



BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL

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Tuesday 12th November 2024

Minutes - Monday 4th November 2024 at 7:30pm, Lower Hall.

Councillors attending: Cllrs Adams, Marshall, Paige, Stannard and Taylor

MOP: 5

Bentham News: 2

Councillor David Ireton

PCSO Jayne Grace and PC Ian Hunt

Town Clerk: Claire Burrow

Cllr Adams stated that Cllr Hill had resigned as a Councillor.

149 Apologies from members unable to attend: -

149.1 To Note Apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting.

Cllr Ryan and Cllr Burton.

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

ACCEPTED

150 Declaration of Interest: -

150.1 To Note Declarations of Interest not already declared under members Code of Conduct or members register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests.

Cllr Marshall – 155.1

150.2 To Approve Dispensation Requests – if dispensation request received.

NONE

151 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).

MOP1 – received 1043 signatures supporting the 20mph speed limit in Bentham, North Yorkshire, Skipton and Richmond Area committee will debate the issue on Thursday 12th December at 10am, the public are urged to attend. Request speed survey data to be shared with public when available – Bentham Town Council agreed to share data with residents when received.

MOP2 – Regarding 155.4 – regarding concerns of amendment to Mole End Farm – third bedroom to create more usable space, footprint remains the same, new amendments to planning will not affect the privacy of any property within the vicinity, the extra bedroom will not affect the traffic, applicant has planted trees and hedges, hoping to plant more.

MOP3 – Asked what was happening with the Town Hall stopped clock? The Clerk informed the Council and public that the clock keeps stopping, therefore the Clock Company have attended on Monday 4th November and taken away a part that has a worn bush.

**152 To Confirm the Minutes of the meeting on Monday 7th October 2024 as a true and accurate record.
RESOLVED: the minutes to be confirmed and signed as a true and accurate record.**

153 To receive the **Police Report** & allow members to ask questions for information - If any. (**appendix A**)

PCSO Jayne Grace - We have had 25 incidents reported between 02.10.24 & 01.11.24

Reports Include General Admin from other Police force, Safeguarding Abandon/hoax, Road Related offence – documents vehicle seized & highways trees down Bentham Moor Road. PCSO Jayne Grace predicted there may be more trees down over next few months.

7 Reports - Concern for welfare/safety - Joint partnership working

4 Reports - ASB Nuisance/parking, some of these are civil, Police can do nothing about vehicles parked with no tax or MOT unless they are moving, being driven, abandoned vehicles are dealt with by North Yorkshire Council, these need to be reported online. Lack of tax can be reported online at DVLA.

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17.10.24 – Theft/fraud – sheep, investigation ongoing

26.10.24 – Domestic dispute

Jayne Grace explained that darker nights lead to increased potential of crime, suspicions must be reported to the police on 101 rather than on social media, so that a full picture of the issues around Bentham are included in statistics and hence police deployment; ensuring there is a police presence in the area.

Cllr Marshall questioned the average speed of traffic in Bentham?

PCSO Jayne Grace will request this information from the mobile speed camera. There has been a recent data from Burton in Lonsdale that reported speeds in excess of the limit. Locations of the mobile speed camera depend on where this can be parked/located.

PCSO Jayne Grace urges Bentham Town Council and the public report all concerns.

Cllr Ireton asked if the excessive speed in Burton in Lonsdale was in the 20mph speed limit area?

PCSO Jayne Grace was unsure and will enquire further.

The 20mph speed limit in Burton is a road traffic order. Burton in Lonsdale are setting up a Community Speed Watch Group. The mobile speed camera can be requested in a location. Cllr Adams welcomed the mobile speed camera in areas where speed needs monitoring.

154 To receive a **Report from NYC Councillor** (for information only) - If any

Cllr Ireton reported that there is a boundary review for the district divisions, review of boundaries meaning villages are merged with Settle, six thousand residents for each division within a 10% tolerance, taking into account of new building developments.

Budget – North Yorkshire have been told that the Government will protect Public Bodies from the National Insurances contribution, unsure how this will transpire at present.

Cllr Marshall commented to Cllr Ireton about the parking problems on single yellow lines within Bentham.

Cllr Ireton said that the decriminalisation of parking now means this is under the remit of the parking enforcement at North Yorkshire Council and Bentham Town Council can request further visits.

