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Tuesday 28th January 2025

Minutes of Full Council meeting Monday 3rd February 2025 at 7:30pm Lower Hall, Bentham Town Hall.

Councillors Present: Cllr Adams, Burton, Paige, Ryan, Stannard and Taylor.

Town Clerk: C. Burrow

MOP: 2

Bentham News: 2

200 Apologies from members unable to attend: -

200.1 To note apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Marshall

200.2 To consider acceptance of reasons for absence – if consideration of reason requested.

APPROVED

201 Declaration of Interest: -

201.1 To note declarations of interest not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

NONE

201.2 To approve dispensation requests – if dispensation request received.

NONE

202 To receive Comment & Concerns:

Public participation – to hear matters raised by members of the public or Cllrs with an interest (that are allowed to speak) either on agenda items or for future consultation. (NB: for non-agenda items members of the Council are not permitted to respond, except to ask questions for the purposes of clarification; the period of time designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed 20 minutes unless directed by the chairman of the meeting. A member of the public shall not speak for more than 3 minutes).

MOP 1 – MOP was present during the meeting with the Traffic Management Officer at North Yorkshire Police, a Senior Traffic Management & Road Safety Engineer noted that vehicles were parked on pavements near Bentham Primary School after looking at satellite imagery, if these were parked on the road it may naturally slow traffic down, MOP noted that at the site meeting these cars were still there, a Cllr stated that these residents had been given permission from the PCSO to park there, due to the traffic island and the pavement ending shortly after the parked cars, this information came direct from a resident through social media. MOP asked if this was normal procedure.

MOP 2 – resident of Bentham and a Governor of Settle College – request Bentham Town Council support Settle College to reverse the changes to the North Yorkshire Council policy on school transport; to re-instate the catchment and ensure pupils are not sent out of county. Policy changes state free transport from Bentham to Queen Elizabeth School at Kirkby Lonsdale, Bentham children starting no longer qualify for funded transport from NYC to Settle College. In recent years 60% of children from this area have chosen Settle College, after the new policy a survey in local Primary schools showed that 12 out of the 39 potential applicants for new starters for September 2025, loss of pupils results in significant loss of funding, schools are funded per pupil. Families with pupils already attending Settle College may find that siblings will have to attend a different school, disruptive to families, Settle College funded a bus for starters for September 2025. Richmond is significantly affected by the change in policy. Settle College have support from Cllr David Ireton, David Stainton and MP Julian Smith. Changes are being implemented

to save money. Differences of distances between QES and Settle College from Bentham are small, potentially needing another bus for QES for the increase in pupils attending.
OFSTED report says that this is a close-knit nurturing school, pupils can achieve and do achieve academically, ethos be the best you can be is understood by all, pupils are welcoming and polite, staff are happy to work at the school with ambitious pupils, all pupils, including vulnerable pupils, have access all opportunities, pupils strive and thrive.
This is a school worth fighting for – to give pupils the opportunity to attend a school like this.

203 To **Confirm the Minutes** of the meeting on Monday 6th January 2025 as a true and accurate record.
RESOLVED – to amend to include the date of the meeting, signed as a true and accurate record.

204 To receive the **Police Report** & allow members to ask questions for information - If any.
RECEIVED – see appendix A, survey appendix B.

205 To receive a **Report from NYC Councillor** (for information only) - If any
NONE RECEIVED

206 To consider and comment upon **New Planning Applications:**
None Received

207 To receive and note the following **Planning Decisions/Information:**

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| 207.1 | ZA24/26559/VAR Application to vary condition no. 2, add a weatherproof porch roof over the front entrance door, 2no. additional Velux's, PV panels to elevations and removal of window to utility room. Westering, Bentham | Grants Planning Permission |
| | | NOTED |
| 207.2 | ZA24/26581/HH Installation of a domestic 12 kW air source heat pump Tennant House, Clapham Road, High Bentham | Grants Planning Permission |
| | | NOTED |

208 **Financial Matters:**

208.1 To receive and note current bank balances as at Tuesday 28th January - £85,646.78
NOTED

208.2 To consider the pay roll of staff salaries.
RESOLVED – to remain with the current external pay roll company; the ongoing annual fee will be £300 + VAT for 25/26.

208.3 To consider a debit card for the new bank account.
RESOLVED – check Financial Regulations for process and limits; refer back to March meeting.

