

HELMSLEY TOWN COUNCIL

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 Town Clerk & RFO: Ms V Ellis

Agenda for the Meeting of Helmsley Town Council

6:30pm on Monday 17th March 2025 in the North York Moors National Park Committee Room
Members of the public and press are welcome to attend. Documents on Meeting Calendar *

1. To receive apologies of absence from councillors and to consider approval of the reason.
2. To receive Declarations of Interest of any interests not already declared under the Register of Interests or the Code of Conduct.
3. To receive comments from the public about agenda items or for future consideration.
Under Standing Orders, this is the only opportunity for the public to speak unless the chairman agrees otherwise & Standing Orders are suspended. Note it is not usual for the chairman to respond at a meeting - usually next agenda if practical/council business or contact the clerk.
4. **Minutes**
 To approve the Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on Monday 17th February 2025.*
5. **Riccal Drive – various**
 - a) To receive:
 - written copies of the Public Comments made at the February meeting by Mr Skehan and Mr Bradshaw and an additional background document provided by Mr Skehan.*
 - information from Highways & NY Police re accident recording & reporting Speeding.ⁱ
 - b) To consider a response to the two main questions raised in Public Comments 17th February Meeting (Helmsley Plan-knowledge of it and policy re Riccal Drive that it should have ‘*no direct residential driveway access to it*’), and to add any further comments.
 - c) To receive updates on the replacement Footbridge from the clerk, a representative of Friends of Helmsley Railbed (Ms Gundry) and of Ryemoor residents (Ms Sumner - Ryemoor Residents Association is being formed) and to consider a response.ⁱⁱ
 - d) A representative of Ryemoor residents will address the council and to consider a response.ⁱⁱⁱ
 - e) To consider if the council wishes to add to its [comments](#) to [23/00001/MOUT](#) which has not yet been considered by NYC Planning Committee following recent approval of the NYMNP HQ.
6. **Planning.** To consider applications, all in Helmsley unless stated.
 - a) [ZE25/00082/FUL](#) Change of use from a holiday let to a 1no. two bedroom dwelling house. Managers Flat, The Feathers Hotel.
 - b) NYM/2024/0313
 - c) [NYM/2025/0074](#) variation of condition 2 (material amendment) of planning approval NYM/2024/0313 to allow removal of existing chimney at 14 Bridge Street.
 - d) [NYM/2025/0113](#) Application for variation of conditions 2 (material amendment), 4, 8 and 9 of planning approval NYM/2022/0805 to allow changes to the approved roof profiles, fenestration and door positions together with submission of stone, window and door details to discharge conditions (part retrospective) at Workshop adjacent to 11 Elmslac Close.
 - e) [NYM/2025/0115](#) application under Regulation 3 (Town & Country Planning General Regulations 1992) for restoration of natural river processes, including natural flood management, through creating a diversity of flow conditions by reconnecting historic channels and enhancing existing channel conditions at west of Bonfield Ghyll Farm, Helmsley.
 - f) [NYM/2025/0140](#) non material amendment to planning approval NYM/2024/0313 to allow dismantling and rebuilding of chimney at 14 Bridge Street.
 - g) [NYM/2025/0153](#) – fell 2no. Birch Trees, west side of Churchyard.
7. **Assets, Audit and Finance**
 - a) To consider grant applications for 2025-2026 onwards (payment is made in May).
 - i) Helmsley Sports Club* - Running of Community Facilities. Yr 1 £6,400, Yr2 £6,550, Yr 3 £6,700. A Trustee will be present to answer questions from council.
 - ii) To consider if the maintenance grant agreed for Helmsley Open Air Swimming Pool CIO should be increased to similarly reflect inflation (has 2 years to run at £5,000pa).
 - iii) Next Steps - Wellbeing sessions in Helmsley*. £250pa for 3 years.
 - iv) Helmsley Town Hall*- To centralise & modernise record keeping - £450pa for 3 years.
 - v) Helmsley Community Library*- improving children’s bookcases - £400pa for 3 years.
 - b) Churchyard works. To consider removing the concrete between the lychgate and the pavement and replacing it with a continuation of the flagstones, the architect’s preferred option It would enable the cleanest slope to remove the concrete & small step near the gate, £1,230.

