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## Bishop Monkton Parish Council Minutes

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOP MONKTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD TUESDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2025 IN THE METHODIST ROOM.

**Commenced:** 19.10 hours

**Concluded:** 21.12 hours

**Attending:** Cllrs Culshaw (Chairman), Oliver, Sargeson, Hogg, Goodier and  
Scales

**Also Present:** S Reid (Clerk)

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- 2025/046**      **Introduction from the Chairman and a reminder of the Council's expectations for the audio or visual recording of this meeting.**  
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- 2025/047**      **To receive any apologies.**  
There were no apologies received.
- 2025/048**      **To consider the apologies and decide whether to approve reasons for absence.**  
Not applicable
- 2025/049**      **Declaration of Interests**  
a)      To receive any declarations of interest.  
          **There were no declarations of interest received.**  
  
b)      To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation  
          **There were no applications for dispensation.**
- 2025/050**      **To approve the minutes of the Bishop Monkton Parish Council Ordinary Meeting held Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025. (Circulated under separate cover by Cllr Scales)**  
          **RESOLVED** That the minutes of the meeting of Bishop Monkton Parish

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Dated \_\_\_\_\_



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Council held Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March are approved as a true record of proceedings.

**2025/051 Public Participation**

*To convene a public participation session to allow members of the public to make representation in respect of the business on the agenda. No resolutions can be made under public participation.*

*NOTE: The public participation session shall not exceed 15 minutes unless directed by the Chairman and each member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. A question at the meeting shall not require a response or debate during the meeting. The Chairman may direct that a written or oral response may be given.*

There were no public present at the meeting.

**2025/052 To receive a report from Cllr Nick Brown of North Yorkshire County Council.**

Please note my apologies for not attending the meeting tonight.

Please inform the Council that I have had two recent applications for the position of Secretary to my Parish Council Forums, which I am pursuing, and would hope to reinstate the Forums, that have proved popular with all the Parishes I represent, very soon . In the meantime please be aware that any issues with NYC that cannot be resolved by the Bishop Monkton Parish Council can be referred to me and I will attempt to resolve them myself for you if I can.

As to my Locality Budget for the coming financial year this has been halved to £5000 and with 16 Parishes in my Division any application from my Parishes to myself will have to be much reduced.

The matter of the cancellation by the Government of the £14.3 million Rural Services Grant, which led, in some measure, to the increase in Council Tax for NYC is still being pursued, I understand currently to no avail.

The problems regarding SEND and other related funding issues with HM Government continue to cause problems and further savings in NYC are continuing to be looked at in some detail as the UK's financial problems do not seem to be getting any better. North Yorkshires past prudence in its financial performance, that led, luckily, to a pot of reserves, cannot continue forever, which is a worry for the future as this pot diminishes. We await further information regarding the Call For Sites exercise, as part of the new Local Plan procedure, and we would hope to have more information on this as the year proceeds. Consultation will definitely take place with Parish Councils as to all new sites that the Planners will put forward and so far as Bishop Monkton is concerned I will make sure that transparency will exist on this matter !

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_



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Cllr Browns report was noted.

**2025/053**      **Clerk's report.** To note the clerks report.  
The clerk's report was noted.

**2025/054**      **Financial matters.**  
a) To approve the payments as per the schedule attached.  
**RESOLVED** That the payments as per the attached schedule are approved for payment, being a true record of council expenditure.  
  
b) To note the contracted ongoing payments.  
**The ongoing contracted payments were noted.**  
  
c) To note the bank reconciliation.  
**The bank reconciliation was noted.**

**2025/055**      **Planning matters.**  
a) To consider and make observations on the following planning applications.  
**RESOLVED**  
A No objections  
B See previous response  
  
b) To note planning decisions.  
There are no planning decisions to note.  
  
c) To note planning enforcements.  
There are no planning enforcements to note.

