



# CLINT CUM HAMLETS PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of  
Clint Cum Hamlets Parish Council  
held in the Community Centre, Burnt Yates  
**on Wednesday 06<sup>th</sup> December 2023 @ 7.30pm**

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Abbr: GW = Cllr G Walker(Chairman), CP = Cllr C Padwick (Vice Chair), CH = Cllr C Harper, RP= Cllr R Parker, RB = R Bareham (Parish Clerk), FCL = Felicity Cunliffe-Lister (Councillor)

Members of the Public (MoP): 3

Key: BYAA = Burnt Yates Allotment Association, CC = Cricket Club, CRP = Community Resilience Profile, MoP = Member of the Public, NAG = Nidd Action Group, NYC = North Yorkshire Council, PC = Parish Council, SLCC = Society of Local Council Clerks, W3W = What 3 Words.

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## Agenda

<u>Item</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Action By</u>
<b>2324/053</b>	<b>Welcome by the Chairman</b> The Chairman opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed all to the meeting.	
<b>2324/054</b>	<b>Absence and Apologies</b> a) To Receive Apologies Apologies were received from CH.  b) To approve the reason(s) for absence given by Councillors. CH was absent due to work commitments. <b>Resolved:</b> The reason was approved by the council.  GW informed the council that with regret CH had now formally resigned her role as Parish Councillor. The council thanked CH for her commitment and hard work within the parish over the years and wished her well for the future! RB will inform the Monitoring Officer of the resignation. The council now has two vacancies and no applicants.	<b>RB</b>
<b>2324/055</b>	<b>Dispensations &amp; Pecuniary Interests</b> a) To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensations. None received.  b) To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Councillors Code of Conduct or a members Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. None received.	
<b>2324/056</b>	<b>Minutes for approval from Previous Meetings</b> a) To approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council meeting held on the 18 <sup>th</sup> of September 2023 <b>Resolved:</b> The minutes were signed as a true record.  b) To note the cancellation of the meeting of the 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2023 as the council was not quorate.	

**Resolved:** The council noted the cancellation of the previous meeting as it was not quorate.

**2324/057**

**Public participation Session** (for the public to talk to councillors about items on the agenda)

A representative of the church informed the council that the Christmas lights were going up on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December. However, a floodlight used for public access had failed and after inspection the second one could also fail at any time. The council were informed that the replacement cost would be £172.48 + £34.50 and were asked for a contribution to this cost due to the public use of the lights.

**Ongoing:** The council agreed to fund the replacement of the two lights at the quoted price and the clerk exercised their emergency powers as the item was not on the agenda but needed resolving to ensure public safety. The clerk asked that the invoices be made out to the Parish Council who will reimburse the contractor direct.

**RB**

**2324/058**

**To receive the Councillors report**

a) To note FCL's report as previously circulated.

FCL presented her report( See also Appendix A). In addition, FCL reminded the council that additional Defibrillator funding was available to Parishes. This raised the question of age and "wellbeing" of the Defibrillator Machine attached to the cricket club's clubhouse and who was responsible for the checking of the machine. The clerk will investigate.

**RB**

The ongoing issues with highways were discussed.

- GW confirmed that correspondence from Heather Yendall at NYCC had been received confirming that a road safety report had been done on the turning bay opposite the new development in Burnt Yates and will update once the report is finalised.
- The ongoing issues regarding the dropped curb and blocked drain will be taken up by FCL as Heather Yendall had suggested that any work would have to wait until 2025-2026 due to a lack of funding. FCL will clarify.
- Heather Yendall of NYCC confirmed that data on speeding motorists had been collected but had some possible errors and will update once investigated.

GW confirmed that village "gates" permitted by highways would cost approx £2000.00 to install. FCL confirmed that the locality budget would be able to support this project with a contribution but would not be until the 2024/2025 financial year. GW will explore this further and obtain a quotation to apply to the locality budget.

**GW**

FCL agreed to speak with Highways on behalf of the council about a central island to assist with traffic calming and what prevents or precludes there being one in view of the serious speeding issues experienced through the parish.

**FCL**

**2324/059**

**To receive the Clerks report** (Items received after the publication of the agenda or for items needing discussion)

a) The clerk to update on the councillor vacancy.  
See item 2324/054 (b).

