

# Monk Fryston Parish Council

## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

I hereby give notice that a meeting of the Parish Council of the above-named Parish will be held at the Community Centre, Old Vicarage Lane on Tuesday 20 February 2024 at 7.30pm.

All members of the Council are hereby summoned to attend for the purpose of considering and resolving upon the business to be transacted at the meeting. Dated this 15 February 2024

### **AGENDA**

Item		Lead
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting</li> <li>b To record apologies for absence not given in advance of the meeting</li> <li>c To consider the approval of reasons given for absence</li> </ul>	
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a To receive declarations of interest</li> <li>b To receive early verbal notice of any Councillor's intention to raise amendments to motions on the agenda as per Standing Order 1g.</li> </ul>	
3	Confirmation of Minutes	
	a To confirm as an accurate record the Minutes of the Meeting held on 16 January 2024	
4	Residents Issues (15mins allocated to receive residents representations to the Council)	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a Anti social behaviour around Chestnut Green</li> <li>b To receive representations from two residents about their request for a memorial bench on Chestnut Green</li> </ul>	
5	Planning	Chair
	1) To agree consultation responses to the following planning proposals: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a Erection of a solar farm together with ancillary development thereto, Hillam Grange, Austfield Lane, Hillam</li> </ul> 2) Decision notices received <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a Change of use of playroom within dwelling house for the use of swimming pool and associated facilities for both personal and business use (retrospective), Swim Finity, 14 Church Lane, Monk Fryston – granted subject to conditions</li> </ul>	
6	Finances	Clerk
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a <b>Authorised payments since last meeting:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1 Bank Statement to 31 January refers (issued under separate cover).</li> <li>2 Payments as scheduled since above statement (issued under separate cover).</li> </ul> </li> <li>b <b>Current Account</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Current Account as Statement to 31 January £24,650.94</li> <li>Previous Balance £26,022.27</li> <li>Cash received £00.00</li> <li>Payments issued and cleared £1,721.48</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

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	<p>Payments not cleared <span style="float: right;">£737.44</span></p> <p>Cash available when all cheques cleared <span style="float: right;">£23,558.33</span></p> <p><b>c Savings Accounts</b></p> <p>Yorkshire Bank (after July and January interest totalling £19.22) <span style="float: right;">£19,232.55</span></p> <p>Skipton BS <span style="float: right;">£74,759.50</span></p> <p>Nationwide BS <span style="float: right;">£72,107.90</span></p> <p><b>d Future Commitments / Income</b></p> <p>Liabilities as set out in Balance Sheet schedule <span style="float: right;">(-) £8,689.00</span></p> <p>Creditors <span style="float: right;">(+ ) £1092.62</span></p> <p>Total Commitments (-) / Income (+) <span style="float: right;">(-) £7596.38</span></p> <p><b>e Cash Book</b></p> <p>Cash Book Balance at 10 February 2024 <span style="float: right;">£23,558.33</span></p> <p><b>f Current Account / Cash Book Reconciliation</b></p> <p>The 'Cash available when all cheques cleared' (b above) reconciles with the 'Cash Book balance when all cheques cleared' (e above)</p> <p><b>g Expenditure / Budget comparison</b></p> <p>The comparative expenditure through to the end of January was approx. £23,956 against a forecast of £28,204.</p> <p><b>h Capital Reserve Statement</b></p> <p>Amount ring-fenced for capital expenditure is £148,453.</p> <p>Amount ring-fenced for CIL expenditure is £5,128.</p> <p>Remaining reserve for non-capital expenditure is £26,058.</p> <p><b>i Audit Control</b></p> <p>Councillors to confirm that they are satisfied that the above demonstrates that the PC is maintaining an effective system of audit and control including taking account of commitments and liabilities as required by the annual audit.</p>	
7	Clerks Update	Clerk
	<p>a An election has not been called within the statutory period so the PC is free to co-opt a member to fill the vacant seat on the Council</p> <p>b The ipads and cases to be loaned to the Play School are now to hand.</p> <p>c NYC planning department has advised that the proposal for the PC's new notice board does not need planning permission. The fact that the PC maintains the grassed area where it is to be located classifies it as permitted development</p> <p>d DAC Beachcroft LLP have been instructed by Aviva insurance to recover losses occurred as a result of the impact on the bus shelter. NY Police have yet to provide particulars of the driver of the car.</p>	
8	Motions ( <i>in bold italic</i> )	Chair
	<p>a <b><i>To make payments in accordance with payments schedule</i></b> (issued under separate cover)</p> <p>b <b><i>To consider the developed letter (issued as an addendum from Cllr Geldard on behalf of Road Safety Working Group) that requests support from Councillor Tim Grogan and Keane Duncan Executive Member in support of a crossing on the A63. To determine the appropriateness to issue to the addressed forthwith.</i></b></p> <p>c <b><i>To consider: -</i></b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b><i>i. The appropriateness of reinstating the previously removed picnic bench at Chestnut Green</i></b></p> <p style="padding-left: 20px;"><b><i>ii. if deemed appropriate, determine a suitable location within the</i></b></p>	