**2025/056**      **Ongoing matters.**  
a) To receive an update from Cllr Sargeson in relation to the play inspection report and proposals for replacement equipment for the play area located at the playing fields.  
Cllrs Sargeson met with members of the village hall to look at the site and discuss location for the zip wire.  
**RESOLVED** Cllr Sargeson to continue exploring this and sourcing grant funding.  
  
b) To receive an update from Cllr Oliver on the replacement of certain street signs in the village.  
**The update in the supporting documents was noted.**  
  
c) To receive an update from Cllr Culshaw in relation to the plan to provide an item to celebrate the Coronation of HM King Charles III, namely the Coronation Walk including an update on Uredale Community Partnership and the application for funding for the Coronation Walk.  
and decide any action as appropriate.  
**There was no update to report.**

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Dated \_\_\_\_\_



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- d) To receive an update from Cllr Oliver on highways matters, including traffic calming on Knaresborough Road and Moor Road, and consider any action required.  
**RESOLVED** That the information relating to providing an electricity supply to the pole for the VAS unit was noted and members feel this is the way to proceed.
- e) To receive an update from the clerk in relation to the Deed of Easement between Yorkshire Water, Kebble Homes and Bishop Monkton Parish Council.  
**RESOLVED** The clerk continue to press the solicitor to move this forwards as quickly as possible.
- f) For the council to receive an update on the planning application from Avant Homes.  
BMAG and members of the PC had a meeting to discuss the current position in relation to the application. The PC focus has always been on the infrastructure involved in any planning application for the village, especially where flooding is concerned. The developers propose to put a new pipe down Hungate for the surface water, which will be new infrastructure for the village.  
**RESOLVED** That the council write to planning regarding this. The clerk to liaise with Cllr Culshaw.
- g) For members to receive an update on the progress of the preparation of Risk Assessments for the council.  
**RESOLVED** The Risk Assessment was approved. Members agreed that the RA to be reviewed quarterly to ensure fit for purpose.
- h) For members to receive an update on grant funding applicable to the councils requirements.  
**RESOLVED** That Cllrs Sargeson and Scales continue researching for available funding.
- i) For members to receive an update on the GAP Analysis in relation to the Local Council Awards Scheme and consider further actions.  
**RESOLVED** That the clerk to complete the information required to progress this.
- j) For members to receive an update on whether the fixed lighting has been repaired to enable the council to consider any further action to be taken in respect of other lighting that may be required. (Test Lighting)  
**RESOLVED** Cllr Culshaw to chase up again with NY to get the light fixed.
- k) For members to receive an update on the grass cutting contract and decide further action as required.  
No response was received from the documents sent out by the clerk.  
**RESOLVED** That the clerk and Cllr Culshaw will speak to the previous contractor

Signed\_\_\_\_\_

Dated\_\_\_\_\_



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- l) For members to receive an update on the effects of road closures within the village and the letter submitted to highways in relation to this.  
**RESOLVED** There was no update. To defer to the next meeting.
- m) For members to receive an update on the request for provision of a litter bin to be located on the A61 at the top of Moor Road.  
**RESOLVED** The clerk to investigate further.
- n) To receive an update on the position relating to the Pinfold.  
**RESOLVED** Cllr Culshaw to discuss with Eccles Heddon who have provided the documents to facilitate the registration of the land in the PC name as they have been completed in the name of an individual councillor and need to be in the Proper Officers name.

**2025/057**

**New matters and correspondence.**

- a) For members to receive the Internal Control check for the period to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024.  
**RESOLVED** This was accepted by members.
- b) For members to receive communication received in relation to Lithium Batteries and decide any further action as required.  
**RESOLVED** That no further action be taken.
- c) For members to consider the possibility of making the village a 'No Cold Calling' zone.  
**RESOLVED** The clerk to circulate information on this subject.
- d) For members to consider the request from the clerk to be allowed to attend the Highways course at a cost of £18.20.  
**RESOLVED** Members approved the clerk attend the training session.
- e) For members to consider the request to allow an existing village bench to be dedicated to the memory of a resident.  
**RESOLVED** That an existing bench could not be dedicated, however, should the be a wish to place a bench of their own in memory then this would be considered favourably.

**2025/058**

**To agree items to be communicated to residents, and the methods to be employed.**

**2025/059**

**To notify the clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda at the next meeting.**

**2025/060**

**The next Ordinary meeting of Bishop Monkton Parish Council will be held Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2025 in the Methodist Room. The latest date for members to submit items for consideration on the agenda and reports on tasks is Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2025.**

**2025/061**

**For members to resolve to exclude the public and press under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act.**

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Dated\_\_\_\_\_



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- 2025/062      For Members to consider the contracted hours required for the position of Proper Officer to the Council.**  
**RESOLVED** That the hours for the Proper Officer be increased from 300 per year to 365 as from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.
- 2025/063      For Members to consider the salary scale for the role of Proper Officer to the Council, as requested by the clerk in connection with her contract of employment.**  
**RESOLVED** That the salary scale for the Proper Officer be increased as requested and in line with the Contract of Employment. Full details kept in a confidential note on file.

