

Community Governance Review for Sherburn Parish Council

We are consulting residents about the future governance of Sherburn Parish Council. Due to a lack of residents willing to become parish councillors, the parish is currently holding several vacant seats. North Yorkshire Council is undertaking a community governance review to ensure that parish level governance arrangements are operating as effectively as possible.

A request has been received from Sherburn Parish Council to reduce the number of councillor seats from 11 to nine as the parish is currently holding five vacancies. As of June 2025, 11 councillor seats represent 680 electors.

Sherburn Parish Council meetings are often cancelled due to not enough parish councillors being present. A parish council is considered quorate when at least one-third of the total number of councillors are present, with a minimum of three councillors. Reducing the council size will reduce the quorum from four to three councillors.

The options are as follows:

1. Reduce the number of councillors
2. No changes to the 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 Sherburn

I work in Sherburn

I own a business in Sherburn

I am a representative of a community organisation in Sherburn

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 Sherburn Parish Council has had difficulty finding residents to stand as parish councillors and is currently holding several vacant seats?

Yes

No

I am unsure

What is your opinion of the current number of parish councillors (11)?

Too many

About right

Too few

I do not know

Which of the following would be your preferred option?

- 11 councillors
- 10 councillors
- Nine councillors
- Eight councillors
- Seven councillors
- Another option - please describe below
- I do not know

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If relevant, what are your reasons for supporting a reduction in the number of councillors?

- The parish is small and does not need as many councillors
- It is difficult to fill the vacant seats
- Meetings are often cancelled due to insufficient councillor numbers
- Another option - please describe below
- I do not know

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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.