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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>amenity of Chestnut Green</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>iii. if a location is sought, determine the next steps including the budget for the works.</b></p> <p>d <b>To agree to holding the Annual Parish Meeting at the Community Centre on Thursday 11 April at 8pm (subject to room availability)</b></p> <p>e <b>To agree a response to the letter from NYCC regarding the arrangements for urban highway grass cutting in 2024/25.</b> Letter issued under separate cover.</p> <p>f <b>To receive a copy of the (as yet unsigned) Loan Agreement for the loan of the Ipads to the Play School.</b> Document issued under separate cover.</p> <p>g This item should be held in private following a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in respect of confidential information. <b>To consider the tenders received for the erection of the Notice Board and associated works and to agree appropriate action</b></p> <p>h This item should be held in private following a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting in respect of confidential information. <b>To consider the action to be taken following the expiry of the 3-year term contract for grass cutting and landscape maintenance</b></p> <p>i <b>To identify any items requiring repair and / or maintenance and to determine any action</b></p>	
9	Discussion Items	Chair
	<p>a Residents issues received under item 4</p> <p>b Planters and planting</p> <p>c Next Newsletter</p>	
10	Updates on actions agreed at previous meetings	
11	Committee and Group updates	Various
	<p>a Burial Committee.</p> <p>b Planting Group</p> <p>c Road Safety Working Group</p> <p>d Highways and Footpaths Group</p> <p>e Comms Group</p>	<p>Cllr NS</p> <p>Cllr AS</p> <p>Cllr RG</p>
12	Correspondence	
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>POST IN</b></p> <p>a None</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>POST OUT</b></p> <p>a Invoice for NYC grass cutting</p>	
13	Items For Next Meeting	All
	a Items to be with Clerk before 9th March for next meeting on 19th March	



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Our Ref        ZG2023/1271/FULM  
Date            8 January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

### **CONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATION**

**PROPOSAL:**     Erection of a solar farm together with ancillary development thereto  
**LOCATION:**      Hillam Grange, Austfield Lane, Hillam

The above planning application was received as valid on 19 December 2023.

To view the planning application files electronically, please use the authority's 'PublicAccess' website at <https://public.selby.gov.uk/online-applications/> and follow the instructions given. The information will be available within 24 hours on receipt of this e-mail.

You can submit your comments via Public Access, by email [planningcomments.sel@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:planningcomments.sel@northyorks.gov.uk) or by post to the above postal address . If I have not received your written observations by 29 January 2024 it will be assumed you do not have any to make. Please note that any comments you make will be placed on the relevant file, which is available for public inspection in the office and on the internet.

An information leaflet providing examples of the type of material considerations we are able to consider when we determine planning applications can be found at [www.northyorks.gov.uk](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk)

To find out if the application is to be considered by the Planning Committee you should contact this office and where applications are to be determined by Committee it may be possible to address the meeting. Please contact the Plans Processing Unit on 0300 1312131 for further details regarding the procedure to follow.

I look forward to receiving your comments in due course.

