report issues as well as those who sort them. You make this community what it is. Finally to the hardest working member of our team, our Parish Clerk Kerr Wilson, thanks for your guidance, unbiased advice and expertise without which I just couldn't function.

W.McA. Winning 11th May 2026

Terrington Annual Parish Meeting 11 May 2026 - Parish Clerk's Report

1. Parish Council meetings

Between May 2025 and April 2026, the Parish Council met six times for its regular bi-monthly meetings.

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 2025 – April 2026 the Council considered 14 Planning Applications. The majority of the applications received for comment, raised no concerns. However, the Council felt that two applications deserved careful consideration and concluded it would submit its observations to North Yorkshire Council.

3. Terrington Parish Neighbourhood Plan

Having submitted The Terrington Parish Neighbourhood Plan to North Yorkshire in April 2025, a public consultation ran from 31 July to 25 September. North Yorkshire Council (NYC) then appointed an Examiner who has now produced his report which is now with NYC and the Parish Council is awaiting a decision statement.

4. Asset of Community Value

The Asset of Community Value (ACV) relating to the Bay Horse Pub in Terrington expired on 12 November 2025. The Parish Council submitted an application to North Yorkshire Council to have the Pub reinstated as an ACV, but it was unsuccessful.

5. 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.

All Parish Council Meetings are open to the public.

Kerr Wilson (Parish Clerk). 11 May 2026

Appendix 3

Terrington Annual Parish Meeting - Responsible Finance Officer's report 2025-26

The Council ended financial year 2025-26 with the finances in a strong position though with one concern which I will deal with below.

The main receipts were the Parish Precept of £4,300, an increase of 4% over the previous year, and burial fees of £5,105, up 88% on the previous year. Together with other small items, this resulted in a total income of just over £10,000.

Total expenditure was just over £7,000. The main payments were grass cutting in the Cemetery, the Plump and other small areas at £2000 ex VAT (i.e. almost half of the precept) to which NYC made a contribution of nearly £400, salaries of the Clerk and RFO/Webmaster, and a new defibrillator cabinet and battery. There was an additional sum of £700 on the Neighbourhood Plan development, although about half of that was repayment of unused grant money.

The surplus for the year was just under £3,000 with the result that, at the end of the financial year, general reserves stood at £15,641 and earmarked reserves at £3,730. Much of the reserves are kept in an interest-yielding building society account.

If we attempt to separate payments relating to the Cemetery (repairs to the wall, waste collection and a proportion of fixed costs) from all other payments, I estimate that the Cemetery surplus was about £3360 and that there was a deficit on all other areas of about £380.

Given the variability of Cemetery income (which this year was very much higher than ever) and the fact the Council may have to pay a Cemetery Officer in the future, there is the possibility of much lower Cemetery surpluses in future years. It follows that the current situation, in which the Cemetery is subsidising other activities, carries an element of risk and indicates that, despite the current substantial reserves, the precept needs to at least keep up with inflation in the coming years.

Keith Adkins, RFO, 10 May 2026.

Appendix 4

Terrington Annual Parish Meeting - Burial Authority Officer's Report 2026

Since 1st May 2025 we have welcomed 3 new guests, all being burials, two being second interments.

Add to that one post burial adjoining grave plot reservation, the placement of two headstones and two memorial stones plus an additional inscription, gives our actual paid income generated for the year 2025 – 2026 of **£2,830** but add a further intended headstone, invoiced and it rises to **£3,280**.

The actual income during the year from the above invoices and previously raised invoices is again somewhat higher and that has been dealt with in the report from our RFO. So you can see the differences.

We were again lucky to have Terrington Task Force descend on the cemetery last summer and carry out valuable work, on trees, on the stone walls and on the Sextons Hut.

A section of wall just inside the gates to the left, has been raked out and repointed to make it suitable for our Memorial Wall. The first memorial was installed recently, commemorating our former Parish Council Chairman, (William) John Goodwill.

Moles we have tolerated in the past, trying to reflect our respect for wildlife. But as the badgers ran riot, more recently moles have taken their lead. Following comments from visitors and family members of our guests, it has been necessary to take deterrent steps and this is looking to have worked for now at least. This is making the families happier and also improves the appearance as well as making grass cutting less challenging.

So huge thanks, as always to Mark Wigham for his excellent work with the grass but also for carrying out other work he saw as necessary. Thanks too go to all the members of the Task Force who certainly made a difference, to Marcus for the repointing of the Memorial Wall and to former Cllr Clara Challoner-Walker for being a most efficient assistant.

I've said all those mentioned above have improved things in the burial ground. Well, don't take my word for it. A local funeral director leant on the wall and surveyed the scene before saying it was his favourite cemetery to visit as it was well maintained, not pretentious (!) and showed respect for those who now rest with us.....

_____ W. McA. Winning 11th May 2026

The meeting closed at 19.35 hrs

Signed Cllr Bill Winning
(Chairman Terrington Parish Council)

Date