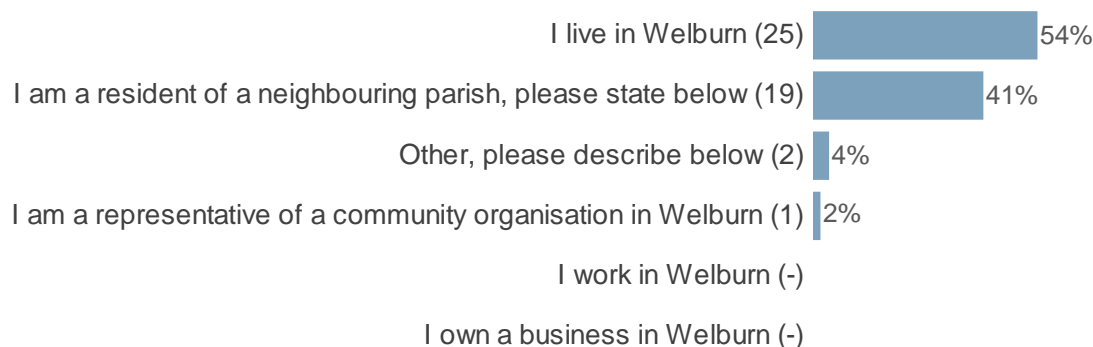


## 2025-26 CGR - Welburn

This report was generated on 23/12/25. Overall 46 respondents completed this questionnaire. The report has been filtered to show the responses for 'All Respondents'. A total of 46 cases fall into this category.

The following charts are restricted to the top 12 codes. Lists are restricted to the most recent 100 rows.

Please tick which best describes you:



Westow	I live in Crambeck
Westow parish	Barton le Willows
Westow	Bulmer
Bulmer	resident of Bulmer
Bulmer	Bulmer
Westow	Resident from neighbouring village
Whitwell	Bulmer
Huttons ambo parish	

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

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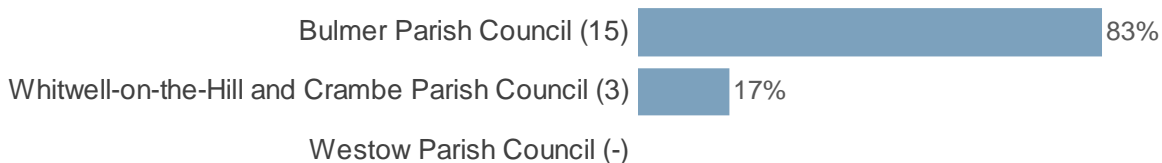
Are you aware that Welburn Parish Council has had difficulty finding residents to stand as parish councillors?



## Which of the following would be your preferred option?



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



## Please tell us why you chose this option?

It is closer and a similar demographic and setting as Welburn.

I was unaware that it was being dissolved and would be willing to be involved in keeping it going

Welburn is the largest community in the district and needs to be represented

everyone can be involved in decision making

I would happily attend a parish meeting and believe the best for the village is to let the local residents dictate changes.

I don't fully understand the how the 2 options would make a difference to local decision-making.

I am not sure that it is necessary for westow parish to be one of the options,when there are quiet a few others on that side of theA64,also it makes it a large area to be covered by one parish council.

Perhaps someone from the Welburn Parish will volunteer for the open roles

Grouping ensures that the identity of the area is not lost. The area has strong connections with Bulmer sharing many local societies and groups and residents attend each others local events (eg village hall).

Each village should have it's own parish council. People need to step up and take responsibility.

Geographically nearer to Bulmer with easy access by road. Not split by river Derwent or A64. Both are small communities and might benefit each other by being combined.

In my opinion Whitwell and Crambe better representative the makeup of the residential properties and residents of Welburn than Bulmer which has a number of far more expensive properties than Welburn and is generally considered to be a far wealthier community. Westow is relatively distant and not a much visited neighbour owing to the A64 trunk road Membership of this expanded council would ensure that Welburn had a voice even if there was difficulty finding candidates

Bulmer would seem to be a natural fit. A similar village, the closest village and many residents know each other through shared clubs and societies.

BECAUSE IT IS RIDICULOUS THAT SUCH A THRIVING COMMUNITY SHOULD NOT HAVE A PARISH COUNCIL [REDACTED] A COUNCIL COULD BE PUT TOGETHER [REDACTED] THERE ARE MANY NEW RESIDENTS WHO WOULD DO A VERY GOOD JOB.

As the other councils are so close in proximity, those councillors would understand the issues relating to welburn

I understand other Parish Councils struggle to attract new members so why add the burden of Welburn to them?

As a resident and parish councillor in Westow, I am unaware of the situation in Welburn and its other neighbouring parishes across the other side of the A64. The existence of the dual carriageway A64 which is itself not even near the boundary of the Westow Parish Council makes Welburn remote to us. Westow represent hamlets on the edge of the Yorkshire Wolds. If Welburn is to amalgamate with another Parish Council, Westow is the worst possible option. We have no link with Welburn.

Mainly because it does not require crossing the A64.