Yours faithfully,

Trevor Watson  
Assistant Director - Planning

	<h1>Observations of Monk Fryston Parish Council</h1>
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**Observation sheet to be returned to District Council on or before 29 January 2024**

Our Reference:	ZG2023/1271/FULM	Team:	South Team
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Proposal:	Erection of a solar farm together with ancillary development thereto
Location:	Hillam Grange, Austfield Lane, Hillam

*Observations of the Parish/Town Council meeting:*

SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS			Meeting	Tuesday, 20 February 2024	
Payee	Invoice No	Amount	Vat	Item	Pay Ref
MF and H Community Association	24017	20.00	n/a	room hire	2130
<b>Total</b>		<b>£20.00</b>			

**SCHEDULE OF PAYMENTS SINCE LAST STATEMENT ON 31 JANUARY 2024**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Invoice No</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Vat</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Payment</b>
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Dear Tim and Keane,

Thank you for your continued dialogue with our Councillors in the Monk Fryston Parish regarding much needed Road Safety Improvements and Pedestrian Crossing on the A63 in our village at Monk Fryston. This letter sets out our position and ask of you, as our Local Councillor and Executive Member for Highways and Transportation respectively.

#### Background of the Challenges at Monk Fryston

As you may know, Parish Council requests for a safe pedestrian crossing date back to the early 2000's, where parishioners observed a marked increase in both car and heavy goods vehicle traffic likely because of the growth of local urban areas in nearby areas. At the time, concerns were raised on the impact on the village and with hopes of a bypass road dashed, the village became accustomed to a heavy flow of traffic especially at peak times.

The A63 is a key feature of the village, and the village has grown around the road due to its key links to Leeds and Selby. As infrastructure, the road provides key benefits and challenges for the village. The key challenge is that the village is effectively a community of two halves, with families living on either side of the road and needing to regular cross the road to access amenities including a local shop and post office, GP surgery, Church, School, Childcare provision, Community Centre, Play Areas, Footpaths and Bus Stops to local destinations.

Monk Fryston currently has no A63 crossing which results in pedestrians who range from school age children to the elderly (and people of various accessibility needs) to both select a crossing point and cross at their own risk, if at all. Local parishioner feedback is that many residents actively avoid crossing due to their concerns and select either car travel to other areas depriving local businesses of trade or avoiding social occasions which drives instances of loneliness.

#### Accidents and Near Misses

It seems perverse to the Parish Council that Highways response is often dictated by real world accidents occurred rather than a true risk assessment that forecasts the likelihood of accidents and we want your support to bring forward a crossing to ensure the safety of our parishioners and visitors to our village.

Numerous near misses have been observed and reported to the council and an accident relating to an elderly parishioner being struck by a vehicle outside our village shop occurred in Summer 2023.

A fatal accident relating to a multiple vehicle collision occurred just outside of our village (towards Hambleton) in late Autumn 2023 and we were made aware of a vehicle striking a pedestrian in Hambleton in January 2024 which unfortunately resulted in a fatality. It should be noted that Hambleton has crossing points installed and a similar traffic volume transit between our village and Hambleton.

#### The Challenges in Locating a Crossing

Monk Fryston Parish Council acknowledge some of the challenges posed by the village in terms of it's topography, layout and the line of the A63 as it transits through the village making the location of a crossing point a challenge from a visibility perspective, however we feel we have a compliant location identified that works for the majority of pedestrians.



### Previous Correspondence with Highways

We understand that Highways are a key stakeholder in our request for a crossing and we have had several interactions with Highways in recent years to explore opportunities. We have found that we've been passed through processes, with sporadic dialogue and have failed to build solution focussed momentum.

Over time we have had promises of a temporary crossing which hasn't materialised, we've invested in surveys, and we have taken what we feel are positive but formal steps. Unfortunately, we have come unstuck with technicalities on regulations, codes and ownership queries that stalls conversations and time elapses.

We're keen to work closely with a solution focussed team in Highways to help us unlock reasons to provide a crossing rather than reasons to prevent, and help us take a holistic view of options to a clear timeline.

