

CHAIRMANS REPORT APR 2025-APR 2026

This is a summary of the issues presented to the Parish Council this year

Illegal containers, situated in the garden of a residence in Bickerton will now remain. This is due to lack of decisive action by Enforcement at North Yorkshire Council resulting in a time out situation. The Parish Council is very disappointed with the performance of this department.

In Bickerton potholes on Tom Cat Lane and the poor condition of pavements in Pinfold Close were reported to NYC. They have now been fixed.

The expansion of the pig farm on Rudgate generated a lot of concern from some residents. Meetings were held with the farmer, the PC and concerned residents. To date the expansion has not produced further complaints but the PC will keep watchful eye.

BT attempted to remove the phone box in Bickerton, without planning permission. They apologised and reconnected the box.

Visibility splays at the junction between the B1224 and Rudgate are of concern. The sight lines are poor and are made worse by infrequent grass cutting. The PC would like to see the junction modified but in the mean time we have asked our contractor to keep the vegetation short.

The Bickerton defibrillator developed an intermittent fault in recent months. A replacement has been purchased and installed. In response to resident's comments, the new model has easier access and a light.

The PC continues to monitor the Maltkilns development near Cattal, with particular concern for traffic implications and required infrastructure.

The proposed development for approx. 20 houses on Turnpike Lane, Bickerton is still ongoing and the PC is monitoring the situation.

The PC has joined forces with Long Marston and Tockwith to object to the planning application for stationary caravans on a piece of land close to the border on Bilton in Ainsty and Long Marston.

Janet Hanson. Chair