

Clerks Report – January 2026

Correspondence

1. Letter dated 4th December 2025 with numerous complaints about the Hatchery development on Blind Lane. Issues surrounding the entry/exit junction with safety concerns and additionally the mud left on road by contractors. NYC Planning Enforcement visited the site and have addressed the issues with the developer and met with the complainant.
2. Letter dated 8th December 2025 informing the Parish Council of a very near miss on the Zebra Crossing in Aiskew opposite the Cycle Shop. As a result a meeting took place with NYC Highways and Cllrs Chaloner and Turfrey and the Clerk on Monday 15th December. At the site meeting NYC agreed that the zig zags needed to be extended to prevent cars parking near the zebra crossing which was obstructing the view approaching. Works will commence ASAP.
3. Letter dated 18th December 2025 from NYC informing the Parish Council of various Street Lighting works along Bedale Road. The letter is being delivered and was placed on our social media page.
4. Letter dated 22nd December 2025 informing that a safety fence had been erected by Keepmoat that encroached into the Freemans Way playpark. I visited the site and the fence marginally breaches the boundary, although vehicles can still pass with ease. Cllr Kennedy visited the contractors on that day and the contractor state that the fence had been erected to ensure the safe removal of some scrub/brush that required clearing and the fence would be moved ASAP. As at 07/01/26 the fence was still in place, I have emailed the contractor 'Apple bridge' requesting a telephone call about the issue.
5. Letter dated 24th December concerning the effect on wildlife by the Harkness Drive Development. The Parish Council is considering the planting of trees within the Freemans way park which should go a long way to rewilding the area. We await the quote from Burneston Tree Services for the planting of trees.
6. Letter dated 29th December concerning a perceived increase in dog waste in and around Bedale and Aiskew. I gave the resident the contact information for the Dog Warden.
7. Letter dated 6th January further stating that the fence in Freemans Way Playpark had yet to be removed. The fence has since been removed.
8. Letter dated 6th January 2026 informing the Parish Council about an overgrown hedge that may be impeding the footpath along Bedale Road. I have reported to Highways to be inspected. Meeting conducted with Highways Officer 07/01/26 no access to property so a letter will be sent to resident.
9. Letter dated 8th January 2026 from Applegate Construction, assuring the Parish Council that the fence erected (As per 8. Above) will be removed on Monday 12th January 2026.
10. Letter dated 13th January 2026 from the Rivers Trust, enquiring if the Parish Council owned laned bordering the Beck. I have responded that we do not and forwarded to Bedale TC.

11. Letter dated 13th January 2026 from NYC Planning Enforcement regarding the Static Caravan in Leeming Bar. I have forwarded the email to Cllrs.
12. Letter dated 13th January 2026 from NYC Planning Enforcement regarding the Fence in Leeming Bar. I have forwarded the email to Cllrs.

Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)

1. Installation of the Memorial Stone in Leeming Bar park is complete, but the handover from Historical Property Services has yet to take place.
2. CIL Balance **£18,193.32.**

Playparks

1. Ascough Wynd

- a. Monthly Operational Inspections conducted by Clerk.
 - i. 26/11/25 – No significant issues.
 - ii. 10/12/25– No significant issues.

2. Freeman's Way

- a. Monthly Operational Inspections conducted by Clerk.
 - i. 26/11/25 – No significant issues.
 - ii. 10/12/25– No significant issues.
- b. Safety Fence erected by 'Applegate' contractors to assist in removal of scrub/brush on boundary with new Keepmoat development. Fence encroaches our land slightly although no hindrance to traffic. I have requested call from Developer, received email on 8th Jan and fence will be removed on 12th Jan.

3. Kingfisher

- a. Monthly Operational Inspections conducted by Clerk.
 - i. 26/11/25 – Litter bins full and reported (Now emptied)
 - ii. 10/12/25– No significant issues.

4. Leeming Bar

- a. Monthly Operational Inspections conducted by Clerk.
 - i. 26/11/25 – No significant issues.
 - ii. 10/12/25– No significant issues.
- b. 2 x Soft Close gates still await KOMPAN replacement.
- c. New equipment installed 17th December 2025 (From Lottery Grant)
 - i. 2 Bay Swing (Baby Seats (2)).
 - ii. See Saw
 - iii. Witches Hat
 - iv. Interactive Play Panels x 2

- d. Old Equipment removed:
 - i. Wooden Picnic Covered Bench
 - ii. Metal park bench
 - iii. Metal Slide
 - iv. 2 Bay Swing

5. Mattison Close

- a. Monthly Operational Inspections conducted by Clerk.
 - i. 26/11/25 – No significant issues.
 - ii. 10/12/25– No significant issues.
- b. Fence (Owned by Together Housing) has once more collapsed. Reported on 10/12/25. Still not repaired as at 07/01/26. Chased via email 08/01/26.
- c. Soft Close gate not working, repair (FOC) within quote from Kompan above.

6. Otterbeck Way

- a. Inspections have taken place, with no issues being identified.

7. Allotments

- a. All allotments have tenants. Waiting list for allotments is currently 4.

8. Highways/Paths

- a. 07/01/26 meeting with NYC Highways Officer. Leeming Lane will be resurfaced in the Spring.

9. Grass Cutting

- a. 13 Tenders received for new contract commencing April 2026.

10. Trees

- a. I have requested a full Tree Report from Burneston Tree Services. This report will be free of charge. I will pass the report to council for comment once received.

11. Dog Fouling.

- a. As per correspondence item 6.

End of Report

RM Clare

Clerk to the Council

16th January 2025