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Report of the Clerk to the Chairman and Members of the Council

COMMUNITY SAFETY: FOOTPATH TO SEAMER STATION, NORTH OF B1261 STATION ROAD /CAYTON LOW ROAD, CROSSGATES

1 PURPOSE

- (a) Further to minutes 59(b) & (iv) - (v) of the last meeting of the Council on 8 July 2025, this report is intended to update the Council on multi-agency considerations and actions, following the theft and setting fire to motorcycles on the footpath to the north of the B1261 Station Road/Cayton Low Road, Crossgates, from the red brick bus shelter and electricity sub-station to Seamer Station car park.

2 RECOMMENDATION

- (a) To note the multi-agency considerations and actions since the last meeting.
- (b) To note enquiries are continuing to establish responsibility for the footpath and request consideration of the proposal for the installation of chicane barriers.

3 CONCLUSIONS

- (a) Having considered and reviewed options thoroughly on a multi-agency basis, North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Council, through its relevant Community Safety & CCTV, Highways and related Infrastructure services, consider the damage to the fences, whilst distressing for the residents concerned, were isolated incidents and do not, therefore, warrant significant infrastructure installations at public ie Council Tax payers' expense.
- (b) Enquiries are continuing to establish responsibility for the footpath and request consideration of the proposed installation of chicane barriers but, in the circumstances, this seems likely to result in a similar response and there are particular access requirements for this footpath.
- (c) There is multi-agency agreement that the trimming back by other residents of their overhanging bushes and trees would be beneficial in making the area feel more safe for those residents using the footpath, and potentially in deterring and detecting anti-social behaviour.

4 CONSIDERATIONS

- (a) With reference to draft minute 7 of the Annual Parish Meeting (Assembly) held on 6 May 2025 and minutes 48(a) & (i) of 10 June 2025 & 65 of the last meeting:
 - (i) PC 672 J Manson, included within his verbal report to the Annual Parish Meeting (Assembly) that a recent spate of motorcycle thefts from Eastfield and Scarborough resulted in them being set on fire.
 - (ii) the June Police Report included "02/05/2025 08:27 – Two motor bikes were stolen from a garden on Station Road in Crossgates. One was burnt out next to the house, the other was found on Musham Bank Road with damage to the ignition wiring. The investigation is ongoing, please report any information and quote 12250077718."
 - (iii) the August Police Report includes "06/07/2025 09:59 – A moped was stolen at 0137hrs from a property on Station Road in Crossgates. The incident is currently under investigation. Please report any information and quote 12250123321."
- (b) On both occasions the motorcycles were set on fire on the footpath to Seamer Station car park to the north of the B1261, destroying neighbouring residents' garden fences.
- (c) Following Public Participation by the affected residents, the Council meeting on 8 July 2025 RESOLVED that:
 - (i) North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire Council be requested:

- (1) to advise of the stage of any enquiries and any actions taken or to be taken, following the theft and setting fire to motorcycles on the footpath to the north of the B1261 Station Road/Cayton Low Road, Crossgates, from the red brick bus shelter and electricity sub-station to Seamer Station car park, including any preventative measures.
- (2) to advise affected residents concerning resultant damage to and protection of their properties.
- (ii) North Yorkshire Council be requested to consider the installation of chicane barriers to restrict access to the footpath.
- (d) North Yorkshire Police reported that whilst the damage to the fences were isolated incidents, work was ongoing concerning the stolen motorbikes and damaged fences, and the Neighbourhood Policing Team's Acting Inspector had spoken with one of the residents.
- (e) North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service reported it could only provide home fire safety advice.
- (f) North Yorkshire Council's Community Safety & CCTV Manager reported this area had not previously been raised as an area of concern in terms of community safety and CCTV would not be a proportionate response to the issue.
- (g) North Yorkshire Council's Electrical Engineering Manager for Highways & Infrastructure noted all 3 streetlights on the footpath were turned off from midnight until 5.00am but reported the area did not meet the criteria for all night operation, which included "significant relevant night-time crime or anti-social behaviour".
- (h) North Yorkshire Council's Highways Area Manager reports the footpath is not their responsibility.
- (i) York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority's Rail Strategy and Performance Officer reported any changes to the footpath would need to be access compliant, as it provides the level access route to/from the station.
- (j) Enquiries are continuing with North Yorkshire Council's Corporate Asset Management, National Highways and, through York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority, whether the footpath forms part of any railway estate, in order to establish responsibility for the footpath and request consideration of the proposal for the installation of chicane barriers.



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