155 To consider and comment upon **New Planning Applications:**

Cllr Marshall left the room at 8:01pm

155.1 ZA24/26304/FUL Construction of open-sided building for sheep pens with stepped floor (part retrospective) The Auction Mart, 3 Main Street, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7HF

NEUTRAL – NO OBJECTION

Cllr Marshall re-entered the room at 8:02pm

155.2 ZA24/25707/LBC and ZA24/25706/FUL Conversion of the barn at Sunny Bank Farm, Mewith, into a single dwelling, and works to the shared space between Near Sunny Bank Barn and the adjacent dwelling and holiday cottage. Sunny Bank Farm, Mewith Lane, Mewith, Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7AY

NEUTRAL – NO OBJECTION

155.3 ZA24/26384/TCA Remove 1 x Pine. Remove 2 x Goat Willow. Skipton Gate, Bentham Moor Road, Burton In Lonsdale, Carnforth, LA6 3LJ

NEUTRAL – NO OBJECTION

155.4 ZA24/26439/VAR Application to vary condition no 2 (Approved Plans) of planning permission referenced 2021/22681/FUL Mole End Farm, Fourlands, High Bentham,

NEUTRAL – NO OBJECTION

155.5 ZA24/26105/FUL Change of use and conversion of barn and shippon to form additional accommodation to adjoining dwelling, including demolition of agricultural storage buildings to shippon. Demolition and re-build of rear garage store. New car port. Change of use of agricultural land to residential curtilage. New stable block within agricultural field to the east of the property. Old Field, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7DL,

NEUTRAL – NO OBJECTION

156 **Financial Matters:**

156.1 To receive and note current bank balances as **£103,948.69**

NOTED

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

NOTED

156.3 To approve the payments.

Status	Tender	Order No	Date	Invoice Date	Invoice Number	Supplier	Description	VAT	Total
Paid	ONLINE	231	08.10.2024	22.09.2024	1976196-0	SKY	Internet	£10.99	£65.94
Paid	DIRDEBIT	232	08.10.2024	19.09.2024	203044118374	1&1 Ionos	Internet	£5.61	£33.64
Paid	DIRDEBIT	233	08.10.2024	31.08.2024	sept	NEST (NEST)	Pension	£0.00	£147.42
Paid	ONLINE	234	09.10.2024	28.08.2024	1317	Kingsdale Projects (Kingsdale Projects)	groundwork	£0.00	£3,125.00
Paid	ONLINE	235	17.10.2024	08.10.2024	6002950749	Waterplus Waste water bill Town Hall (Waterplus)	Water	£0.00	£88.76
Paid	DIRDEBIT	236	17.10.2024	09.09.2024	1486968	SSE SWALEC Unmetered Supply (SSE SWALEC)	Unmetered Electric Supply	£11.60	£243.52
Paid	ONLINE	237	17.10.2024	04.06.2024	279647	WEL Medical	defib pads	£105.99	£635.94
Paid	ONLINE	238	22.10.2024			North Yorkshire Council	excess waste	£0.00	£61.92
Paid	DIRDEBIT	239	22.10.2024	11.10.2024	V02275753766	EE Mobile	Mobiles	£9.40	£56.40
Paid	ONLINE	240	22.10.2024	30.09.2024	173	Elkerlodge Services Ltd	Locum RFO	£120.00	£720.00
Outstanding	DIRDEBIT	241	22.10.2024	20.10.2024	203044625152	1&1 Ionos	Internet	£5.61	£33.64
Paid	ONLINE	242	22.10.2024	08.10.2024	80676	Toobys	Fridge	£38.33	£230.00
Paid	ONLINE	243	31.10.2024	31.10.2024	Oct		Salary	£0.00	£1,152.31
Paid	ONLINE	244	31.10.2024	31.10.2024	Oct		Salary	£0.00	£249.66
Paid	ONLINE	245	31.10.2024	31.10.2024	Oct 2024		Salary	£0.00	£1,666.09
Paid	ONLINE	246	28.10.2024	25.10.2024	1356	Kingsdale Projects (Kingsdale Projects)	groundwork	£0.00	£1,635.00
Outstanding	ONLINE	247	04.11.2024	30.10.2024	490050129	North Yorkshire Council	excess waste	£0.00	£1.90
Outstanding	ONLINE	248	04.11.2024	25.10.2024		Barbara Rothwell	TH Entrance	£0.00	£180.00
Outstanding	ONLINE	249	04.11.2024	15.10.2024	11654682	Huws Gray	tools	£4.51	£27.06
Outstanding	ONLINE	250	04.11.2024	29.10.2024	6	RBL POPPY Appeal	Bobby Wreath	£0.00	£25.00

RESOLVED TO APPROVE - Cllrs Adams and Marshall to authorise (staff names redacted)

157 **Open Spaces:**

157.1 To consider the Task and Finish group regarding the cemetery extension terms of reference.
RESOLVED TO AGREE project to be completed over a period of years, first meeting on Monday 9th December.

