



**February 2025 Newsletter**

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We hope you will find the information in this newsletter particularly informing – and please give your attention to the significant paragraph regarding NYC's "call for sites".

### **Crimple Beck – update regarding contamination**

Your council has been attentive in regularly addressing the situation with the Environment Agency regarding the contamination of Crimple Beck in the vicinity of the Weeton's outflow and can provide the following EA follow-up assurances made:

1. Considerable address / progress made by the company
2. 2xgrease traps have been installed with a new plumbing system which will remove the possibility of grease / chemicals into the system
3. In addition, eco cleaning products changed to be sourced from one company with recommended dosing adherence
4. Necessary cleaning staff training has been implemented and is being monitored
5. The full system of the treatment plant will be cleaned week beginning 17 February to remove any residue
6. EA have given a 4-6 week grace period with water sampling to be undertaken every two weeks thereafter
7. EA have inspected the outfall today and recommended that it too is cleaned with Weetons establishing a gated access to the area

It is very much hoped that the above actions once carried out will solve the problem and negate the need for further address.

### **Garden Waste licences are now available (NYC email)**

*"The licence covers one 240-litre wheelie bin to be emptied fortnightly. Anyone who wishes to have more than one bin emptied will need to pay for a licence for each additional bin. Residents can also pay for a licence at any time throughout the season but are encouraged to do so before the start of the service in March as the cost will remain the same.*

*Residents can now pay for their licence for the 2025 garden waste season at a cost of £49 / licence for collections between March and early December. This provides a cost-effective way for residents to dispose of garden waste. Once paid, a licence pack should arrive within 14 days.*

*For more information about the garden waste service, including terms and conditions, and collection dates, please visit [www.northyorks.gov.uk/garden-waste](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/garden-waste)."*

### **Adoption of Thirkill Drive by North Yorkshire Highways**

In response to queries from residents – and concerns relating to car parking and congestion in the area – the council has recently been updated with the following Highways information:

*"A Section 38 agreement is in place for this development including Thirkill Drive. The developer is still to install additional signage and the team are checking when this will be completed by. But once the signs are in place a stage 3 road safety audit will take place. They are also awaiting on the street lighting certificates.*

*Following confirmation of the above, the team will put the highway works on to a 12-month maintenance period and if everything is ok after this time the highway will be adopted. It is therefore likely to be*

*sometime in the first half of 2026 when the adoption will be confirmed, however if there are any delays with the above action it may be later in the year.”*

Basically, it means that until the road is adopted that any modifications made to the road by NYHighways will not be considered or made.

### **NYC Locality Budget**

We are delighted to have been offered, have accepted and will shortly receive a generous grant of £4,280 which has been organised through our Ward Cllr John Mann's offices. Our appreciative thanks are extended to him and which will enable further provision of Christmas lights to three trees on Pannal Green.

### **Update regarding potential allotment site**

Request has been made to NYC regarding the considered site with holding response made by the Snr Estates Surveyor that the matter would be investigated shortly.

### **Speed of traffic through the parish**

In response to our request, NYPolice had visited Main Street to monitor traffic with the January SID data being supplied to them and the Traffic Bureau. We were told that if the 20mph speed was exceeded, ie 23mph, that the police can send out a letter to those “offenders” - a surprising eight letters were distributed and all to local residents! The police confirmed that prosecution can take place for those driving at 33mph or above in a 30mph zone. It was found that Spring Lane speeds are currently greater than those on Church Lane with assurance given that the police will continue to monitor the parish situation closely.

### **Grit bins and waste bins**

Councillor Steve Cobb (together with the clerk) have undertaken a survey of grit bin placement throughout the parish and in response to appreciated and helpful provision made by parishioners. A further “wishlist” placement will be made to NYC together with a request for a couple more waste bins in the Walton Park area. Our thanks to all of you who provided the useful information.

### **Do you enjoy living within your parish?**

If you do, then we need your help! The workload on the Parish Council is ever-increasing and we are only able to have seven councillors and so we would really appreciate your offers to help. We need volunteers to help with a Community Resilience Plan, help with the twice yearly litter picks so kindly organised by Liz Brown, help with setting up the Family Fun Day in addition to your assistance in identifying things we can do to improve village life together with other initiatives.

All these things would be made so much easier with your help. The more people that get involved, the quicker tasks are completed - or are identified - and which will enable us to take North Yorkshire to task if it should prove their responsibility.