**2324/060**

**Correspondence Report** (Items received after publication of the agenda or for items needing discussion)

a) To note NYC's annual statutory budget consultation, details of which have been previously circulated to councillors (Closes 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023).

**Resolved:** The Council noted the item.

- b) To note NYC's consultation on polling districts and polling places, details of which have been previously circulated to councillors (closed 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023).  
**Resolved:** The Council noted the item.
- c) To note NYC's Housing Strategy Consultation, details of which have been previously circulated to councillors (Closes 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023).  
**Resolved:** The Council noted the item.
- d) To note the letter from Andrew Jones MP regarding Nidd Action Group's campaign for bathing water status. Details have been previously circulated to councillors (Closed 24<sup>th</sup> October 2023).  
**Resolved:** The Council noted the item.
- e) To note NYCC's "Draft Statement of Community Involvement" (Closes 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023)  
**Resolved:** The Council noted the item.

## 2324/061

### **Matters arising from previous meetings** (Items requested to remain on the agenda or to be resolved)

- a) RB to update the council on the overflowing bins at New Inn terrace  
**Resolved:** The Clerk updated the council that the letting agent were working with the owners to resolve the matter and thanked the council for bringing it to their attention.
- b) CP to update on the posting of notice's informing the public of river pollution.  
**Resolved:** CP updated the Council that warning notices had been placed on the PC's notice boards. However, was pleased to inform the council that the beck running through Shaw Mills was 90% cleaner than last year. This is probably attributed to the excessively wet summer and autumn. The Nidd Group will continue to monitor.
- c) RB to update the council on the need for a CRP  
**Deferred:** The Council agreed to defer this item for 6 months to allow for new members to be elected or co-opted allowing for the possible appointment of a working party to look at this and report back to the full Council.
- d) RB to update on locality budget towards the recent laptop/printer purchase  
**Resolved:** The clerk informed the council that Locality Budget can only be approved at the quotation stage and not retrospectively.
- e) RB to update on the councillor vacancy  
**Ongoing:** There had been no applications had been received **RB**
- f) RB to update the council regarding the passing of information to BYAA to claim S106 funding.  
**Ongoing:** There was no representative of BYAA available to update the council **RB**
- g) The PC to consider the "D-Day 80" Celebrations 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
**Deferred:** The council chose to defer this item to allow for the recruitment of new councillors **RB**
- h) RB to update Grit Pile/Bin at the junction of Pie Lane/Clint Lane  
**Ongoing:** CP updated the council that there used to be a grit bin at the location but this was removed for the Tour de France and never replaced. CP will inform the clerk of W3W's who will in turn report the matter to NYCC. **RB**

- i) CP to update the council on the proposed dog bin installation south side of the bridge  
**Ongoing:** NYCC have informed the council that standard bins can be used for dog waste and provided the portal link to report dog mess on the paths. CP will provide the clerk with the W3W for the location who will again report to NYCC. **RB**
- j) CH to update on the repair work to the bus shelter  
**Resolved:** CH had informed the clerk that the work had been completed
- k) CH to update the council on the parishes Facebook page  
**Deferred:** CH requested the item was deferred as there was no update available **CH**
- l) To note the playground inspection report and to consider any subsequent actions including the opportunity to replace through grants and also to work with Streetscape.  
**Ongoing:** The council noted the report from NYCC and would review again at the next meeting once the Streetscape report was received. **RB**
- m) RB to update on the request of the insurance policy for the cricket club  
**Resolved:** RB updated the council that the policy was handed to the clerk prior to this evening's meeting.
- n) RP/CP to update the council on the overgrown hedgerows on Law Lane  
**Resolved:** RP had not been able to contact the landowner but was pleased to inform the council that the winter weather had caused the hedgerow to die back and would raise the matter again to the clerk if needed.
- o) RB to update the council on the changing of the website provider & adopting parish council e-mail address  
**Deferred:** RB to arrange the Zoom meeting for the new year to discuss this matter **RB**

#### 2324/062

#### **Items for discussion from Councillors or a member of the public.** (These are new items that have been requested to be included in the agenda)

