

Responsibilities

In law, the Town Council is a parish council, responsible for the area within the Easingwold parish boundary. We raise money for the services we provide through a 'precept', which is collected from town residents by Hambleton District Council (HDC) as part of the Council Tax payments. You will see the parish council precept on your annual Council Tax statement.

As a parish council there are very few facilities or services that we must provide by law, although we can choose to become involved in a wide range of activities. One of the responsibilities of the Chairman is to make sure that the Council does not attempt to do things that are outside its powers. We are permitted to provide, for example: allotments, public baths and wash houses, burial grounds, cemeteries and crematoria, bus shelters, markets, public conveniences, buildings to be used for offices, public meetings, conferences or social activities.

Legally, we can support the arts, encourage tourism, comment on planning applications within the town boundary, and plant trees. Our powers over roads and pavements are limited, but we can provide lighting and traffic signs and maintain public footpaths and bridleways.

Who is responsible for what? Is it Easingwold Town Council, Hambleton or North Yorkshire?

What the Town Council is responsible for in Easingwold:

Market Place: cobbling, public toilets, Market Greens and common land, car park maintenance, Town Hall clock (on top of GH Smiths), Friday Market and the flagpole.

The Memorial Park, Claypenny Park, Millfields Skate Park and Longlands Play Park. Grasscutting, winter & summer flower displays in the Market Place and Long Street, management of the Dawney allotments at Crankley, Millfields Open Space and Chase Garth Open Space plus the majority of trees in public areas. For example: the resurfacing of the car park in the Market Place is the responsibility of the Town Council, but the potholes in the adjacent highway are not; they must be repaired by NYCC.

What Hambleton District Council (HDC) is responsible for:

Planning Applications, Planning Policy and Forward Planning, Housing Issues, Revenues and Benefits, Environmental Health, Licensing, Health and Safety, Food Safety,

Household Waste Collections and Recycling, Community Leisure Services, Economic Development, Business Support, Building Control, Customer Services,

Conservation Areas, Fly Tipping, Some Street Lighting, Community Safety, Council Tax Collection, Street Sweeping, Litter & Street Bins.

For example; the pruning of trees in the public car park at Chase Garth Road is the responsibility of HDC as it owns this area.

What North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) is responsible for:

Schools – more than 370 schools serving around 73,000 children and young people

children's centres, children's social care including adoption and fostering, adult social care services, youth services, adult education, libraries, roads and public rights of way – responsibility for approximately 5,600 miles of roads, 1,600 bridges which we own and maintain and over 6,200 miles of public rights of way, heritage and countryside management, public transport, street lighting,

trading standards and consumer advice, registration of births, deaths and marriages, disposal and recycling of household waste, emergency planning and minerals and waste planning.

For example; the repairing of potholes on the road in the Market Place is the responsibility of NYCC as it is an adopted highway.

If you are in any doubt who to contact, the Clerk can advise you.

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NYCC Customer Services: 0845 8727374 or email customer.services@northyorks.gov.uk