157.2 To consider the Street Light Maintenance Tender.
RESOLVED TO AGREE with amendments of working hours stipulated, report issues to Clerk and deadline of 2nd December 2024.

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

158.1 To note the letter regarding the Settle College funded bus.
NOTED – appendix B

158.2 To receive an update on the new website with WCAG 2.2 compatibility and gov.uk domain.
RESOLVED – move forward with the website becoming live, as gov.uk, traffic from co.uk to be re-directed to new website, keep the domain name benthamtowncouncil.co.uk.

158.3 To consider the street lights on Wenning Avenue, LP10 and LP13.
RESOLVED TO ACCEPT the quote at £486.00.

158.4 To consider the street light on Cross Lane, LP20, with commission quotation (if received).
RESOLVED – Clerk to clarify the quote with Electricity North West as the excavation and construction element is already completed and some of the wiring is already in situ, request a site visit.

158.5 To consider the speed survey data (if received).
NONE RECEIVED

159 **Matters requested by Councillors:** To receive information on the following new correspondences and decide further action, if any;

159.1 To consider the Christmas Lights project around Bentham: request to supply electricity from the Town Hall, School Hill bus shelter and the street lights for the Christmas Lights.
(Cllr Paige)
RESOLVED TO AGREE

159.2 To consider the old Bentham toilet block. (Cllr Marshall)
RESOLVED – Clerk and Cllr Marshall to research re-opening of toilet block to report back to Council.

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

160.1 Update from Angus Fire (circulated)
NOTED read out in full by Cllr Adams, appendix C

160.2 Unite North Yorkshire speeding letter update (circulated)
NOTED read out by Cllr Adams, appendix D

160.3 The Bentham - Hornby 582 bus now running on a Wednesday and a Thursday.
NOTED

160.4 Update on Mount Pleasant from North Yorkshire Council (circulated)
NOTED – this area is on the provisional North Yorkshire schedule for 2026/2027.

161 **Bentham Business Boost Update** (Cllr Paige and Cllr Ryan)

Ten businesses granted shop front improvement grants. Between Bentham Club and the Hub bookshop there will be painted art work. Permission has been granted for Bentham Town Council to place some art work in the previous Sue Ryder charity shop on Station Road. Training to be provided for businesses include First Aid training, Social media, Video masterclass, AI training. There will be an early spring clean/tidy up of Bentham.

161.1 Bentham Town Council website 'holding' the Bentham Business Boost stock photos.
NOTED

162 To receive **Reports from Councillors** who represent the Council on other bodies (for information only)
Cllr Marshall – Collingwood and Longstaffe Almshouses will soon have a new resident.

Cllr Paige - The River Wenning Group have invited Professor Rick Battarbee to give a talk on what constitutes a healthy river. This will be at 7.00pm on Wednesday November 27th in Bentham Town Hall. Councillors are invited to attend.

Professor Rick Battarbee FRS is Director of the Environmental Change Research Centre at University College, London.

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

Japanese Knotweed site visit – Mon 4th Nov

164 Date of **next meeting:** Full Council meeting – Mon 2nd Dec 7:30pm
Finance meeting – (moved) Tues 19th Nov 7:30pm
Change to 7:00pm.

Meeting closed to public at 9:02pm

165 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 **166** are considered:-

166 Staffing Matters:

166.1 To consider the updated NALCS pay scales.

RESOLVED to agree to new pay scales for staff.

166.2 To consider the Clerk, Caretaker and Cleaner contracts.

Due to contracts there is a 'gap' in working days in staff contracts where the Town Hall is not covered.

RESOLVED – advertise and employ a relief caretaker to work alongside the existing Caretaker to over alternate weekends and two weekdays up to 8 hours a week.

166.3 To consider the RFO and Clerk positions from January.

RESOLVED – advertise for an Assistant Town Clerk with number literacy, up to 30 hours a week, pay scale 24 – 28 depending on experience.

RESOLVED – RFO to submit revised hourly rate on invoices each month.

Meeting closed at 9:53pm

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Town Clerk

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Appendix A

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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 and the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner, 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

Kind Regards

Jayne

PCSO Jayne Grace

Collar number 5561

Dedicated Safer Neighbourhood PCSO

Settle Ingleton & Bentham area

North Yorkshire Police

Appendix B



Settle College

Be the best you can be

Settle, North Yorkshire BD24 0AU
www.settlecollege.org.uk

Headteacher: GARETH WHITAKER
Deputy Headteacher: GARETH PABLEY

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Email: admin@settlecollege.n-yorks.sch.uk

18th October 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to share some good news that we believe will have a positive impact on our local community and the future of our students.