- a) GW to update on Clint Bank business park new housing - lay by clarification - Clint Bank HG3 3DW  
**Ongoing** – (See item 2324/058) **GW/FCL**
- b) GW to update on the planning application for Lane End Farm & Donkey Lane  
**Resolved:** GW had spoken to The Admiral Long Foundation (landowners) who assured him that they had no intention of selling the Right of Ways to the lanes
- c) To consider drawing up a rental agreement and having a risk assessment of tree's that it owns in response to the CC's request for a tree surgeon to remove a fallen branch and subsequent repairs to the CC garage.  
**Ongoing:** The council agreed that there should be an outline agreement in place and requested the clerk look at options to bring to the next meeting. **RB**

#### 2324/063

#### **Area 6 Highways**

- a) GW to update on the sign on Clint Bank  
**Ongoing:** The matter has been passed to FCL (See item 2324/058) **GW/FCL**
- b) GW to inform the council for action on the Roadside Kerb outside the old New Inn pub  
**Ongoing:** The matter has been passed to FCL (See item 2324/058) **GW/FCL**

- c) RB to update on Zoom Meetings with Area6  
**Ongoing:** RB informed the council there had been no follow up meeting with Chris Blackburn at Highways as he had cancelled them both at the last minute. The clerk will continue to press for a further meeting. **RB**
- d) RB to update on the collapsing wall on Law Lane  
**Deferred:** As there had been no meeting with highways, there was no update. **RB**

**2324/064**

**Planning Matters**

- a) To note planning application ZC23/03863/FUL (closed 19<sup>th</sup> November 2023)  
 Springfield Farm  
 Pye Lane  
 Burnt Yates  
 Harrogate  
 North Yorkshire  
 HG3 3EH

**Resolved:** The council noted the application

- b) To note the Planning Enforcement Officer's response to  
 ZC23/01386/CLOPUD  
 The Homestead  
 Burnt Yates  
 Harrogate  
 North Yorkshire  
 HG3 3EF

**Resolved:** The council noted the response from the Enforcement Officer

- c) To note the Planning Application ZC23/03329/FUL (closed 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023)  
 Hunters Lodge  
 Burnt Yates  
 Harrogate  
 North Yorkshire  
 HG3 3EJ

**Resolved:** The council noted the application

- d) To note the Decision Notice for application ZC23/03329/FUL  
 Hunters Lodge  
 Burnt Yates  
 Harrogate  
 North Yorkshire  
 HG3 3EJ

**Resolved:** The council noted the Decision notice

- e) To note the appeal to planning refusal 23/00069/NREFPP  
 Lane End Farm  
 Donkey Lane  
 Burnt Yates  
 Harrogate  
 North Yorkshire  
 HG3 3DH

**Resolved:** The council noted the Planning Refusal notice

- f) To note the Decision Notice for application ZC23/02469/FUL  
4 Becksie  
Garth Law Lane  
Shaw Mills  
Harrogate  
North Yorkshire

**Resolved:** The council noted the Decision notice

- g) To consider Planning Application ZC23/04173/FUL  
Burneside  
Clint Bank Lane  
Clint  
Harrogate  
North Yorkshire  
HG3 3DS

**Resolved:** The council had no objection or comments to make

**2324/065**

**Financial Matters**

- a) To note renewal of insurance with Zurich Municipal. Premium £363.71 (see also 2324/066(a)) (The clerk exercised their emergency powers to ensure continuance of cover).

**Resolved:** The council noted the renewal of the insurance premium

- b) To consider payment to GC Groundcare Services Inv 731 £1650.00 (See also 2324/066(b))

**Resolved:** The council agreed to the payment of inv 731 to Groundcare

- c) The council to approve the bank reconciliation dated 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Resolved:** The council approved the bank reconciliation

- d) To note CIL payment from NYCC for £750.00

**Resolved:** The council noted the CIL payment and the fact that it was ringfenced for designated projects only.

- e) To consider the clerks expenses £35.84 (see also 2324/066(c))

**Resolved:** The council approved the clerk's expenses

- f) To consider approving resetting the Budget 2023-2024

**Deferred:** The council deferred this item to allow the council to study the supporting documents in further detail.

**RB**

- g) To consider approving the Draft Budget for 2024-2025

**Deferred:** The council deferred this item to allow the council to study the supporting documents in further detail.

**RB**

- h) To consider approving the Precept Demand for 2024-2025 £6000.00

**Deferred:** The council deferred this item to allow the council to study the supporting documents in further detail.

**RB**

**2324/066**

**Payments to consider:**

a) Zurich Municipal	£363.71
b) GC Groundcare	£1650.00
c) Clerk Expenses	£34.59
c) Clerk Expenses (VAT)	£1.25
Total	<u>£2049.55</u>