Please email Jane on [parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:parishclerk@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk) or Cathy on [cathyburrell@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk](mailto:cathyburrell@pannalandburnbridge-pc.gov.uk). We look forward to hearing from committed and enthusiastic residents.

### **IMPORTANT: the North Yorkshire Local Plan - Public Release of ‘Call for Sites’ Submissions**

At the end of January we received the email, below, from a NYC Planning Officer:

*As you may be aware we are preparing a new local plan for North Yorkshire (with the current target date of end 2028). We started with the ‘call for sites’ in April 2024 when we invited landowners, site promoters and developers to submit sites for consideration as allocations in the local plan. These submissions are for a range of uses. The majority are for residential use with additional submissions for employment, retail, and so on.*

*We are not consulting on the release of the sites at this stage, although we are making the information available to ensure greater levels of transparency and to allow the community and other interested parties the opportunity to have sight of the submitted sites as early as possible.*

*We will not be accepting comments at this stage, and this will be made clear in our wider communications. A comprehensive consultation will take place later that will seek the views of the community on all sites – at*

*which stage further work will have been completed to give a greater direction as to whether such sites are likely to be recommended for allocation or dismissed.”*

A further email was received, as below:

*“We wanted to point you in the direction of the dedicated [Call for Sites webpage](#), which gives further information to the process and introduces a ‘Frequently Asked Questions’ section. This should provide you, and members of the public, with answers to specific questions that are likely to be raised. We propose to update the FAQs if we receive further queries over the coming weeks.*

*The webpage also contains [a link to the mapping website whereby the site submissions can be viewed](#). This will now allow us to update the map when additional sites are added, or if any are withdrawn without having to send updated links to you on each occasion.*

*This will allow you to move around the whole of North Yorkshire and see what sites have been submitted for consideration. By clicking on each site, you will see a brief description including the location, site size and the proposed uses that have been put forward by the site promoter”.*

Although your councillors recognise that this is very much a work in progress, some considerable concern is being felt with regard to the alarming extensiveness of numbers and sites put forward – coupled, of course, with the Government’s press for the local authority to achieve a housing target of 4,200 / year. It seems such a short time ago that your newly incepted Parish Council was battling against HBC’s Local Plan with the imposition of hundreds of houses behind, particularly, St Robert’s church and on Spring Lane but be assured that your councillors will, again, rise to the challenge in defending your parish’s best interests.

**Cllr John Mann provided a verbal report from NYC’s recent meeting to the Parish Council at their last meeting** and which covered the following points:

- Increased demand for services especially those provided to older people but also for those children with Special Needs – including transport – the bill for which has risen from £20m (pre-Covid) to the current £50m. They report a consequential limit on home-to-school transport to the legal minimum.
- Financial situation remains dire with NYC opinion held that the Government has little understanding of the costs and pressures imposed on rural councils and particularly the immediate withdrawal of £14.3m rural services support which has hit North Yorkshire badly. NYC refute that the grant has been put into reserves and have mounted a legal challenge against the Government’s “unsound decisions”.
- Savings of approximately £40m have been made in combining 8 North Yorkshire councils with senior managers reduced and the continued disposal of unnecessary buildings.
- However, NYC will be raising Council Tax by the legal maximum of 5%.
- NYC are addressing the affordable housing crisis by allocating second homes council tax precept into housing schemes although a number of the Western Arc developer applications have reduced from 40% to 35% on the affordable house provision.
- NYC are challenged to source sites and then to deliver the new mandatory housing targets of over 4,200 houses / year – however if these sites are not identified NYC will incur a fine or planning decisions will be referred to London.

### **North Yorkshire Council home-to-school Transport Policy**

In the event that any of our residents may be impacted we would like to pass on to you the following information received from the Vice-Chair of Reeth Parish Council who would like to draw attention to NYC’s change to the Home-To-School Transport Policy whereby the removal of the word “catchment” was made. This effectively states that students attending secondary school from September 2025 are now required to attend their nearest school – and not their primary school “catchment” school.

We are informed that an action group has been formed called STAG (School Transport Action Group) located in the upper dales of the National Park to draw people’s attention to this change.

Should you be affected then you are invited to contact Cllr Rutter at [councillor.rutter@gmail.com](mailto:councillor.rutter@gmail.com).

Best wishes

Cllr Cathy Burrell (Chairman of the Parish Council), Cllr Neil Permain (Vice Chairman) and Councillors Steve Cobb, Andrew Farrar, El Sharkey, Cliff Trotter and Helen Hayes

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