Starting in September 2025, in collaboration with the governors of Settle College, we are delighted to announce that we will be offering **free bus transport** to children from pick up points in Burton, Bentham, and Ingleton who choose to attend Settle College and begin their studies with us in September 2025. This free transport will be available for the full five years that these students spend at Settle College, ensuring that they have reliable and cost-free access to their education throughout their secondary school journey.

This decision comes as a response to North Yorkshire Council's recent announcement to stop providing bus transport from Bentham and Ingleton to Settle College for most children in these areas, despite the fact that these towns are within our catchment area, and Settle College remains the closest Yorkshire school. We understand the concerns this raised for many families, and we are committed to ensuring that children from Burton, Bentham, and Ingleton continue to have the opportunity to attend Settle College without additional financial or logistical burdens.

At Settle College, we truly value the contributions and presence of students from these communities. We believe that offering free transport will enable parents to confidently choose Settle College for their children's secondary education, knowing that they will have the support they need to succeed.

We realise that some parents may have already submitted their child's school admissions application. If our offer changes your decision, you are still able to submit a change here <https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/education-and-learning/school-admissions/making-changes-and-late-applications>.

We look forward to welcoming new students from Burton, Bentham, and Ingleton and are proud to take this step to support our local families. If you have any questions or would like further information, please don't hesitate to reach out to us.

I can be reached on g.whitaker@settlecollege.n-yorks.sch.uk or 01729 822451. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Warm regards,

Gareth Whitaker
Headteacher, Settle College





Bentham Town Council

Date: 1st November 2024

Dear Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Town Councillors

I write to provide a further update on the situation at Angus Fire.

On Wednesday 9th October, we held a meeting with the Environment Agency at Bentham, also in attendance were environmental consultancies, Ramboll & Geosyntec.

During the meeting, Ramboll presented its test results (already made available via www.derbs.co.uk) to the Environment Agency.

The Environment Agency requested that Ramboll put together a scope of work to undertake monthly PFAS sampling on storm water over a 12-month period. Ramboll has completed its scope of work proposal and submitted it to the Environment Agency on 29th October for its review.

Angus Fire explained to the Environment Agency that it was still collecting storm water from the western part of the Angus site and as of today, the volume of storm water stored on the site is over 2,000,000 litres. This highlights the need for Angus to have a PFAS treatment facility on site, to then be able to process the stored water, in addition to the current rainfall volumes.

Geosyntec presented the Environment Agency with its `technical` assessment on the various PFAS treatment technologies available, underpinned by its active involvement in other PFAS treatment installations at other UK/European sites. Geosyntec explained that the most effective solution for Bentham would be a "treatment train", which utilises two technologies in series, to optimise the amount of PFAS removed from storm water.

Angus Fire will submit an application, with all supporting technical documentation to the Environment Agency, to enable Angus to utilise the "treatment train" approach.

Over previous months, Angus has been talking to the various technology providers and is now in a position to place orders for the "treatment train", which will be shipped directly from the USA to Bentham at significant cost. As you can appreciate, we are taking our responsibilities to the local community extremely seriously.

During October, further meetings were held with those directly impacted by the previous rounds of Ramboll soil testing. Ramboll undertook additional soil sampling on Angus owned land to increase everyone's understanding on the levels and locations of PFAS impacted soil, which will assist in determining any levels of remediation required.

This programme of work is going to take several years. These are decades old legacy issues that need to be addressed – through the appropriate regulatory bodies, with sensitivity and care to protect those impacted.

Mr. Julian Smith MP will be visiting the Bentham site on Friday 1st November, so that Angus can provide him with an update on the situation and most importantly explain what Angus is doing about it.

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The next meeting with the Environment Agency is on Monday 25th November, to discuss the Ramboll scope of works submitted to the Environment Agency on 29th October and to discuss the results of samples taken from the River Wenning on Friday 25th October.

We continue to take this matter extremely seriously and are standing behind our commitment to understand the extent of this situation and to rectify it in alignment with the Environment Agency's requirements.

We will continue to provide regular updates to the Town Council. Angus is, and has been a part of Bentham for more than 100 years, and we will continue to communicate with the local community, as we resolve this situation.

Yours faithfully

Paul Williams

Paul Williams
Managing Director

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Appendix D

Subject : North Yorkshire Villages and Towns Petition for Average and Fixed Cameras – “Cameras for North Yorkshire” (*or some other campaign name*)

Towns and Villages Represented: (*list the towns and villages*)

Dear Mr Skaith

We, all the towns and villages named above, are writing to you to request action on a matter which is of **serious concern** to not only the villages and towns who are signatories to this letter, but many other villages in North Yorkshire.