208.4 To consider re-assigning the returned grant money.
RESOLVED - £200 returned from Lower Sensory Farm who are no longer running the sessions to be granted to Stepping Stones Toddler Group.

208.5 To note the pre-authorised salary and pre-agreed contractual payments.
NOTED

208.6 To approve the payments.

Status	Order No	Date	Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Supplier	Description	Total	VAT	Net
Outstanding	308	06.01.2025	30.12.2024	1085743166	Stannah (Stannah)	Lift service	£238.24	£39.71	£198.53
Outstanding	309	06.01.2025	10.12.2024	IJ158787	Huws Gray	cement etc	£63.37	£10.56	£52.81
Outstanding	310	06.01.2025	19.11.2024	5067009	Viking (Viking)	fan heater	£23.39	£3.90	£19.49
Paid	311	10.01.2025	23.12.2024	2163347-0	SKY	Internet	£65.94	£10.99	£54.95
Paid	312	10.01.2025	31.10.2024	Nov	NEST (NEST)	Pension	£154.05	£0.00	£154.05
Outstanding	313	10.01.2025			HMRC PAYE etc (HMRC)	HMRC PAYE etc	£2,684.86	£0.00	£2,684.86
Paid	314	20.01.2025	07.01.2025	07951681	Waterplus Waste water bill Town Hall (Waterplus)	Water Rates	£92.68	£0.00	£92.68
Paid	315	20.01.2025	11.01.2025	V02305718636	EE Mobile	Mobiles	£56.40	£9.40	£47.00
Outstanding	316	21.01.2025	20.01.2025	01468710	PPL/PRS (PPL/PRS)	Music liscence	£361.75	£60.29	£301.46
Paid	317	21.01.2025	08.01.2025	2256057	SSE SWALEC Unmetered Supply (SSE SWALEC)	Unmetered Electric Supply	£251.62	£11.98	£239.64
Outstanding	318	21.01.2025	20.01.2025	203046166279	1&1 Ionos	Internet	£33.64	£5.61	£28.03
Outstanding	319	21.01.2025	15.01.2025	12467	Tim Wheildon (Tim Wheildon Heating and Plumbing Services)	boilers	£447.84	£74.64	£373.20
Outstanding	320	21.01.2025	10.01.2025	610376	Thomas Graham (Thomas Graham)	Cleaning materials	£286.87	£47.81	£239.06
Outstanding	321	23.01.2025	31.01.2025	355	Elkerlodge Services Ltd	Locum RFO	£792.00	£132.00	£660.00
Paid	322	26.01.2025	22.01.2025	490011800	North Yorkshire Council	excess waste	£61.92	£0.00	£61.92
Outstanding	323	27.01.2025	31.10.2024	Nov		Salary	£1,152.31	£0.00	£1,152.31
Outstanding	324	27.01.2025	31.10.2024	Nov		Salary	£249.86	£0.00	£249.86
Outstanding	325	27.01.2025	31.10.2024	Jan		Salary	£966.82	£0.00	£966.82
Outstanding		28.01.25	30.10.24	55000325418/A	Electricity North West	Street Lights	£3,016.38	£502.73	£2,513.65
Outstanding		28.01.25	27.01.25	17074	Fawcetts Groundworks	Christmas Lights	£429.00	£71.50	£357.50
Outstanding		28.01.25	07.01.25	1377	Kingsdale Projects	Cemetery tidy Open Spaces gr	£262.50		

Outstanding		28.01.25	27.01.25	8060	Pro Laundry & Catering Services	Gas safety checks TH	£478.80	£79.80	£399.00
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APPROVED – GA and LR to authorise (staff names redacted)

209 To receive information on the following **ongoing issues and decide further action** where necessary:

209.1 Update on 20mph speed limits.

Meeting on Tuesday 28th January 2025 at 9:30am, with Jon Hunter Traffic Management Officer at North Yorkshire Police with on-site meetings at the bottom of Robin Lane, outside the Primary School and Low Bentham. Early stages of setting the 20mph speed limit areas, petitioners requested these areas be extended. Mr Hunter to refer this information back to Highways.

Speed survey within the 30mph speed limit near Bentham Primary School beginning Tuesday 4th January 2025.

RESOLVED – Clerk to enquire about the pavement parking permissions opposite the Primary School.

209.2 Environment Agency Update (if received)

NONE RECEIVED – RESOLVED – enquire again for the March Council meeting.

