

Carthorpe Parish Council

MINUTES

of the Open Meeting held on Monday 28 April 2025
in Carthorpe Community Hall

Present

Mr Jonathan Jessop	- Chairman (JJ)	
Mr David Foulds	- Parish Councillor (DF)	
Mr Kevin Askham	- Parish Councillor (KA)	
Mr Charlie Craggs	- Parish Councillor (CC)	Mrs Maggie Haigh - Clerk (MH)
Dr Catherine Grant	- Parish Councillor (CG)	11 members of the public

25.32 Apologies for Absence

25.32.1 None received

25.33 Declarations of Interest

25.33.1 There were no declarations of interest.

25.34 Minutes of Previous Meeting

25.34.1 The minutes of the Open Meeting of 15 May 2024 were approved and signed as correct.

25.35 Matters Arising

25.35.1 Carthorpe to Burniston footpath had been cleared by CC since the last Open Meeting. CC agreed to continue undertaking this task.

CC

25.35.2 Following on from Mr Paul Vernon's (PV) suggestion to spend remaining CIL funds on further 30mph speed signs, investigations had been undertaken but the decision was made to remain at the one sign and rotate it around the three poles.

25.35.3 Blocked gullies continue to be an ongoing issue. The problem appears to be that they are not completely emptied. The PC will continue to report problems as they arise.

25.36 Chairman's Report

25.36.1 The PC have met in person 7 times since 15 May 2024.

- Commented on all planning applications presented and followed up on issues raised in these.
- Attendance at NYC and other online seminars.
- Circulation of correspondence from NYC & others.
- Asset Register has been updated and Insurance cover amended accordingly at minimal extra cost.
- Continued work on monitoring Public Rights of Way and Drainage and reacted to, reported and followed up on complaints from members of the public. Unfortunately, responses from NYC are generally inadequate, which is frustrating.
- Efforts have been made to improve the village street parking situation – unfortunately with little effect.
- CIL Projects
 - 30mph signs rotated & maintained.

- Permanent memorial stone to those who lost their lives in WW1 & 2 researched, sourced and installed with a commemoration ceremony.
- Further ideas for CIL Projects discussed, including ongoing discussions on the potential to revive the village water pump area.
- The village bus stop is to be moved to a safer position and the possibility of a bus shelter then investigated – work continues.
- A new PC website has been developed and launched.
- Organised a D-Day 80 celebration on 6 June 2024 which was a great success, with over 200 people attending.
- A VE-Day 80 Party with beacon lighting agreed and planned for 8 June 2025.
- Village infrastructure maintained & grass verge cutting (defibrillator, waste bin, salt bins, noticeboard, benches).
- Organised and carried out two village clean-ups.
- Various donations to local institutions and charities maintained and increased.
- Sound financial stewardship of funds and a “holding” of precept rate for 2025 (Parish element of Council Tax).

25.37 NY Councillor’s Report

25.37.1 DW presented the following:

North Yorkshire Council 2025 Division Member’s Report

Over the past year much time and effort has been put into the production of the Council budget. Although residents are being asked to pay 4.99% more in Council tax, this is less than some other Councils who are in a worse position than North Yorkshire. Unitarization has saved the Council £60 million already and there is still room for more savings. Cost increases are largely due to soaring SEND and adult social care budgets which the Council is obliged to provide.

The new refuse recycling programme, copying what has been happening in the old Selby District, is being rolled out where recycling materials such as paper and cardboard will be collected every other fortnight, and glass and tins collected on the other intervening fortnight. Ordinary household waste will be collected as before.

It has long been felt that people with second homes have starved the housing market of a supply of houses, so to discourage this practice a Council Tax premium on such houses is being levied which will double the Council Tax due, and the income to the Council will be used to deliver more affordable housing.

Home to School transport has been costing the Council in excess of £50 million per annum and the Council has, in the past, provided the service in excess of it’s statutory duty by transporting children to any school in their catchment area. This is costing the Council an excessive amount, so children will now be offered transport to their nearest school. There is an appeals procedure available and a review of the change will take place after the new arrangements have been operating for a little while.

It is now one year since the election of the first Mayor of York and North Yorkshire when David Skaith was elected. Not only is he responsible for the driving of Economic Welfare but also for running the Police and Fire Service. His budget is £18 million per annum from Central Government, along with other funding streams. So

far he has declared his intention to improve bus and train services over the 3,000 square miles of York and North Yorkshire.

This North Yorkshire Council is set to run until 2027, when new divisional boundaries will come into force. As far as Bedale division is concerned it seems that many of the villages to the south of the current Division will be lost and Bedale will join Aiskew and Leeming Bar, but this has yet to be confirmed.

I try to attend as many Parish and Town Council meetings as I am able, but I am only at the other end of the phone if I can help in any way.

25.38 Members Forum

- 25.38.1 JJ thanked all members of the public for attending and invited questions or comments.
- 25.38.2 Mr Ian Lancaster (IL) expressed his anger and frustration at the letter sent to NY Planning Department in reference to planning application ZB25/00139/OUT, claiming the details inaccurate and inappropriate. JJ responded on behalf of the PC and the residents who had supported the said letter. IL advised that he will be seeking advice and raising a complaint with NY Planning Department.
- 25.38.3 Mr Peter Grant (PG) shared his joy at the display of daffodils and wild flowers in Snape and suggested we could perhaps do similar. JJ advise that unlike the Snape village green and beck banks, the control of roadside verges in Carthorpe is difficult, due to traffic, hedge cutting, grass mowing etc. Discussions took place. Mrs Jane Hodgson (JH) agreed to plant some bulbs in the autumn in the verges at the top of the village, which she and her family tend.
- 25.38.4 DF reminded all in attendance that the clerk & chairman are retiring at the end of 2025/26 and if anyone would be interested in joining the PC, please speak to any councillor.
- 25.39 Date for the next meeting**
- 25.39.1 In closing the meeting, JJ encouraged all to come forward with any issues and asked all to encourage other residents to attend PC meetings.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7.58pm.
Date of the next Open Meeting to be held in May 2026.