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Dated\_\_\_\_\_



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The clerk reports the following for members to note:-

1. The year end has been completed and the clerk is in communication with the auditor, providing documents, as requested, in order for the audit to take place. This is scheduled to be w/c 21.04.2025.
2. Providing the audit goes to plan the audit will be brought to the May meeting of BMPC for approval and signing off. The dates for the public rights will be agreed and everything will then be sent to the external auditor, PKF Littlejohn, as the council are required to have an external audit this year due to events of the past.
3. The VAT reclaim has been submitted in the sum of £1,470.09.
4. The clerk intends to submit the previous two years VAT claims also, as having read the advice we can go back three years.
5. The clerk has purchased an external hard drive, as per item 2025/027 j at the meeting held 18.02.2025 and a back up of the council laptop has now taken place. The hard drive is securely stored.
6. The grass contract had been sent to various contractors, but no one has responded. The closing date was 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025. The clerk is following up on this and it is hoped that some replies may be received in order that this can be agreed at the April meeting of the council as this is now extremely urgent.
7. The solicitor is being somewhat lacking in his application to dealing with the instructions of the council. Other than requesting personal details as part of due diligence there has been no further communication from him. I have engaged with other parties involved in this, as they had been wanting to know what was occurring due to lack of contact from the council's solicitor. They were going to chase him from their end also. **\*\*UPDATE\*\*** I have spoken to the solicitors again today, 14.04.2025, and requested their complaints procedure. I explained why. I am waiting for them to call me back. Further update will be provided verbally at the BMPC meeting 15.04.2025.
8. The clerk is proceeding with having the documents certified by a professional in relation to registering the Pinfold land. A further update will be provided verbally at the BMPC meeting 15.04.2025.

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C – Bank Reconciliation

Bank Reconciliation to 31.03.2025

Closing Balance as at 31.03.2025 Account ****9457		£649.10
Closing Balance as at 31.03.2025 Account ****2818		<u>£10,182.99</u>
		<u>£10,832.09</u>
Opening Balance A/C ****9457as at 01.04.2024	£13,602.71	
Opening Balance A/C ****2818 as at 01.04.2024	£2,175.69	
Income	£16,233.14	
Expenditure	£21,179.45	
Closing Balance as at 31.10.2024.2024	<u>£10,832.09</u>	<u>£10,832.09</u>



Clerk To Bishop Monkton PC  
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**ITEM 2025/055 a1**

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**Your Ref:**

**Our Ref:** DCPARISH 6.54.KIOSK  
ZC25/00382/KIOSK

**Date:** 31 March 2025

**PARISH COUNCIL NOTIFICATION - PLEASE RETURN NOT LATER THAN 24 April 2025**

APPLICATION NO: 6.54.KIOSK ZC25/00382/KIOSK  
PROPOSAL: BT consultation on the proposed removal of public payphone services and lock the kiosks.  
LOCATION: Telephone Exchange Moor Road Bishop Monkton North Yorkshire  
GRID REF: E 430954 N 466261  
APPLICANT: The BT Payphones Team  
PUBLIC ACCESS: <https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=SRBA8ZHY0I300>

Please be aware that in a small minority of cases some documents will only be available 24 hours after the issue of this letter, therefore please do not formulate your response until you have been able to access all the information.

If you require any further information or assistance about this particular application please contact me by email, [melanie.saleem@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:melanie.saleem@northyorks.gov.uk).

Please indicate A, B, C or D as appropriate and input any comments below.

- A The Parish Council has no objections.
- B The Parish Council objects on the planning grounds set out below:
- C The Parish Council does not object to or support the application but wishes to make comments or seek safeguards as set out below:
- D The Parish Council supports the application.

Date of Response .....

There is no need to sign this consultation response

Please send your comments by email to [planningconsultation.har@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:planningconsultation.har@northyorks.gov.uk)  
or to North Yorkshire Council, PO Box 787, Harrogate HG1 9RW.

