

## Bulletin Extra – Parish Council updates for TR

Dear fellow Thornton Rust residents,

A number of items have been communicated to the parish council directly relating to our village over the last couple of weeks so, as your parish council representatives, John Dinsdale and I felt it would be easier to request a Bulletin Extra to communicate these. Should anyone wish to discuss any of these items in more detail, please get in touch with one of us and we will endeavour to answer any questions or provide any further information we can.

### **1. Phone callbox**

North Yorkshire Council informed the parish council of BT's intent to retire and remove the phone and callbox in the village. The parish council lodged a strong objection to its withdrawal on public safety grounds, which NYC have supported, but we've also requested to adopt the callbox if the objection was not upheld. BT have a 90-day consultation period, which has already begun, so we should get a decision in the coming weeks, hopefully. We will communicate any decision once it is received.

### **2. Dog waste bins**

A North Yorkshire Council representative will be coming to identify and confirm the siting of extra bins to be installed following receipt of complaints that the dog waste bins regularly overflow and cannot sustain the waste deposited in our village. They are looking to increase the number of bins as the frequency of collections cannot be increased. The location of the new (extra) bin is likely to be collocated with one of the existing bins, next to the phone box or opposite the Institute, and could be installed within the next month or so. This will hopefully alleviate any future overflowing of our dog waste bins.

### **3. Road closure for resurfacing**

The parish council has been notified of upcoming extensive resurfacing works on the Thornton Rust road, from Aysgarth to the West End of the village, in the vicinity of Hillcroft / Nipe End. Some of you may have already noticed the signs that have been placed on the road. Here is an excerpt from the letter received by the parish council:

The works are currently programmed to commence on 28/07/2025 and will be carried out under a full road closure between the hours of 09:30-15:00 for a period of 3 working days. Advance warning signage advising of the works will be installed on site shortly. Whilst the works are in progress, a fully signed diversion will be in place. On-site personnel will assist in managing access to properties and businesses within the closure.

Please be advised there may be extended periods when access will not be possible due to the nature of the works and physical constraints of the site. Pedestrian access will be maintained.

Please note, this work is part of an extensive programme and therefore, some adjustment to this start date or the duration of the works may be necessary should unforeseen circumstances such as significant weather events or emergencies on the highway network arise.

To ensure the delivery of these works we request your assistance in the following ways:

- Please contact the Customer Service Centre on 0300 1312131, to identify any special access needs you may have prior to work commencing.
- Please co-operate and comply with any instructions issued by the traffic management operatives and take extra care whilst within the works area.
- To contact the contractor please call 07961 739109.

### **4. Kennel field grazing**

It is that time again when the Kennel Field will be grazed by the Harrison's cows. They will be going in within the next week or so and will be in for 5-6 weeks. Caution is advised for those choosing to continue visiting the Kennel Field during this time and everyone who does is politely requested to keep dogs on a lead and under control for the safety and wellbeing of all animals and humans.

## **5. Northern Powergrid UG cabling project**

I must start this item with an apology as I thought I had already circulated the brief summary from the meeting in April where members of the Northern Powergrid team responsible for this project attended the village Institute to explain the project. Here is that summary and what the next steps are:

Further to the information contained in the letter circulated in advance of the meeting, the project team highlighted that the main benefits of this project would be prolonging the life of the electrical supply cables, which ordinarily have a lifespan of approx. 60 years, as they will be protected from environmental impact if they are under-grounded. This initial meeting was focussed on seeking the residents' consent to carry out the necessary investigative work to confirm the viability of this project, not to explain how each property will be impacted by any potential works – this was accepted as a necessary future action, which will be arranged if the project does get the go-ahead. To proceed with this first step the team need 100% consent from the village's homeowners. Due to the limited numbers present at the meeting, we were unable to gain this consent in writing at that time, and having discussed this with the project team and at the subsequent parish meeting it was agreed that trying to get positive consent from every homeowner was going to be a challenging process; so it has been agreed to use this communication as a means of gaining this consent by "assumed consent provided unless John Dinsdale or Rob Cromey-Hawke are notified within 2 weeks of this communication".

As such, could we please ask that any objection to this exploratory stage be communicated to John or I by 30<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

## **6. Street lighting issues reported**

We have once again reported that the street lighting at the West end of the village, outside Nipe End, has not been working for some time. It is likely they will just turn up to repair it but if we are notified in advance, we will communicate this to you.

Many thanks,

Rob Cromey-Hawke