Similar interests of both parishes

No idea what the difference between the options is

Nearest village and Bulmer residents use a lot of the facilities in Welburn

Don't know.

Im not sure if I would want Welburn PC to be dissolved & need to understand more of how things would work. Perhaps a meeting with villagers to explain might be a good thing.

Because I think it is best represented by someone living and knowing the village well. Unfortunately there has been no recent consistency with councillors resigning so soon, why?. The village was far better served between 5 to 10 years ago when we moved here.

## Please tell us why you chose this option?

It would seem a more natural combination to join with Whitwell and Crambe because: Westow is geographically quite a distance from Welburn and Bulmer has always been a close neighbourly community working on its own for the people it represents and should remain so.

Merging Parish Councils will not solve the difficulties that Welburn has, and Bulmer has no interest in taking on what are basically man-made problems.

If the residents do not currently want a regular sitting pc then an annual meeting would provide opportunity for status review along with other local issue discussion/actions.

Closest and already share many activities together

Communication to local residents who may wish to participate on the Council has not been thorough or effective. Good 'old-fashioned' door canvassing and face-to-face communication would help. There are a number of new residents, and many other suitable candidates in the village. It is important to maintain the village voice, and I would certainly be able to play a part. would be prepared to canvas.

The Parish Council [REDACTED] will struggle to function

It seems to me that the A64 is a physical boundary which would exclude Westow Parish Council. Whitwell-on-the-Hill and Crambe is split by the A64 but largely the population in that parish area is also east of the A64. That leaves Bulmer, which is adjacent to Welburn and on the same side of the A64 making it the best match.

Seems geographically sensible

Bulmer is the closest village to Welburn and thus may have similar issues with which to deal.

Not fully understanding the options

It is important for Welburn to be run by a local Parish Council, but I do not believe it should fall to a neighboring Parish Council to take on their issues

I think it is important we have a voice that represents the village. This is especially important with the insane levels of proposed development in the area. Although I would prefer a merger over having no PC at all, I think a merger could be problematic, since each village is likely to take a NIMBY view of the proposed development, which could be detrimental for Welburn.

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

Maybe a public meeting in the village hall at Welburn might have encouraged some to stand for the Parish Council to get it reinstated

I would like to know how to find out when meetings are so I can attend

Merging with Westow Parish Council is a less practical option than merging with one of the Parishes on the same side of the A64.

Westow parish already covers 5 villages, I'm not sure adding to its responsibilities will encourage people to stay councilors, wouldn't it be better to encourage the residents of Welburn to become councilors for their own village.

Could you also look at the increase in the Parish Council cost to Council Tax Payers it was a significant increase compared to the inflation rate. Could the Parish Council also support the retention of phone boxes as the mobile phone signal is not great.

Action needs to be taken fairly swiftly to ensure local views on forthcoming housing proposals are represented as the Local Plan develops.

no

I have heard it said many times that NYC seem totally disinterested in any recommendations put forward by the local Council and so no one is prepared to stand just to go through a load of formal procedures which are ignored anyway.

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

The duties of a Parish councillor are very arduous. I believe the county council has a statutory duty to provide some replacement for us until volunteers can be found. This has not happened and councillors have not responded to any enquiries from residents.

HAS NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL RECENTLY CLOSELY REVIEWED THE CURRENT SITUATION IN WELBURN? SPOKEN TO RESIDENTS ETC? IT IS SUCH A BUSY VILLAGE ESPECIALLY IN THE CENTRE WITH SCHOOL, PUB AND CAFE, AND MANY WALKERS AND OTHER VISITORS, IT REALLY COULD DO WITH A WORKING PARISH COUNCIL AND NOT BE TACKED ON TO ANOTHER PARISH.

No

I'll contact my Cllr about this!

I would respectfully suggest contacting the Castle Howard estate (Henderskelfe PC?), which does border Welburn. The estate will own land within the Welburn curtilage and would I'm sure have an interest in the local governance of the parish. They may even be able to help with volunteering parish councillors...

No thank you.

I'd like to see more effort to reform the Welburn Parish council. There are many people who are very passionate about it. I would do it but I'm working full time and simply don't have the time to put into this.

No

Just need more understanding of how things will work. At the moment the village is in a bit of a mess with too many people falling out with each other instead of pulling together & also people taking on roles from which they then resign from! The village is not as it was & it's a shame.

No just keep me updated please.

I strongly think that Bulmer should not be combined with Welburn as the parish council works harmoniously so should not be changed in any way.

Bulmer and Welburn join in a number of community events, but the suggestion that Bulmer can help to resolve Welburn's petty disputes is ridiculous.

Local clerk would need to be made available to the parish. Such clerks need to be trained and approved by council and paid for using parish budget.

Please could a more rigorous search for volunteers be undertaken before relinquishing our Welburn voice?

It is not clear to me what the difference is between merging and grouping the Parish Councils. Some additional information around this would have been useful. Many thanks.

No

Any neighbouring Council that would enforce the speed limit through Welburn and have the 30 signs more prominently displayed and a 10 past Welburn school. At present its a mini M1.