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**ITEM 2025/055 a2**

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**Your Ref:**

**Our Ref:** DCPARISH 6.54.271.E.TPO  
ZC25/00850/TPO

**Date:** 17 March 2025

**PARISH COUNCIL NOTIFICATION - PLEASE RETURN NOT LATER THAN 10 April 2025**

APPLICATION NO: 6.54.271.E.TPO ZC25/00850/TPO  
PROPOSAL: Felling of 1no. Lawsons Cypress (G2) and 3no. Leylandii (G2) within Tree Preservation Order 35/2018 (T1, T2, T3, T4 on submitted plan).  
LOCATION: 1 Red House Gardens Moor Road Bishop Monkton Harrogate North Yorkshire HG3 3QF  
GRID REF: E 432321 N 466328  
APPLICANT: Mrs L Moss  
PUBLIC ACCESS: <https://uniformonline.harrogate.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=ST44FAHYKRP00>

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2025/056 (b)

## Bishop Monkton Parish Council Agenda Report

**Agenda item Title:** To Note: Village Signage

### **Purpose of Report**

To update the council on efforts to replace/repair street signs within the village

### **Key Points**

- The PC decided to approach Highways with a view to replacing/repairing village signs and also to potentially repair under its own auspices those signs which Highways decline to fix where we have permission from them to do so.
- Highways have been given pictures of all signage needing some repair and Chris Blackburn (Comms Director) undertook to pass on and to report back.
- Chris has been reminded but at the time of writing, has not yet responded.

### **Recommendation**

To note only.





2025/056 (d)

## Bishop Monkton Parish Council Agenda Report

**Agenda item Title:** To Note: Highways Matters

### **Purpose of Report**

To update the council on efforts to engage Highways on items such as Traffic Calming etc

### **Key Points**

#### Swarco

- I undertook to talk to swarco around whether there would be extra cost to doing 'two installations' i.e. attending on different days to install the south end and then the north end when the post is available.
- They advise that an extra cost of £440+VAT would be payable in that instance.
- Other point to note is that the sole other recommended supplier has, according to Highways, ceased trading. As we've already resolved to buy the two VAS units, we should do so soonest to stay within the quote window of 90 days.

#### Speed management protocol

- N Yorks Police have been contacted via the Speed Management Protocol page and we are awaiting a response from them.

#### Moving 30MPH signs further out of the village.

- Darren Griffiths from Highways advise that it would not be supported by Highways or the police.
- The other complication there if we wished to place the VAS closer to the entrance to the village hall area would be the cost of installing a suitable post – in the order of £1500+VAT for an electrified post.

### **Recommendation**

To note only.



# National Lottery Heritage Fund

Sarah Ledjmi, Engagement Manager

## Who are we?

- Engagement team offers support **before you apply**
- We work **across the North**, with offices in Leeds, Manchester and Newcastle

## What do we do?

- UK's largest funder of heritage
- 10-year strategy **Heritage 2033**
- £3.6 billion investment
- Vision for heritage to be **valued, cared for and sustained**





## Who do we fund?

- Not-for-profit organisations
- Private owners of a heritage asset (up to £250,000)
- Partnerships

## And what do we fund?

Projects that connect people and communities to the UK's heritage.



**Heritage can be anything from the past that you value and want to pass on to future generations.**



# Heritage 2033



## Our approach



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Open programmes for all types of heritage projects with the majority of decisions made at local level.



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Strategic interventions to tackle issues at large and cross-territory scale.



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Partnerships that combine resources and expertise to create investments with greater impact.



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A focus on place, landscape and nature, heritage in need and responding to opportunities and emergencies.

## Investment principles



**1. Saving Heritage**

**2. Protecting the environment**

**3. Inclusion, access and participation**

**4. Organisational sustainability**



## Saving heritage

Conserving and valuing heritage for now and the future.

### Why

To ensure heritage remains accessible, relevant, sustainable and valued.

### How

Commit funding to protect, conserve and revitalise heritage.





## Protecting the environment

**Supporting nature recovery and environmental sustainability.**

### Why

To help the UK meet its nature recovery target and mitigate the impact of climate change.

### How

Support natural heritage and environmentally sustainable projects.



## Inclusion, access and participation

**Support greater inclusion, diversity, access and participation in heritage.**

### Why?

To ensure everyone has opportunities to learn, develop new skills and explore heritage.

### How?

Investing in volunteering, heritage careers, co-creating projects, leadership, governance and heritage skills.

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## Organisational sustainability

**Strengthening heritage to be adaptive and financially resilient, contributing to communities and economies.**

### Why?

To develop skills and capacity leading to a sound long term future that benefits communities and economies.

### How?

Providing organisations with capacity and expertise to develop their long-term organisational governance and leadership plans.