2324/067

To confirm the date of the next Council meeting(s):

**Ordinary Meeting 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024 @ 1930hrs**  
(Cut-off date for agenda items 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 please)

**Resolved:** The council noted the date of the next Ordinary Meeting

**Planning Meeting 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 @ 19.30hrs**  
(Subject to planning applications being received)  
(Cut-off date for agenda items 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023 please)

**Resolved:** The council noted the date of the next Planning Meeting

2324/068

**Temporary exclusion of press and public: Pursuant to the Public Bodies (Admission at meetings) Act 1960.** (The Public and Press be excluded from the meeting due to the confidential nature of the business to be discussed)

- a) To consider clerks 5 additional hours worked since 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023  
**Resolved:** The council agreed to the clerk’s additional 5 hours
- b) To note the “cost of living” pay increase for 2023/2024 wef 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023  
**Resolved:** The council noted the “cost of living” pay increase.
- c) To note the back dated “cost of Living” pay increase from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 and to note the increase will apply to additional hours worked since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2023 (8/5/23 – 11/9/23 = 22 additional hours + 18/9/23 – 27/11/23 = 5 additional hours Total 27 additional hours)  
**Resolved:** The council noted the pay increase would apply to back dated hours.
- d) To note the change to monthly payment of salary (approved 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023) will be effective 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024  
**Resolved:** the council note the change to monthly payments.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 2121hrs.

Signed.....

Dated.....

## Appendix: A

### Cllr Felicity Cunliffe-Lister Parish Report Clint : November 2023

#### Transport

I have carried out, with the Community Office, extensive research into the viability of the provision of a community bus in the Masham area. The indication is that when resources permit, the MCO will be able to make progress with this. Now that schools are back I am making contact with the sixth form colleges and NYC to establish what routes are viable for sixth form students from the Clint area and what public bus routes need to be improved to assist with this.

#### Community Partnership (Ripon)

Ripon is one of the pilot schemes for these new networks. I am on the Steering Committee to represent those villages that fall within the hinterland of Ripon. There have been some initial meetings but it is not yet up and running, but I will keep you posted – please advise if there are any areas of interest where a Ripon initiative could benefit the Clint parish.

#### Local Plan

Please can you let me know if the draft Statement of Community Involvement (SCI) has reached you and, if so, what your views are on this.

#### Rural Broadband & Connectivity

I have had a response from Julian Smith MP in response to the concerns I raised with the Secretary of State about the voucher scheme being suspended. I am advised that there are many Voucher Priority Areas identified within the Masham & Fountains division, but that the scheme is currently paused – I don't know how long for. I will look into this. In addition, there is a £8M fund available to enable the most hard to reach premises to get a connection using satellite connection – I am waiting for more information on who will be eligible and how the funds can be applied for.

NYNet have now finalised which households will and won't receive a connection under the current and final Phase 4 scheme, for residents that want to check on this please email them on : [communities@nynet.co.uk](mailto:communities@nynet.co.uk)

There was good news at a recent planning committee, where a mobile phone mast outside Masham, in the AONB, was approved. This provides a mobile phone signal where there is currently none, nor any broadband.

#### Council Meeting & Executive Decisions

There was a Council Meeting on Wednesday 15 th November, where the Executive reported to the members.



- There were two motions raised by the LibDems that did not receive majority support :  
To request from Ofgem : further information, action plans and a roadmap for delivery to increase electricity grid generation and import capacity across North Yorkshire  
To write to the Secretary of State to express concern that the watering down of net zero targets, announced recently by the Prime Minister, including delaying the ban on the sale of petrol and diesel cars will make the Council's climate change strategy more difficult, if not impossible, to achieve.
- A motion proposed by the Greens, following a review at Scrutiny Committee, was approved : to recognise the role that NYC has in protecting the County's rivers and watercourses, consider the impact of pollution on them and to ask the water authorities to provide more detail when consulted at planning stage on the impact additional housing will have on sewage works, if there adequate capacity and what the impact might be on levels of sewage discharge.
- A motion by the Conservatives to increase pay to Councillors for next year was approved, but it was not supported by myself or any other LibDem councillors
- A new five year Economic Growth Strategy has been adopted for the County, which has been well received by the FSB and the Chamber of Commerce.