- c) To consider changing the email address from gmail to .gov. uk at £35pa and website to a .gov.uk domain (£75pa) as recommended by NALC, e.g helmsleytowncouncil.gov.uk and setting up clerk@helmsleytowncouncil.gov.uk address and any councillor with a .gov.uk email address on request.
- d) To consider accepting a memorial bench for Dr Paul & Jen Harris for Carlton Lane/Canon's Garth corner. Must be on concrete flags. Street Furniture Licence approved pending plans.
- e) To authorise the Chairman and Vice Chairman to sign the 2025 Grass Cutting Contract.
- f) To receive a report of Councillors' Audit for January & February 2025.
- g) To receive the Bank Reconciliation, Payments List & Running Budget (*Jan & Feb*).*
- 8. Meetings.**
- a) NYC Community Emergency Conference at Harrogate. 14th March. Clerk will report.
- b) Western Area Parish Forum - Tues 15 April 2025 at 7.15pm at The Old Vicarage, Helmsley.
- 9. Reports for Information Only**
- a) **Chairman.**
- b) **Clerk**
- i. Helmsley Town Council
- Churchyard. NYC Regulatory Support have been notified of a dog fouling problem.
 - Cemetery Wall – repair ordered from Northern Walls. Possibly where sheep get into Cemetery.
 - Benches checked 2025 by Mr D Maynard – Fencing and he has repaired most to date.
 - Feversham Monument Lighting update from North Yorkshire Council (HTC's contractor). *Northern Powergrid have tried attending the site to fix the issue, however problems with the working permit due to the location.* A170 3-day road closure required or new plan is to run power from the south side of the market place – 3 days work. Will cost NorthernPowergrid around £15,000.
 - Requested removal of overhead barrier Cleveland Way Car Park to NYC Car Park Operations Manager & 1 officer 25/2/25. No response to date.
 - Helmsley Archive. Clerk made all the Archive material available for the Historic England – there will be 2 open coffee morning style events at Helmsley Arts Centre to collect photos, stories, memories etc of **Helmsley Open Air Swimming Pool**, they will be: **Fri 21st March 10-12 (in their coffee morning) and Sun 23rd March 11-1pm (cafe will be open) Helmsley Arts Centre. More info to follow. Amelia Hawk www.amelia-hawk.com**
 - Helmsley Archive. Clerk gave permission for use of photos on Helmsley Walled Garden signs and to Helmsley Scouts for a book.
- ii. NYC Street cleaning 11 March 2025 Pottergate, Bondgate, Ashdale Road and Castlegate
- iii. NYMNP Notice of Planning Appeal - St Aidans, Main Street, Carlton, creation of single parking bay with electric charging point and recladding of modern extension in vertical timber boarding Appeal reference(s): APP/W9500/W/25/3360062, APP/W9500/Y/25/3360276 LBC Appeal start: 25/02/2025
- iv. Helmsley Christmas Tree Festival - Friday 28th November to Saturday 13 December 2025.
- 10 Staffing Matters** *Note: council may treat this item as exempt and exclude the public for any discussion under The Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings) Act 1960 S1.*
- To receive a report of the Clerk's appraisal on the 27th February 2025.

Signed by Helmsley Town Clerk V. Ellis Date 11th March 2025

ⁱ NYC Highways "have not carried out any road safety work on Riccal Drive" no current plans to do so. "Our Traffic Engineering Team investigate accident "hot spots", but the data to prioritise sites is the Police injury incident data, so if it isn't recorded by Police as injury accident, it will not feature in our lists." NY Police advised clerk to submit an FOI request -may take time. Highways 3/3/25 - edited- "injury collision records we hold, supplied by NY Polic ...no injury collisions recorded for Riccal Drive from 2019-2023...crashmap.co.uk nothing recorded... no speed data for Riccal Drive. **I cannot see that the area has gone through the Speed Management Protocol (SMP) either. This is really the first thing residents who are concerned about speeding should do. Info [Speed limits, speeding, and road safety concerns | North Yorkshire Council](#).** Vertical traffic calming is usually very unpopular with nearby residents due to the increased noise, vibrations and pollution from traffic negotiating the traffic calming features. It is not something we would consider unless there was a history of injury collisions that had been caused by drivers travelling too quickly and that nothing else would work. We also do not have the required funding to introduce a traffic calming scheme along a road such as Riccal Drive....there is not sufficient carriageway width along Riccal Drive to install traffic islands.

ⁱⁱ Helmsley Town Council does not own the land and was not consulted. Clerk asked NYC if planning was required, also Environment Agency(250304/TM05) & Internal Drainage Board. NYC Enforcement Case No 25/00040/UD. Land At 461935 483718 The Limes - Alleged construction of a culvert bridge without planning permission. "The Council will be investigating the matter to identify an appropriate course of action and will contact you again when they have further information." Note the new fencing was replaced w/e 2/3/25 with post & rail as NYC said it would. Area south & west of bridge - Yorkshire Housing own & manage it, all Ryemoor Gardens residents pay maintenance fees. Recent correspondence-either circulated with writer's permission to include name or edited comments circulated