209.3 Update on Settle College transport.

RESOLVED – to write a letter to the Executive Member for Education, Learning and Skills at North Yorkshire County Council detailing the impact on Bentham residents.

209.4 Connection of light on Cross Lane by Electricity North West.

RESOLVED – approve the payment of the connection fee, once completed request a breakdown of costings.

210 **Correspondence received:** To receive information on the following new correspondences and decide further action, if any;

210.1 Angus Fire Update.

Angus Fire update READ OUT BY GA - APPENDIX C

Cleaner Bentham READ OUT BY GA - APPENDIX D

RESOLVED – Council to wait for information from the Environment Agency.

210.2 Wenning Avenue during icy conditions.

RESOLVED – advise residents that the road is unadopted and belongs to United Utilities, residents to contact United Utilities.

210.3 Town and Parish Council Survey for North Yorkshire Council Gypsy and Traveller Accommodation Assessment (GTAA) 2024/25

RESOLVED – online survey, unable to see the questions before filling in, Clerk to contact for questions prior to engaging.

210.4 Road Safety Surgeries and Enforcement Survey Results.

NOTED – FOR INFORMATION ONLY appendix E

210.5 Bentham Primary School reduction in hire charges (if received)

RESOLVED – this occurrence; the school receives a 50% reduction in hire rates.

211 **Buildings Committee;**

211.1 Feedback from the Buildings Committee meeting.

RAG rated list of priorities being completed.

211.2 To consider the updated automatic door servicing.

RESOLVED – to accept the quote for the new company to service doors at £440 annually to service twice a year.

212 **Bentham Business Boost Update (Cllr Paige)**

Cllr Paige two training sessions at the Golf Club, Artificial Intelligence and Multimedia sessions went well, there is a Video Masterclass session this week. Bentham Business Boost meeting on Monday 10th February 2025. First Aid at Work up to level 3 course on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th February 2025 at Golf Course, shortage of numbers.

RESOLVED – to advertise the First Aid at Work course on Social-Media, website and further afield.

213 To receive **Reports from Councillors** who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only)

Cllr Paige – Christmas Lights – North Yorkshire are changing the policy for Christmas lights on street lights.

Cllr Burton – asked for an update from Lancashire Council, none received.

Cllr Ryan – Bentham Playing Fields – received funding to replace a bin, received funding to help towards the next Music on the Field in September, small store removed as damp and no longer fit for purpose, looking for funding bids for refurbishing the building, thank you to Bentham Town Council for their grant, recent issue of increased dog fouling on the field, having to clear up beforehand, looking at CCTV.

Cllr Ryan – Friends of Ole Laney – received clarification that the unofficial Duke Street car park land is owned by Angus Fire.

214 Items for next meeting **and minor items for information only.**

NONE

215 Date of **next meeting**: Full Council meeting – Monday 3rd March 2025
Finance meeting – **Monday 14th April 2025**

Public meeting closed at 20:53

216 To resolve that in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, and by reason of the confidential nature of the remainder of the business, that the public and press be excluded further from the meeting, whilst items within **217** are considered:-

217 Staffing issues:

217.1 To consider the role of the RFO.

ACTION – to confirm the status of the RFO.

217.2 To consider the role of the Assistant Town Clerk.

RESOLVED – to offer the role to candidate 3.

217.3 To consider the role of the Relief Caretaker.

RESOLVED – no further applications, Councillors to help with opening and locking the Town Hall at weekends, Councillors to enquire within the local community.

Meeting closed at 21:45



**C Burrow
Town Clerk
Tuesday 4th February 2025**

Appendix A

Please find your police report for Bentham Town Council meeting 03.02.25

I have also attached a survey which I am conducting around Bentham, could you forward it far & wide please – I have posted some through doors & will be asking Bentham News to promote

We have had 22 incidents reported between 05.01.25 & 01.02.25.

Reports Include General Admin from other Police force, Safeguarding, Alarm sounding – false, Highway disruption – deceased sheep – low Bentham Road, Road Related offence – manner of driving on Bentham Moor Road, Suspect circumstances – open junction box, ASB Neighbour dispute & civil dispute,

6 Reports - Concern/ASB Personal/suspect circumstance/crime related - Joint partnership working.

13.01.25 - RTC – 2 vehicle – Station Road

15.01.25 & 21.01.25 - Domestic incident

18.01.25 - RTC – 2 vehicle – Robin Lane

18.01.25 - RTC – 2 vehicle – Goodenber Road

29.01.25 – Domestic/ concern for welfare

29.01.25 – Concern for safety – checked in order.