### **Destination Management Plan**

There is now a new Head of Tourism at NYC who I am hoping to meet soon. I am not aware of any progress being made with the DMP which concerns me, I will continue to chase. It has been announced that the LVEP funding application will be a joint bid by NYC and City of York. This was not reported on at Council and I will be asking what the implications are of this in terms of funding split and strategy.

### **Highways/Roads & Flooding**

Following a recent government announcement, the 24/25 and 25/26 NYC Highways budgets have been boosted by an extra £4.7M/year. Schemes that will benefit from the extra funding are yet to be announced.

I have requested a mid December zoom meeting with Heather Yendall and Geoff, to review the results of the speed survey and the measures available, the layby and pedestrian crossing, dropped kerb and blocked drain and faded signage. I am not aware of other Highways issues that need my assistance.

### **Waste Collections**

I am aware that there has been some inconsistency with the recent changes, with waste/recycling being collected on days not advertised or not collected at all. This has been raised by a resident and I have referred it to the NYC department to

report back and resolve

### **Locality Budget**

My 23/24 budget has now been allocated. Please let me know if there are any funding requirements for the New Year.

### **Youth Councils**

I am waiting to hear further from RGS and YMCA as to how the Ripon Youth Council is progressing and how young people from surrounding villages will be able to contribute and take part. If any young people are interested in getting involved in this please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

### **Household Support Fund**

The fourth phase of the Household Support Fund has been rolled out to just under 22,500 people across the county who are eligible. It will provide a one-off payment in supermarket e-vouchers to ease the pressure of global inflation.

People who will receive the Household Support Fund payments are:

- Residents who received housing benefit on, or between, January 26, 2023, and February 25, 2023, but did not qualify for the cost of living payment made in April and May 2023 for people on low income benefits or tax credits. They will receive a single e-voucher for £450.
- Residents who were getting the maximum discount to pay their council tax bill through the means-tested Council Tax Reduction Scheme, as of August 14, 2023. They will receive a single e-voucher for £110.

### **NHS Dentists**

NYC have reported on progress that the ICB is making to try to counter the problems with accessing NHS dental care. With regard to NYC's obligations to deliver the public health element of dental care, there are a number of oral health improvement activities including a supervised toothbrushing scheme being delivered in Early Years settings and Special Schools, and supply of oral health packs through the Healthy Child Service. Unfortunately the Early Years providers in Fountains & Masham are not included in the targeted toothbrushing scheme, but there is support available for those who want to participate and I will circulate this and offer my Locality Budget to assist with any costs involved. I will also encourage the Early Years and Schools that are not currently involved in the Healthy Schools/Early years scheme to sign up.

### **Commuted Sums & CIL payments**

I was expecting to have seen a summary of CIL allocations for the parish by now, has this reached you? I note that Kate Dawson issued a statement of Commuted Sums due to the Parish on 5 th September, if you need assistance with the interpretation/application of these funds please let me know.

### **Long Course Weekend – 6/8 th September 24**

These is a new triathlon style event being held in Pateley Bridge next year. It was

initially reported that 46,000 were expected to attend (a mix of competitors and supporters), the latest report suggests the first year will attract 5,000 athletes and 20,000 supporters from 30 nations, to compete over the 3 days. The event will take place at Pateley every year for three years. There will be running and cycling races starting and finishing in Pateley, the routes are not yet known.

### **NYC Local Plan – new portal**

I have previously reported on the consultation on the new Statement of Community Involvement, which began last month. The Statement will set out how it will consult people on planning, as well as early engagement about the local plan. It has now been announced that an online portal has been created to manage the process of the development of the new Local Plan. Everyone who registers on the portal will receive important information such as when consultation and engagement will take place and how they can have their say – to register please go to [www.northyorks.gov.uk/localplan](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/localplan)

### **Primary School places**

NYC have announced that parents and carers with children due to start primary school in North Yorkshire in September next year can apply for their places now. Primary applications for children born between September 1, 2019, and August 31, 2020, must be submitted by January 15, 2024, and it is advised to list up to five schools in order of preference. All the information on North Yorkshire primary schools is available at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/admissions) online. Allocated school places will be announced on National Offer Day, which is April 16, 2024 and for further information please email [schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:schooladmissions@northyorks.gov.uk) or call 01609 533679.