### Funding for a Crossing

Crossings are an investment, and we understand can be funded by various means including contributions from our Parish Council and funds from our local Ward Councillor.

Monk Fryston Parish Council is fortunate to have funds to support a scheme of this nature.

### Our Ask to you

We won't be the only Parish Council who feels overlooked or has pressing local transport needs that seem more important to us than others. We feel we have a strong case and that with your support we can bring about a positive change that results in a safer, more connected, more sustainable solution.

Tim, we noted that you campaigned and were elected and you enjoy good local support. One of your key vote winning initiatives was to campaign on the basis of bringing a crossing to Monk Fryston and we'd like to help you do that.

We need your support to influence the key stakeholders in Highways, to help us navigate their processes, build momentum and drive accountability. Your local community funding will help bring support us, and we ask that you apportion this funding to us for the crossing.

Keane, in your role as the Executive Member for Highways and Transport in North Yorkshire, plus your growing profile as our North Yorkshire Conservative Mayoral Candidate we need your help and support to get in front of the right team at Highways. Your experience in similar issues is invaluable to us, and we appreciate your recent visits to our village where you met our local Headteacher Mr Rick Weights and our Chair Nigel Spofforth. Helping us to understand the Highways delivery system, opportunities and in helping us raise profile for this issue is key and we believe aligns to your values and ambitions.

Yours sincerely,

MFPC

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## EQUIPMENT LOAN AGREEMENT

This Equipment Loan Agreement (the "Agreement") is made and entered on (date) by and between Monk Fryston Parish Council ("the Council") and Monk Fryston Play School "the Play School" (collectively referred to as the "Parties").

The Parties agree as follows:

**1. EQUIPMENT:** the Council hereby loans to the Play School the following equipment: 4 number 2019 Apple iPad s(10.2-inch, WiFi, 32GB) - Space Grey (Renewed) and 4 number JETech black cases (the "Equipment"). The Equipment is fitted with security stickers numbered T264301 to T264308 inclusive.

**2. LOAN TERM:** The loan will start on receipt of the Equipment by the Play School and will continue indefinitely under the terms of this Agreement unless either Party determines otherwise by providing notice as set out below.

**3. DEFAULTS:** If the Play School fails to perform or fulfill any obligation under this Agreement, the Play School shall be in default of this Agreement. If the Play School shall become insolvent, cease to do business as a going concern or if a petition has been filed by or against the Play School under the Bankruptcy Act or similar government statute, the Council may immediately declare the Play School in default of this Agreement. In the event of default, the Council will re-take possession of the Equipment.

**4. POSSESSION AND SURRENDER OF EQUIPMENT:** the Play School shall be entitled to possession of the Equipment on the commencement day of the Loan. Should the loan come to an end the Play School shall surrender the Equipment to the Council by delivering the Equipment to the Council or the Council's agent. If the Play School ceases to have a requirement for any or all of the equipment it shall be returned to the Council immediately.

**5. USE OF EQUIPMENT:** the Play School shall use the Equipment solely for the benefit of Play School in a careful and proper manner and will comply with all laws, rules, ordinances, statutes and orders regarding the use, maintenance of storage of the Equipment.

**6. CONDITION OF EQUIPMENT AND REPAIR:** the Play School or the Play School's agent has inspected the Equipment and acknowledges that the Equipment is in good and acceptable condition.

**7. MAINTENANCE, DAMAGE AND LOSS:** the Play School will, at the Play School's sole expense, keep and maintain the Equipment clean and in good working order and repair. In the event the Equipment damaged beyond repair, the Play School shall replace the Equipment at its own expense as part of this Agreement

In the event of loss or damage beyond repair this shall be reported to the Council immediately.

**8. INSURANCE:** the Play School shall be responsible to maintain insurance on the Equipment with losses payable to the Council against fire, theft and other such risks as are appropriate.

**9. ENCUMBRANCES, TAXES AND OTHER LAWS:** the Play School shall be responsible for complying with and conforming to all laws and regulations relating to the possession and use of the Equipment.