How to report speeding concerns - Speed Management Protocol

www.northyorkshire.police.uk/search?q=speeding+concern

North Yorkshire Community Messaging is a free email messaging service from North Yorkshire Police providing news and updates on policing matters that are relevant to you and your local community. Sign up and receive email alerts about policing activity and initiatives in your local area as well as crime prevention advice and information. You will also have the opportunity to reply directly to your neighbourhood team and provide feedback via surveys.

www.northyorkshirecommunitymessaging.co.uk

Working to keep North Yorkshire a safe place to live, visit & work please visit www.northyorkshire.police.uk.

Please report & suspect incidents at the time on 101, online or 999 if urgent.

Useful site re Crime and policing in England which allows you to search re incident recorded in your area www.police.uk.

Contact Information:

1 Ring 999 in an emergency or to report a crime in progress.

2 Ring 101 to report incidents or provide information.

3 Ring Crime Stoppers on 0800 555 111 to remain anonymous.

4 E-mail SNACraven@northyorkshire.police.uk

Appendix B



We asked, You Said, We Did

Dear Resident,

Bentham Neighbourhood Policing team are dedicated to listening to the views of residents and your input informs our decision making around our area priorities. It would be fantastic if you can spare some time to speak to the team to answer the below questions.

- 1) What do you like about living here?

- 2) What concerns do you have about living here?

- 3) What would you like to see from your local Neighbourhood Policing Team?

- 4) Is there anything that you would like to tell us about?

- 5) Are you aware of community messenger?
Officer to discuss details around community messenger and obtain details so can submit.



E-mail Jayne.grace@northyorkshire.police.uk



Bentham Town Council

Date: 3rd February 2025

Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Councillors

I write to provide a further update from Angus Fire. As with all of our previous communications, this will be based solely on facts that the Town Council and local community can rely on.

Angus continues our approach of 'Containment', 'Characterisation' and 'Corrective Action/Remediation'.

Containment

Our objective remains to ensure that this contamination is contained on site and whilst we await the arrival of the new stormwater treatment plant, we continue to capture and store surface water run-off from impacted areas.

We have recently been informed that the stormwater treatment facility has been delayed in transit (due to sea freight issues) and will now arrive in Bentham at the start of March. We will then need a few weeks for installation and testing before the equipment is fully operational.

We estimate that it will take us approximately eight months to process all of the collected stormwater, on top of any regular rainfall that adds to the already captured volumes.

We are on track with our extensive new tank installation on site, both those that will receive the stormwater pre-treatment, together with the ones that will receive water, post-treatment. This second set of tanks are where it will be held whilst samples are taken and sent away to an independent lab for testing. If testing confirms the water is within the limits agreed with the Environment Agency, it will be released. If for any reason it is not, it will go back through the treatment plant for further processing.

Characterisation

As previously advised, we expect site characterisation activities by independent and industry leading environmental consultants to continue for several years. They will undertake the detailed analysis required to better understand what contamination there is and help us to determine what Corrective action/Remediation is required.

We have been asked a few times about the quality of drinking water, which as people will know, is supplied to the town by Yorkshire Water. As a precautionary measure, we had tap water samples taken from across the Angus site and sent them off for independent laboratory analysis. As expected, all results came back within the Drinking Water Inspectorate's (DWI) quality standards, thus confirming what Yorkshire Water had already publicly advised when approached on the issue.

Corrective Action/Remediation

We will continue to work closely with the regulator, the Environment Agency, and keep them informed on progress made in addition to the monthly updates provided to the Town Council, as we address these very challenging issues over the months and years ahead.

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those at Angus who come to work each and every day, helping the company navigate these challenging times. Your dedication, along with the support from our local community, means a great deal to us.

Yours faithfully.

Paul Williams

Managing Director

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Dear Mr Mayor, Councillors,

In reference to last month's letter AISG is Angus International Safety Group.

AISG is the parent company of Angus Fire, it is also the parent company an American and French firefighting foam firm.

I apologise for the use of an abbreviation without explanation.

It was regretful to hear what was said by councillors at last month's Bentham Town Council meeting, regarding the Council being "in total support of Angus's version of events and that it is felt they are handling this.