### **NYC Budget consultation**

A countywide consultation is being launched to glean the public's views and pinpoint the key priorities for North Yorkshire Council's budget for the next financial year. Residents are now being encouraged to have their say on the council's priorities by taking part in the Let's Talk Money survey. Feedback received will inform decisions on the 2024/25 budget and the Council Plan covering 2024 to 2028. The council's priorities are set out in its Council Plan, which can be read at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/councilplan](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/councilplan) The Let's Talk Money survey can be completed at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalkNY](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/LetsTalkNY) online. Paper copies and copies in accessible formats can also be requested by emailing [LetsTalk@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:LetsTalk@northyorks.gov.uk), calling 0300 1312131 or writing to Let's Talk, County Hall, Northallerton, DL7 8AD. The survey will close on Monday, December 18. I would encourage residents to raise any issues of concern, and areas which they would suggest need more or less funding, to my attention. It would be very useful to know where their priorities lie.

### **Community Climate Action Programme**

NYC have launched an £800K fund to support communities develop and deliver climate action projects. Specialist advice is available, along with funding for

decarbonisation plans for public spaces such as Parish Halls, and grants of between £1,000 up to £50,000, up to 80% (i.e. 20% match funding is required) will be available for projects such as energy efficiency, low carbon heating, renewable energy generation, storage options and grid capacity and decarbonising transport. I can provide a link to the prospectus to this if you would like further information.

### **Household Waste Recycling Centres Survey**

Residents can share their views to help to develop household waste recycling centres (HWRCs). North Yorkshire Council has a legal duty to provide household waste recycling centres for residents to dispose of any additional household waste, free of charge.

There are 20 household waste recycling centres (plus mobile sites) across North Yorkshire and this service, including the disposal of the waste delivered, costs more than £5 million a year. To help address increasing costs and improve the service it provides, the council is looking at various options for HWRCs and is asking people to share their views about changes to the following services:

- Restricting the use to North Yorkshire residents only.
- Limiting access for commercial-like vehicles.
- Changes to commercial waste.

Seventeen per cent of household waste recycling centre users live outside North Yorkshire. If only North Yorkshire residents were allowed to use the household waste recycling centres, this could generate savings of approximately £140,000 a year.

Similarly, 93 per cent of visitors in a commercial-like vehicle (for example, a van or a pick-up) visit less than 12 times a year. It is believed that some waste being deposited from these vehicles could be commercial waste, which should be paid for. If the council limits these vehicles to 12 visits a year, it could bring in savings of around £370,000 and reduce congestion at sites to improve the experience for everyone.

Commercial waste, which is a paid-for service, is currently accepted at all household waste recycling centres (except Harrogate Stonefall). Although the council has no legal obligation to accept commercial waste at household waste recycling centres, it understands that this is a useful service to very small businesses that operate from home in rural areas. Therefore, people are also being asked whether they would support the accurate weighing and charging of commercial waste.

You can go online to complete the survey here : [www.northyorks.gov.uk/survey-hwrc](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/survey-hwrc)

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the survey closes 31 st January.

### **Local Nature Recovery Strategy survey**

Residents can share their views about the area's nature to help to shape and protect its assets for future generations. To address the decline of nature and to improve the environment, every county in England is required to produce a Local Nature Recovery Strategy. These provide an opportunity for nature specialists,

professional experts, businesses and residents to come together to find out about ways to restore and enhance nature.

The strategy will identify locations to improve nature and provide other benefits, such as capturing carbon from the atmosphere, flood regulation and access to nature-rich spaces where this is most needed for health and wellbeing. It will set out where and how to protect spaces and create a network of nature-rich sites which are bigger, better managed and more joined up across the county and across the country.

The consultation is available on North Yorkshire Council's website at [www.northyorks.gov.uk/lnrs](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/lnrs) . The closing date is Monday, February 12.

### **New grant scheme for North Yorkshire's small and micro businesses**

A new package of capital grant schemes is opening up £450,000 in funding for small and micro firms across the county. The fund, administered by North Yorkshire Council through the North Yorkshire UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF), is focused on increasing business growth, productivity and resilience. Grants of between £1,000 and £10,000 are available.

Micro businesses, with less than 10 employees, and small firms with less than 50 employees can also access free support beyond the grant through the business advisory teams at the council and the York and North Yorkshire Growth Hub.

To access the scheme : <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/UKSPF>

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