

Item 28

Carlton Parish Council

To: Carlton Parish Council

From: Clerk to Carlton Parish Council

Date: 20th June 2024

Clerk's Report on matters since the Parish Council meeting held 28th May 2024.

1. Cemetery

- i) One additional memorial inscription was approved, and the mason arranged payment of £70.00
- ii) A family member contacted the clerk to raise concern regarding damage that has occurred to a flower vase at their family plot within the cemetery. They purchased a new vase for the plot at a cost of £4.75; the emotional upset is more the issue. The person also raised the fact that their family memorial had only been strimmed to the front, with the reverse and side untouched.

The groundworks contractor was contacted on the matter, and had no memory of the damage. He apologised for the oversight on not fully strimming the area around the memorial and intended to complete updated works within the cemetery this week.

2. Allotments

One of the nine tenants is yet to settle their invoice; a chasing email has been issued twice now with no response.

An existing tenant has contacted the clerk to report that the plot of the above is completely overgrown and has expressed a willingness to take on the plot, however there are a number of persons on the waiting list.

The clerk has contacted the tenant still owing their rental again and noted that their plot is unkempt and unacceptably overgrown. Being that a Notice of Intention relating to the plot being unworked was issued in July 2023, and now the plot is back to its feral state, I would recommend to Council that the plot is now taken back, split to two plots (as is the ultimate plan), and offered to two persons on the waiting list.

There is an argument that additional charges be issued for the added administrative works, and to have the plot cleared to a useable state, however being that the existing tenant has not proffered the outstanding rental payment it does seem unlikely that additional charges would be agreed to or paid.

3. Local Matters

- i) A member of the public raised an issue relating to the Public Right of Way north of Low Street, Carlton. As the PRow is not the responsibility of the Parish Council the clerk requested that the resident contact North Yorkshire Council to call for action on the matter.

- ii) A Councillor emailed to notify the clerk that there was a report of overhanging vegetation down the Trods which needs cutting back. More information is required on this location before the resident can be addressed with the issue.
- iii) A councillor emailed to notify the clerk that an abandoned vehicle was in situ in the Lynwith Lane/ Race Lane area of Carlton. He had reported this to the authorities, and it has since been removed.
- iv) After an email from the PSCO regarding the VAS units not working (and/or not working effectively) at either entry to the village, NY Highways Dept. noted that the units are their assets, and not the Parish Councils so were looking to remove them as replacement cost was inflated.

The clerk requested that no removing action be taken by NYC until the matter could be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting (25th June 2024).

Recommendation to Council: That

- i) **consideration is given to the allotment tenant and overgrown plot where the rental is still outstanding, and the plot is neglected; and**
- ii) **the Council consider agreement to ownership and therefore removal of the VAS units by NYVC Highways Dept.**