What the group found more disturbing was Cllr Marshall's and Cllr Burtons out right support for the firm with only Mr Williams side of the story being heard, the Council have had no expert discussions nor have not spoken to any agency with knowledge of these issues before their support was given. Regardless the councils' stakeholders (the residents) do not hold the same confidence that this is the case.

As you may or may not be aware from the Channel 4 news piece in January 2025, the Environment Agency and other government bodies have met about the Angus situation and feel that Angus 'may' have not taken the advice given by their own consultants over the last 12 years (or more). From our groups understanding from investigations of the Environment Agencies Environmental Reports on Angus Fire, Cleaner Bentham is of the opinion that this is more than likely to be what happened.

I've attached the memo to this letter if you have not seen this. (Page 2) and the UKHASs concern that information is coming primarily from Angus Fire (page 10).

A full timeline of breaches by Angus Fire and a breakdown of their reports are available for all to see on the Cleaner Bentham website.

As is a fully transparent timeline of the letters (and eMails) including ones 'not published' by the firm, who are refusing to acknowledge a request for blood testing of volunteer residents. One would ask why is this, and what is there to hide?

Angus Fire has also refused to answer numerous questions posed by Cleaner Bentham's Solicitors Mishcon de Reya on whether health checks on workers past or present have ever been made on workers knowing that they have been working with these dangerous chemicals. We are aware health checks were done in the past to check workers for asbestosis.

A further concern we have is that the council is happy with the proposal from GEOSYNTEC (Angus Fires consultants) to *continue* to release the contaminated water into the Wenning.



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In December 2024, the Environment Agency was handed evidence (uncovered by Cleaner Bentham's research) that High Temperature incineration (HTI) was ineffective in destroying PFAS, the letter to them was accompanied by (Scholarly) research done on an American HTI that was burning PFAS at 1600 degrees C.

The EAs current advisable burning temperature is 1100 degrees C, 500 degrees lower than the Americans recommended Incineration process. Angus Fires testing on site was at most, 800 degrees C.

The Environment Agency are now looking into whether HTI is a suitable means of disposal. One would hope this is enough to raise concern within the council and Mr Williams would be more willing to answer the question coming from the representatives of Bentham's Residents.

As a group we remain committed to working with the Town Council so you are able to ask questions to an *independent Environmental Consultant* who volunteered his services for our community's benefit.

Cleaner Bentham has also spoken with Channel Four, BBC, online, BBC Morning live and more recently BBC World Health online about the situation.

One of Cleaner Bentham's main objectives is to turn the negative press the Town Bentham has received Due to the pollution from what seem to be plainly irresponsible and dangerous actions.

The response from the Environment Agency, by looking into HTI's shows our group is managing this positive press.

We look forward to your written response.

Yours sincerely

Mat MacEley-Young (Pronounced; Mac Eley – Young)
Chair
Cleaner Bentham

Changes to spelling and grammar made from first letter.



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Appendix E

Average and Fixed Speed Cameras – North Yorkshire (AFSC-NY)

Campaign Issues to be Raised in Road Safety Surgeries

No matter what the speed limit is or what it is reduced to, without effective and consistent enforcement nothing will change.

Claim from Authorities	Response from Authorities	Reality faced by Rural Towns and Villages
We can't put Cameras Everywhere	Too costly and unrealistic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Put them in known hot spots and start reducing the speeding mindset in North Yorkshire - Free up the mobile vans to be deployed to smaller villages - Be open to village requests for lower speed limits - Provide smaller villages with engineering solutions like chicanes, speed humps, bollards etc
Lower Speed Limits won't help	These requests are typically refused	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No matter what the speed limit is, without consistent and effective enforcement, nothing will change. - The single strategy of using a handful of mobile speed vans, which only operate at night, means drivers have to be unlucky to be caught - This has contributed to a speeding mentality in North Yorkshire
There is no problem in your area	Speed monitoring tells us the average and mean speeds measured are acceptable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Average and mean speeds are not the problem. - Is this view based off average and mean data? Average and mean speeds are not the problem - As an example, if 83 % of drivers stick to the limit, 17 % cause havoc. - In villages - we often see thousands of vehicles per day, & this can mean hundreds of vehicles speeding to excess, often with unbearable noise. - Quality of life issues are being ignored and people are choosing to move - Residents have better things to do than to make up lies and the numbers of councils signed up to strongly suggest there is a problem
Mobile Speed Cameras and Fixed Cameras are similar	Mobile Speed Cameras have an element of surprise (a claim made by Highways and the Police)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Only a surprise for a few minutes as drivers warn one another - Speeding resumes the minute they are gone - The fact that villages/towns still have a speeding and dangerous driving problem indicates that the mobile vans are having no long-term effect - Mobile vans don't operate at night – left unprotected at night - Mobile vans are only positioned where appropriate and this can mean major sections of road are excluded - Sporadic visits – there aren't enough, and drivers know they're unlikely to be caught because of this
	Fixed Speed Cameras create a halo effect – vehicles slow down for them and then speed up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - This is the same issue with mobile speed cameras as drivers warn one another within a few minutes of the mobile van arriving - When the mobile van leaves speeding resumes - There is no cover at night from a mobile unit, and the visits are only sporadic - At least the fixed cameras stays and also operates through the night - We agree a fixed camera isn't ideal. We believe average speed cameras are the answer but a fixed camera will have a better long term effect than a mobile speed camera