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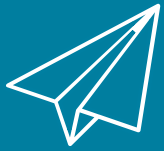
## £10,000 - £250,000

- Area or nation decision
- No deadlines to apply
- Decision within 8-weeks
- Last up to 5 years
- Payment terms 50% in advance, 30% in advance and 20% in arrears
- Optional Project Enquiry Service

## £250,000 - £10 million

- Area or nation decision
- Quarterly deadlines
- Decision within 12-weeks
- 2 stage application process: development phase and delivery phase
- Development phase up to 2 years and delivery phase up to 5 years
- Development grants **over £250,000**, and all delivery grants, are made in arrears.
- Under £1m, 5% contribution, Over £1m, 10% contribution
- Mandatory Expression of Interest Form

## APPLICATION



You submit your application and supporting documents through our application portal.

## CHECKS



Your application is checked to make sure it is complete. You will receive a decision within 8 weeks, once this is confirmed.

## CASE PAPER



Our investment team review your application and write a 'case for funding' based on our funding criteria and the evidence you provide.

## MEETING



This goes to a decision meeting where your project is considered alongside other grant requests, against a limited budget.

## DECISION



The outcome of your application is communicated to you by an Investment manager.



8-week assessment period

## What you'll need:

- Application form
- Project plan
- Risk Register
- Budget
- Supporting documents





## Resources

- project enquiry
- webinars
- understanding heritage toolkit
- application questions guidance
- receiving a grant / terms of grant
- good practice guidance
- acknowledgement toolkit
- case studies, news and blogs
- similar projects

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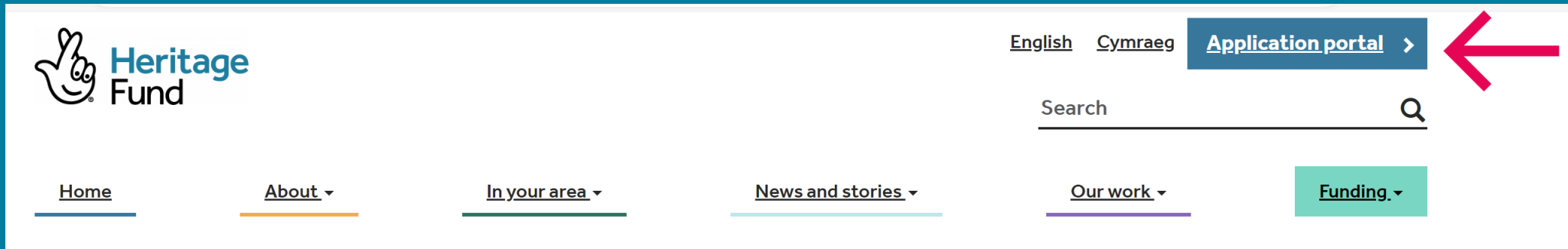



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# Application portal

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**Any questions?**

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## Bishop Monkton Parish Council Agenda Report

### Agenda item Title: Avant Development update

**Purpose of Report : to summarise the key points from the working group meeting and to identify points to be highlighted in response to NYC**

### Key Points

**For the purpose of this meeting I will stick to the Avant Development and Flooding/drainage although the meeting discussed the Local Plan and Highways issues.**

- The proposal to combine with an existing drain is concerning as the existing Highways drain is built to serve as surface water drain for Hungate Lane. However the slope and gradient of Moor Road means a large part of the surface water from the Moor Road currently flows without any attenuation/slowing down before reaching the cross roads and the Gulleys of the Highways drains. So this is already bringing in a wider catchment area of surface water. There is hence a risk of increasing floods by allowing the attenuated surface water from the site onto the Highways drains
- Additionally, the large catchment all along Moor Road means the surface water also brings along large quantities of silt and sludge. This is already an issue highlighted within Avant's submission surveying the Highways drains. The combination of the excess silt and sludge would mean there is heavy reliance of maintenance.
- The proposals have to be supplemented by hydrological analysis of the large surface water catchment along Moor Road, together with attenuated surface water from the site. The analysis must inform of any further risks to flooding and the extent of flooding. This is crucial because the highways drain straight into the Beck.
- In the Avant submission to the Planning Authority Avant say "Further to a review of the topographical survey it can be established that only approximately half of the site (1.82ha) would contribute to surface water runoff towards the north east towards Hungate. These flows would either be collected by the existing highway gullies or flow within the highway and outfall directly via the open channels into Bishop Monkton Beck. Topographical survey evidence of this and a photograph of the existing outfall is contained within the appendices." This concludes that **only half of the current surface water/Greenfield run off the site is to Hungate lane**. The rest is likely to be Knaresborough road or Meadowcroft but crucially not Hungate so irrespective of attenuation more water will be delivered down Hungate into the Beck at the pinch point than happens currently.



