



Community Governance Review for Welburn parish

We are consulting residents of Welburn 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.

Welburn Parish Council has not been functioning since March 2024. This means that there are no councillors to attend parish meetings. Three North Yorkshire Council Division Members are currently temporarily appointed to the parish council to enable it to stay quorate.

In order to maintain parish level governance in the area, Welburn could merge with a neighbouring parish council. Whitwell-on-the-Hill and Crambe Parish Council, Bulmer Parish Council and Westow Parish Council are neighbouring parish councils that could be considered for a merger.

Henderskelfe Parish Meeting and Huttons Ambo Parish Council also neighbour Welburn, but currently the Local Government Boundary Commission for England are consulting on North Yorkshire Council division boundaries and these parishes are proposed to sit in a different division and it is not recommended that parish councils cross division boundaries.

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 Welburn

I work in Welburn

I own a business in Welburn

I am a representative of a community organisation in Welburn

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 Welburn Parish Council has had difficulty finding residents to stand as parish councillors?

Yes, I am aware

No, I am not aware

I am unsure

Which of the following would be your preferred option?

Combine Welburn Parish Council with one of the neighbouring parish councils and dissolve Welburn Parish Council and form a grouped parish council

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Not sure

Other suggestion, please describe below

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

- Whitwell-on-the-Hill and Crambe Parish Council
- Bulmer Parish Council
- Westow 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.

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