
Kirkbymoorside Town Council
Information for the meeting on Monday 15 September 2025

Background

Extract of Minute 25056 of the meeting dated 21 July 2025 at Agenda item 5. Discussions with Town and County Councillors:

Cllr Riby referred to concerns raised about the hedge at Ancoats on Piercy End encroaching the pavement. This matter had been referred to North Yorkshire council Highways as a concern for pedestrian safety but to date no action has been taken. Cllr Riby requested that Highways should be pressed to offer a response as to why no action has been taken and accept responsibility if a member of the public is injured due to the pedestrian access being compromised.

Photos taken on 24.07.2025



Response received from North Yorkshire Council Highways Officer following site visit on 04.08.2025

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the boundary hedge outside of Ancoats.

Following an assessment, it has been confirmed that the hedge maintains an unobstructed width of over 1.0 metre along its entire 19.5 metre length. At present, this private boundary hedge does not pose a concern in terms of pedestrian safety. It is important to acknowledge that a degree of flexibility between pedestrians is often necessary when traversing a footway to ensure the safe and practical movement of two-way pedestrian traffic.

This section of footway is inspected frequently, and the area Highway Officer will monitor the encroachment of the boundary hedge, and when it reaches an intervention level for pedestrian safety the landowner will be contacted to carry out works to maintain the unobstructed widths on the footway.

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