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## **Recommendation**

**We write back to NYC, based on the above copying to the Planning Authority so that all documents are public. We should also copy our NYC Cllr and MP. This gives us 3 points of leverage, two Technical one Political.**

- 1. The inadequacy of the existing Hungate drain due to silt and excess run-off from Moor Road**
- 2. The diversion of half the greenfield surface water down Hungate when it currently does not go down there.**
- 3. NYC ignoring the “pinch point” argument failing to support the village and favouring the Developer in refusing to actively pursue an option to improve the lives of the villagers.**



ITEM 2025/056 g

## Bishop Monkton Parish Council Agenda Report

**Agenda item Title:** 2025/041 g) Progress of Risk Assessment Report.

**Purpose of Report**

To provide a draft Risk Assessment Report (attached) for consideration, amendment as required and approval.

**Key Points**

Three action points have been identified:

- Review new banking arrangements in three months
- Review and update the Asset Register
- Identify trees on Parish Council controlled land and arrange an inspection

**Recommendation**

Adopt draft Risk Assessment report.



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## Bishop Monkton Parish Council Agenda Report

### **Agenda item Title: Pinfold update**

#### **Purpose of Report:**

**To provide an update on the request from the owner of Burngarth regarding the transfer of ownership of the Pinfold.**

#### **Key Points**

1. Pinfold has existed since the Middle Ages but was significantly larger and mostly in the grounds of what is now Dransfield House.
2. Sometime in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> Century the owner of Dransfield House acquired the large proportion of the Pinfold which left a small parcel totally enclosed within Burngarth for which we charge a rent of £70 per annum.
3. A search for deeds/ownership documents has failed.
4. Land Registry does not acknowledge Bishop Monkton PC as owner

#### **Recommendation**

1. Steps to be taken as recommended by Solicitor
  - a. Establish ownership via “lost documents” route with Land Registry (form completed ready to go)
  - b. Once established ask Burngarth’s Solicitor to draw up transfer of ownership documents
  - c. Approve signing of document



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## Bishop Monkton Parish Council Agenda Report

**Agenda item Title: To note Internal Control Check**

### **Purpose of Report**

**As part of the AGAR review last year the Internal auditor requested that the Council undertake a quarterly internal control check as best practice and to aid internal audit processes.**

### **Key Points**

- **Due to the timing of the Internal audit it was necessary to undertake a consolidated control check on the first 3 quarters of the current year.**
- **Councillors Culshaw and Oliver undertook the control check using the Checklist provided by the Internal Auditor.**
- **The checklist is attached**
- **Items noted have all been addressed subsequently**
- **Where expenditure items did not have receipts (very few) it was decided as a minimum to record the minute reference approving the expenditure if attempts to obtain receipts proved impossible**
- **This was a good learning process for Cllrs Culshaw and Oliver and the year end control check will be easier as a consequence**

### **Recommendation**

**None. Item is “to note” Internal control checks are now part of normal business.**

Dear Local Council

**Safety of Lithium-ion Batteries Campaign**

I am writing to ask you to support this campaign, which is being run by the charity Electrical Safety First.

ESF launched this campaign in June last year to ensure the safety of Lithium-ion batteries. The attached transcript of a webinar held by ESF on 13<sup>th</sup> December outlines the issues and the campaign, which is designed to save lives and cut down on fires and save damage to property. There are four issues

- That e bikes and e scooters and the Lithium-ion batteries used to propel them are subject to independent testing before being marketed. Currently this is not the case.
- That regulation are made to ensure the safe disposal of the batteries. Currently this is not the case resulting in fires in bin lorries and waste disposal sites.
- That charging kits and conversion kits used on the bikes are also safe. Currently regulations do not cover this.
- That online marketplaces through which many goods are sold nowadays are subject to the same safety regulations as high street shops. Currently this is not the case.

This campaign has the support of a large number of organisations (see attached) including the NALC and the SLCC as well as 550 individual local Councils, and we are already discussing this with Ministers – who are not unfriendly. We feel, therefore, that the support of local councils will keep the momentum going and hope you will be able to back this campaign.

I look forward to hearing from you,

All the best

PS I have often been asked what ‘support’ means. To answer that question, support means as little or as much as you wish. You could simply say you support and I will add to the list of circa 550. In addition if you wanted you could help as suggested below, or display posters (see attached). But, as I say, its up to you.

The Government’s Product Safety and Metrology (PRAM) Bill will be reaching the Commons soon, so it would be great if you could alert your MP and ask him/her to speak in the 2nd Reading debate mentioning the importance of this issue – of the need for greater safety regarding lithium-ion batteries.