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Claim from Authorities	Response from Authorities	Reality faced by Rural Towns and Villages
Neighbouring Counties	Our Neighbouring Counties are moving away from Average and Fixed Cameras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We have it in writing from Lancashire and West Yorkshire that this is not true - Page 4 of this document - newspaper articles dispute this and includes Cumbria, Lancashire and West Yorkshire
There are better options than cameras;	Engineering Solutions such as chicanes, speed humps, bollards, rumble strips can be provided	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Villages and towns with major A Roads going through them are precluded from most of these for reasons of noise (over the speed humps and rumble strips) and slowing the traffic down to the point of congestion - Bollards have been shown to encourage overtaking on the wrong side of them - Where there are many bollards in a row, this practice of overtaking on the wrong side has increased the danger
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Engineering Solutions - Partnership Engagement - Awareness Campaigns - More effective Speed Monitoring - Community Speed Watch Programs 	<p>Partnership Engagement and Public Awareness Campaigns: The Partnership will continue its campaigns to raise awareness about the dangers of speeding and to promote safe driving practices. This includes a programme of ongoing educational sessions in schools and working towards Vision Zero, to eliminate traffic fatalities and severe injuries that take place on our roads</p> <p>More Effective Speed Monitoring due to new technology: Police's are now using new software, called Agilysis, which allows the remote assessment of speed across any section of the road network. This uses connected vehicle data (via GPS devices such as vehicle trackers and new satellite navigation) and can provide good evidence of speeding day and night</p> <p>Community Speed Watch Programs – would be good for your area</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Talking about these issues in working groups has not done anything to help with the problems rural towns and villages face - These programs have been running for some time, they do not directly address the issue of speed enforcement, excessive speed, dangerous and anti-social driving (noise). - The KSI statistics clearly indicate these programs are in fact not working. - Awareness in schools is valid but the vast majority of school children don't drive. - The campaigns are not seen by the majority of us. So this is clearly not getting through to people. - All this negatively impacts on the quality of life of residents, to the extent that some have elected to move away. This can only have a negative impact on house prices and location desirability. - Speed monitoring will likely be assessed on average and mean speeds. - Not every vehicle has this GPS technology - The Agilysis website states the data is sourced from 135,000 vehicles. - This represents less than 1% of the cars on the road in the UK - There is no indication for what part of the county this data is relevant – rural towns and villages? - The data averages out the figures – average speeds are not the problem in our villages and towns - The issues faced by us are those drivers who speed to excess, anti-social driving and noise and this is a growing problem we are subjected to daily - How does this address enforcement? - In many cases Community Speed Watches were taken over by the police due to the sheer volume of traffic and the speeds recorded. - Cowling and Weeton are 2 examples of this
Costs and Funding are Problematic	There is no Funding	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Road Safety Partnership, quotes cost of every fatality is £1.7 million and every serious injury £195.863 - The combined York and North Yorkshire killed and serious injuries (KSI) over the past 5 years equates to £636.5 million (see statistics at end which come from the York an NY Safety Partnership) - Just halving this figure reduces this cost by £300 million - With the exception of Wiltshire and Durham (don't use fixed or average) all the other Counties have manage this. Why can't North Yorkshire?

