



Community Governance Review for Newall with Clifton parish

We are consulting residents about the future governance of Newall with Clifton Parish Council. Due to a lack of residents willing to become parish councillors, North Yorkshire Council is undertaking a community governance review to ensure that parish level governance arrangements are operating as effectively as possible.

Newall with Clifton Parish Council has not been functioning since September 2022. This means that there are no councillors to attend parish meetings.

Mid Wharfedale is a neighbouring grouped parish council comprised of five individual parishes. It is represented by 11 councillors. Mid Wharfedale Parish Council has expressed an interest in taking on the area of Newall with Clifton Parish Council, as councillors feel that the area fits in well with Mid Wharfedale and has a shared community identity.

There are several options as indicated below:

1. Dissolve the parish council and add the parish to a neighbouring parish council to form a grouped parish council. At least one parish councillor would represent the parish on the parish council.
2. Dissolve the parish council and merge with a neighbouring parish council to form a single parish council, which could be warded.
3. Dissolve the parish council and change to a parish meeting. A parish meeting would consist of all the registered electors living in the parish and a meeting must take place at least two times per year. Volunteers would be required to fulfil the role of clerk and chair of the parish meeting.
4. No changes to current arrangements and retain the parish council in its current form.

You are invited to have your say as part of this consultation.

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All questions are optional. Please skip any that you do not want to answer. Your responses to this survey are completely anonymous. We do not collect any identifying information unless you choose to provide it.

Please do not include any personal identifiable information about yourself or someone else in your responses.

Closing date for all responses: Monday 22 December 2025

Please tick which best describes you:

- I live in Newall with Clifton
- I work in Newall with Clifton
- I own a business in Newall with Clifton
- I am a representative of a community organisation in Newall with Clifton
- I am a resident of a neighbouring parish, please state below
- Other, please describe below

Please do not include any personal identifiable information about yourself or someone else in your response.

Please state the first part of your postcode:
(for example YO21)

Are you aware that Newall with Clifton Parish Council has had difficulty finding residents to stand as parish councillors and is currently not meeting as it is not quorate?

- Yes, I am aware
- No, I am not aware
- I am unsure

Which of the following would be your preferred option?

- Combine Newall with Clifton Parish Council with one of the neighbouring parish councils by dissolving the parish council and forming a grouped parish council
- Combine Newall with Clifton Parish Council with one of the neighbouring parish councils by dissolving the parish council and merging with a neighbouring parish council to form a single parish council, which could be warded
- I am unsure
- Other suggestion, please describe below

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Which of the following parish councils would you like to see Newall with Clifton combined with?

- Mid Wharfedale Grouped Parish Council
- Lower Washburn Grouped Parish Council
- Washburn Grouped Parish Council

Please tell us why you chose this option?

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Is there anything further you would like to add about this community governance review?

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Any questions relating to the Community Governance Review can be forwarded to CGR@northyorks.gov.uk

Thank you for sharing your views.

Please return this completed form in the freepost envelope provided.