**10. OWNERSHIP:** The Equipment is and shall remain the exclusive property of the Council. The council audits it's equipment annually. The Play School will need to notify the Council, each year, that the equipment is still in use and in good order. The date for notification will be any time during the month of April commencing from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025.

**11. ASSIGNMENT:** Neither this Agreement nor the Play School's rights hereunder are assignable except with the Council's prior, written consent.

**12. NOTICE:** Any notice required or otherwise given pursuant to this Agreement shall be in writing and mailed certified return receipt requested, postage prepaid, or delivered by overnight delivery service to:

the Council: 24 Moss Row, Wilsden, Bradford, BD15 0EP

the Play School: (insert address)

Either party may change such addresses from time to time by providing notice as set forth above.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties have caused this Agreement to be executed the day and year first above written.

the Council:

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(Name)

(Position, if applicable)

the Play School:

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(Name)

(Position, if applicable)



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**Our ref:** Urban Highway Grass Cutting  
**Contact:** Iain Summerson

17<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Dear parish / town clerk **Monk Fryston**

I am writing to update you on arrangements for urban highway grass cutting in 2024/25. I would like to take this opportunity to thank those parishes that have carried out highway grass cutting in recent years.

It is recognised that parishes across our region are facing significant financial challenges. With this in mind, we have raised the rate that we will pay parish and town councils to cut urban highway grass in visibility areas from 7.5p to 8.0p per m<sup>2</sup> for the 2024/25 financial year. The Council will continue to fund five cuts per year of visibility grass areas.

The areas of grass to be cut within your Parish are outlined in blue on our online grass cutting map. This can be found on our website [www.northyorks.gov.uk/verges](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/verges)

Attached to this correspondence is some guidance on how to encourage biodiversity within highway verges. This has been developed in partnership with Plantlife and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust and is primarily aimed at areas of verge that are not within the visibility cut area (not lined with blue on the grass cutting map)

### **Urban grass cutting payments**

Should your parish wish to carry out urban grass cutting in 2024/25 we will make payments in a similar way to 2023/24. We will supply a purchase order to your parish in summer 2024, so that you can invoice the Council.

Based on the rate of 8p per m<sup>2</sup>, the funding for grass cutting of urban highway visibility splays for your parish will be **£332.62** in 2024/25

We would be grateful if you could please let us know if you would like to carry out grass cutting or not by emailing [HAM@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:HAM@northyorks.gov.uk) or by writing to us at the above address.

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**Please remember to include the name of your parish in your response.** To ensure efficient service planning it would be appreciated if you could **respond by 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024.**

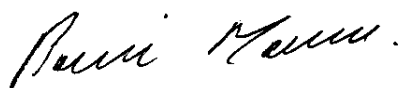
If we do not receive any notification from you by this date, or in Parishes where the town or parish council has decided that they do not wish to cut visibility grass in 2024/25, the Council will undertake five cuts of the visibility grass and no payment will be made to the town or parish council.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your assistance in this matter, which is greatly appreciated.

**Further information**

If you have any further queries regarding urban highway grass cutting, or you are interested in improving the biodiversity of the verges, please contact [HAM@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:HAM@northyorks.gov.uk)

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barrie Mason". The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Barrie Mason

Assistant Director Highways and Transportation, Parking Services, Street Scene, Parks, and Grounds

## Local Road verge restoration guidance

As many Councils throughout the UK are declaring a climate emergency, there is a growing pressure on local authorities to readdress their greenspace management to create species-rich grassland habitats. This approach has the potential to improve the biodiversity of our roadside verges to support more wildlife by creating a more balanced landscape while also increasing the number of native wildflowers that have been in decline since the 1930's.



This guidance document has been created in-line with the current Plantlife campaign, to help and support parish and town councils, or local groups who want to help manage and maintain roadside verges separately to our existing safety management.