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Claim from Authorities	Response from Authorities	Reality faced by Rural Towns and Villages
Academic Research has been conducted which supports the efficacy of mobile speed cameras	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Speed Partnership has conducted academic research into the efficacy of current speed enforcement strategies including fixed and average speed cameras. <i>(Scope of research attached)</i> The Review concluded that <i>(compared to other areas)</i> the current enforcement approach using mobile safety camera vans has significantly reduced casualties from road traffic collisions. It also notes that fixed cameras have shown similar success in reducing road traffic collision casualties. <i>The public perception of average speed cameras is more positive than traditional (fixed) cameras, but they are the costliest to operate</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is not understood how the review suggests mobile safety cameras have significantly reduced casualties and collisions when the statistics tell us that the combined York and North Yorkshire KSI statistics have increased 54% from 2022 to 2023. These statistics are publicly available. (attached at the end) Mobile Speed vans can't be effective at night if they're not in use at night. Motorists can speed with impunity at night in North Yorkshire – and they do! Why are issues such as excessive speeding, anti-social driving, noise and quality of life issues and accompanying fear and mental health issues at night not considered important by the Road Safety Partnership? How can fixed and mobile speed cameras possibly compare? Fixed cameras stay in situ day and night and are seen to slow traffic. Mobile vans go home and don't operate at night A handful of vans for the entire County, as the only strategy, is not working as the statistics bear out
	The aim of the review was not to look at other issues such as anti-social driving	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The scope of the review was (full wording attached) "...to assess the effectiveness of existing and potential enforcement measures... and ... is it appropriate to implement other enforcement systems, such as fixed cameras and/or average speed cameras in York and North Yorkshire to enforce speed limits and eliminate anti-social road use, and how do these compare in terms of efficacy?..." Therefore alternative enforcement methods were in the scope of the review
More research (publicly funded) will be carried out	The Speed Partnership is conducting further research in 2025 to look at whether fixed and average speed cameras will be effective both from a casualty reduction position and cost	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All other police forces (with the exception of Wiltshire and Durham) in the UK are able to share this information as they all use fixed and average cameras. Some regularly publish their statistics. Why is it only looking from a casualty reduction perspective. Why is there no concern for dangerous speeding and anti-social driving, all of which could be negated with average and fixed speed cameras and not rely on the sporadic visits of 11 vans for the entire county, only in daytime. How have all the other counties (barring Wiltshire, and Durham who don't use cameras either) been able to fund this?
It isn't within my Area of Responsibility	It's the police/highways/county council etc etc	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is within the power of the police (which the deputy mayor heads up) as well as the Road Safety Partnership (police, county council, Highways, Ambulance, Fire Services and a few others). Road Safety Partnership : https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/roads-parking-and-travel/road-safety/york-and-north-yorkshire-road-safety-partnership

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North Yorkshire Website: Road Collisions and Casualties in North Yorkshire and York

Area	Year	Total	Fatal	% change to previous year	Serious	% change to previous year	Slight	% change to previous year	KSI Killed Serious Injured (combine Fatal and Serious)	KSI % Increase to previous year
North Yorkshire	2019	1445	37		297		1111		334	
	2020	1189	36	-3%	214	-28%	938	-16%	250	-25%
	2021	1390	32	-11%	249	16%	1109	18%	281	12%
	2022	1203	29	-9%	230	-8%	944	-15%	259	-8%
	2023	1594	40	38%	359	56%	1195	27%	399	54%
	TOTAL	6821	174		1349		5297			
York	2019	424	5		45		374		50	
	2020	313	3	-40%	39	-13%	271	-28%	42	-16%
	2021	353	5	67%	40	3%	308	14%	45	7%
	2022	359	3	-40%	36	-10%	320	4%	39	-13%
	2023	361	4	33%	57	58%	300	-6%	61	56%
	TOTAL	1810	20		217		1573			
Combined York and N Yorkshire	2019	1869	42		342		1485		384	
	2020	1502	39	-7%	253	-26%	1209	-19%	292	-24%
	2021	1743	37	-5%	289	14%	1417	17%	326	9%
	2022	1562	32	-14%	266	-8%	1264	-11%	298	-9%
	2023	1955	44	38%	416	56%	1495	18%	460	54%
	TOTAL	8631	194		1566		6870		1760	
Source: North Yorkshire Council Website; Road Collisions and Casualties in North Yorkshire and York - Casualty Trends https://app.powerbi.com/view?r=eyJrIm90OTQ1YWEtNDYzYy00OTFmLWZmNTM0OTVhN2U3M2NhZmYlwidC6lmFkM2Q5YzczLTk4MzAtNDRhMS1NDg3LWUxMDU1NDQxYzZwZSIsImMiOiJ9										
Summary Combined	Fatalities		Marginal/negligible improvements until 2022, but a 38% increase from 2022 - 2023 (12 more deaths)							
	Serious		Varying each year with a massive 56% increase from 2022 - 2023							
	Combined Fatalities and Serious (KSI)		Varying each year with a massive 54% increase from 2022 - 2023							