Every one of the towns and villages who have signed up to this letter experience the same problem, that being **horrendous speeding and anti-social driving**. There were 194 people killed and a total of 10,391 injured in the last 5 years from 2019 to 2023 in North and North Yorkshire. **KSI (Killed/Seriously Injured) statistics are up 35% in North Yorkshire despite the national trend being a 4% decrease.**

Added to the, the anti-social driving negatively impacts on quality of life of residents. .

Within the York and North Yorkshire Safety Partnership Strategy 2021-2026 the stated aim is “towards vision zero” road deaths. It also states that “the average cost to the economy of every single road casualty fatality is £1,7 million and the average cost of a serious injury casualty is £195,863”.

The tragic statistics of the last 5 years in North Yorkshire, using your figures, equates to a total cost of £636,5 million. Surely this fact alone is the reason to invest in average and fixed cameras, notwithstanding the immense devastation and trauma victims and their families and friends have to endure due to the death or serious injury of a family member?

North Yorkshire **is the largest County** in England and yet is only one of two police forces that does not make use of average and fixed speed cameras, relying solely on mobile speed cameras. Regardless of claims made about the efficacy of mobile speed cameras, which we who live in these towns and villages dispute, the following facts cannot be disputed;

- There are only **11 vans and 2 motorcycles** for the entire County (motorcycles have limited use and are used alongside a van)
 - They are effective when they are present
 - Once they are gone, the speeding resumes immediately
 - We have yet to see them operate at night and in the early hours of the morning
 - Even if they do start to work at night – they are only effective when they are there
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- Many speeding locations are unsuitable for mobile enforcement due to visibility, road obstructions and risk assessment issues

This means that speeding motorists have to be extremely unlucky to be caught!

What are our neighbours doing?

The neighbouring Counties of West Yorkshire, Lancashire and Cumbria have all invested in and rolled out average speed cameras through village areas, and these all stop at the North Yorkshire border, **despite the same road risks present on the same road in North Yorkshire.**

Neighbouring Counties secured funding from the Department of Transport Safer Roads Program for investment in road engineering which included speed enforcement technology. 4 locations within North Yorkshire were identified as being eligible for funding, one being the A682. Lancashire secure this funding, but no action appears to have been taken by North Yorkshire. **Why did North Yorkshire not collaborate with Lancashire to access this funding?**

An incorrect claim was made by the North Yorkshire Police to the previous PFCC, Zoe Metcalf, in a Public Accountability meeting stating that neighbouring counties were moving away from Fixed and Average speed cameras in favour of mobile cameras. Both West Yorkshire and Lancashire replied to a letter confirming this was not correct and **that mobile cameras are in fact only used to support their road safety strategies but are not the driving strategy.**

What has been done in our villages?

Many towns and villages have some sort of vehicle activated technology in place - (VAS, VAR, SID) but without enforcement these are essentially rendered useless. Community Speed Watches have been set up in some areas, with results so eye-watering in the case of Cowling the police agreed to take over the responsibility of policing speeding, but without enough feet on the ground, this is simply not working.

In some cases, a reduction in speed on the approach to a village was implemented by Highways, extra bollards erected in the middle of the village, road markings repainted – but nothing has helped. In fact, overtaking on the wrong side of bollards is common-place.

Without **consistent and effective** enforcement nothing, nothing will address these issues

The fact is motorists who want to speed will if they can - and they can in North Yorkshire.

Evidence

Many villages and towns have data from their Vehicle Activated devices.

The village of Cowling, also a signatory to this letter, has captured footage of speeding and anti-social driving, and this has been aired on **local and national TV and Radio channels**. Jeremy Vine thought the video had been speeded up such were the speeds witnessed. As an example please click on this link and turn the sound up to experience what we live with day in and day out.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-york-north-yorkshire-64802506>

Is this truly the standard York and North Yorkshire aspires to? Is this a legacy to be proud of?

Please, Mr Skaith, please allow us some time to talk to you, in person, about the reality of our villages and towns, and not the statistics presented to you from the sporadic and infrequent visits of the mobile speed units which only catch speeding drivers when they are there. Allow us to present the reality of life in a North Yorkshire village or town where it appears, to date, that the concerns of residents are to be ignored, trivialised and swept aside.

194 deaths and 10,931 injured, and a +35% increase in KSI last year suggests a rethink in the single enforcement strategy of mobile units only. There is a moral and public duty to act to save lives.

We look forward to hearing from you

Kind Regards

 Taylor

Liaison for "Cameras for North Yorkshire" (*campaign name to be determined*)