Plantlife have successfully campaigned to highlight the benefits that can be gained by managing our roadside grassed verges for safety and wildlife. For more information you can read the following documents, [Managing grassland road verges](#) or [The good verge guide](#)

**NOTE: not all verges will be suited for individual management plans, each site must be assessed by North Yorkshire Council prior to any works commencing.**

This document has been designed to assist with urban highway grass management, however it can be used for rural verges following a safety assessment. Please use this [LINK](#) to identify the grass verges within your local area, the areas outlined in blue are currently maintained under the existing policy.

North Yorkshire Council's existing grass cutting policies are focused on safety to provide full visibility for all highway users and have been separated into the following categories,

Urban, *under 40mph network*, - min 5 cuts per season and include all junction vis-splays, event/hazard warning signs and remote footways.

Rural, *over 40mph network* – min 2 cuts per season and include all junction vis-splays, event/hazard warning signs, longitudinal swathe up to 2.4m, overtaking sight lines and remote footways which fall outside of the existing swathe cuts.

**Both policies are currently being reviewed to incorporate biodiversity without negatively impacting the safety**

**CAUTION!** You must ensure there is a safe distance between the carriageway edge and your chosen site: Roads with a speed limit of 40mph or greater require a minimum safety zone of 1.2m from the carriageway edge. Roads with a speed limit of under 40mph require a minimum safety zone of 0.5m from the carriageway edge.

All works must be carried out in a safe manner, we can provide a safety assessment

The key factor required for wildflowers is maintaining low soil fertility, this can be achieved by removing the grass cuttings after each cut as this helps to reduce the nutrient levels of the soils. This approach can be labour intensive and costly, so it is important to understand your disposal options before starting,

- Local allotments or landowners for composting.
- On-site disposal, this involves creating a sacrificial area for the arisings which can be under hedges or trees, or an area to the rear of the verge away from the proposed working area. Further guidance can be found at [How to manage grass cuttings](#)
- [Transport to your local household recycling centre](#)

### Help with public perception,

- By framing the verge to maintain a 0.5-1m strip of short mown grass around the edges of the project space, and alongside footways.
- Use signs to highlight the restoration works being carried out. We are happy to promote the use of blue hearts in collaboration with the rewilding blue campaign, further information can be found at [Blue campaign](#) which includes instructions of how to create your own signs.



Creating a structurally diverse verge can benefit both flora and fauna. This is ideal for areas which are lined by a hedge or woodland and can be managed to maintain a shorter wildflower sward to the front with a reduced cutting regime for the rear to allow taller flowers and grasses to provide shelter for wildlife.

Prior to carrying out any management, it is important you have a clear goal for the area and understand what is required to improve it. We recommend carrying out a [baseline survey](#) to identify all existing flora and fauna to prevent losing any potentially unknown species-rich pockets of verge.

### Verge restoration with existing wildflowers,



- Carry out one Autumn cut after the seeds have matured and fallen.
- Cut all vegetation at ground level and remove all the cuttings.
- This approach is less labour intensive and will mimic a hay meadow cut.

### Lowering the soil fertility,

- The verge will need to be cut three times during the first year's growing season to maximise the removal of nutrients and stunt the growth of the stronger grasses.
- Aim to cut during April, July, and September once the grasses have reached a height of 150-200mm.
- Remove all cuttings after each cut
- Verges with high fertility may need to be replicated into year 2. for very fertile verges.

### Creating a new wildflower verge

- This approach can be labour-intensive but does generally provide quicker results.
- The ground preparation and time of year are essential to a successful project and needs to be completed during Autumn or early spring.
- Prepare the grounds by cutting the grass back as low as you can and remove all cuttings.
- [Rake or scarify the area to create about 50% bare soil or bare patches ready for sowing.](#)
- Mix the seeds with coarse sand and scatter over the area before lightly treading in.

**NOTE:** It is important to use a wildflower seed mix which is native to your local area. Including yellow-rattle when seeding can help to reduce the soil fertility as it feeds off the nutrients of the vigorous grasses. [Further advice on seed sourcing can be found here](#)

**\*\*Specific guidance can be provided for all areas highlighted**

For all enquiries or further information please contact us at [HAM@northyorks.gov.uk](mailto:HAM@northyorks.gov.uk)