Between 2019 – 2023 there is no evidence of any positive impact of the current road safety strategy as has been alleged in a letter from Ms Jo Coles in response to our request for a meeting to bring our case forward.

In fact the figures suggest a worsening situation

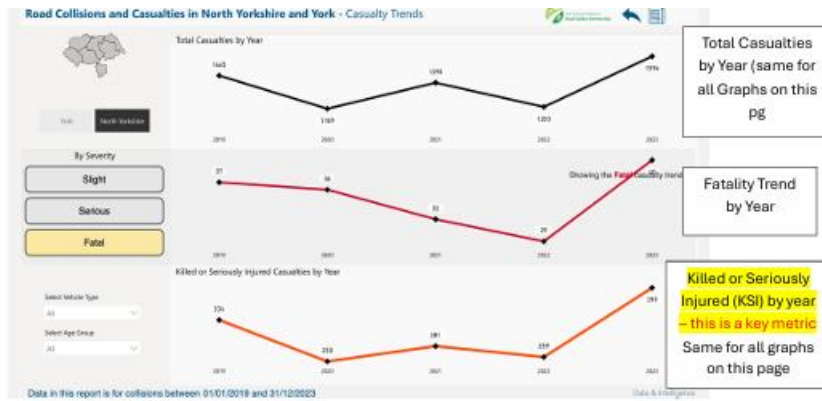
These 2 columns make up the Killed and Serious Injury (KSI) metric which is a key indicator.

Combined York and N Yorkshire KSI has 54% increase 2022-2023

Next 2 pages set this out graphically splitting the York and North Yorkshire statistics

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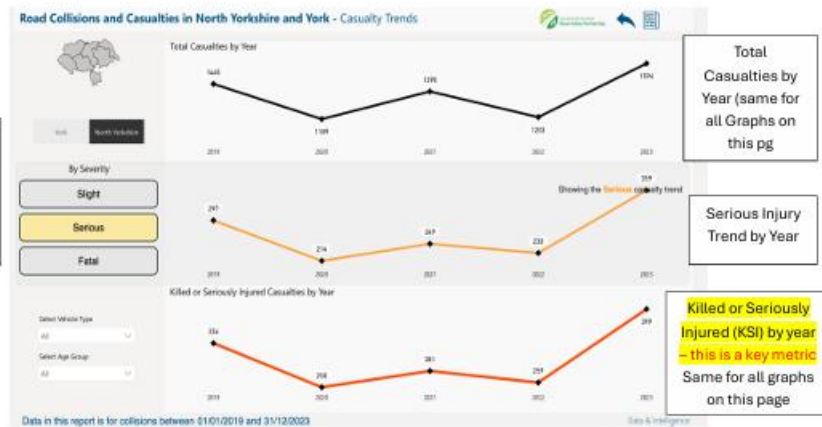


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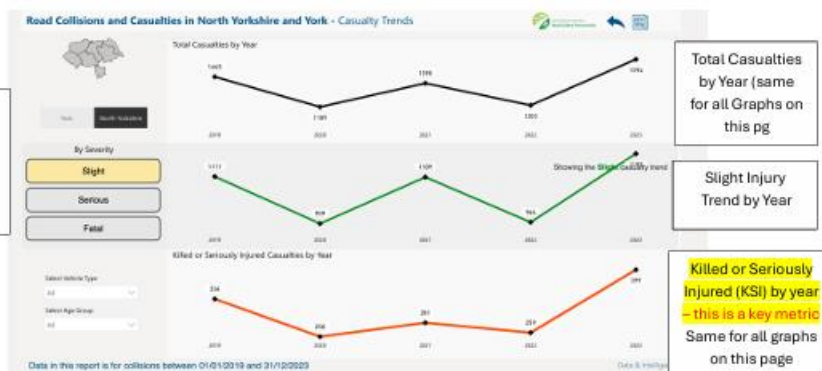


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