

Thornton Rust Bulletin Extra

Parish Council updates – September 2025

The parish council met in Aysgarth last night and Rob Crome-Hawke has shared 2 updates. Please read the updates below and get in touch with rob.cromeyhawke@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Topics covered include:

1. **Northern Powergrid underground cabling project**
2. **Phone callbox**

Kind regards,
Rob and Rachel Newall

1. Northern Powergrid underground cabling project - Decision not to proceed

Northern Powergrid Scheme Notice

The Village Green at Thornton Rust is protected under the Inclosure Act 1857 and the Commons Act 1876, which make it an offence to carry out any works or activities that may cause injury to, disturb, or interfere with the land. Therefore, before any proposed works can take place, a formal consent process must be followed. This process requires the preparation of a risk assessment informed by community consultation.

Because of the strict protections in place, if any objections to the works are received, the risk assessment automatically fails and consent cannot be granted. In this case, an objection has been received, which means we are unable to progress the risk assessment or obtain the necessary approvals. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the proposed undergrounding of the overhead Low Voltage Network, it is not possible to redesign the works to avoid the Village Green. As a result, the scheme cannot proceed to delivery.

The National Park Authority will be informed by our Design Team, and they will then be able to submit alternative candidates for consideration. Thank you all for your engagement in this matter, which has been greatly appreciated.

Harry Shepherd, Wayleave Officer, Northern Powergrid

2. Phone callbox will be retained by BT

North Yorkshire Council provided evidence to retain the payphone in your parish and objected to the proposed removal of this “last at site” BT payphone. BT has considered the evidence provided by North Yorkshire Council and has decided to retain the payphone within your village due to inadequate mobile coverage. If you had advised BT that you wished to adopt the kiosk for an alternative use, you will be advised by BT that this process will now be cancelled.

Paula Craddock, Planning Policy and Place Officer (CG), North Yorkshire Council.