

Brandesburton Highways and Steet Scene Report



Produced on behalf of Brandesburton Parish Council by Adrian Olsen, Interim Chairman

Introduction

Brandesburton is a village and civil parish in the East Riding of Yorkshire. The nearest towns are Hornsea, 7 miles to the east and Beverley, which is 9 miles north-west of the village. In the 2021 census, Brandesburton had a population of 1,582, with this number steadily rising. The village comprises leisure, light industry, and farming, all working together harmoniously. For a fairly modest location, there is an abundance of amenities, serving local resident, employees of the local businesses, and tourists. These includes 2 popular pubs, a fish & chip take away and restaurant, post office, convenience store, bakery, Golf Club, Garage and Filling Station, pizza take away (and barber coming soon) Bert's pizzeria and Dacre club house. There are also well established outdoor leisure pursuits, including Brandesburton football club, the Pétanque club, cricket field and tennis courts, along with the Parish Hall, which has seen significant investment over recent years.

Brandesburton Parish Council has undertaken a review of active travel, highways, footways, line painting, and street cleaning across the village. This report has been compiled to replace the bi-annual village walkabout, which has been abandoned for rural villages. It is the opinion of Brandesburton Parish Council that this is a mistake. Rural communities receive very little in the way of maintenance and capital expenditure, and previous Village Walkabouts undertaken with Highways and Street scene, has shown that there is significantly more to do to improve our rural community.

This report includes our opinion on the service Brandesburton receives from ERYC, and includes numerous photographs taken this year, showing areas where either significant improvement is required, or essential maintenance is required from the annual maintenance budget. This report has taken hours to produce and I ask that careful consideration is given to the points raised in the report.

Adrian Olsen – Interim Chairman, Brandesburton Parish Council

Church Drive

Brandesburton Parish Council assesses Church Drive as **Does Not Meet Expectations**. It is without doubt, the worst road that ERYC are responsible for. There has been complaints from Brandesburton Primary School and St Mary's Church and the owners of The Old Rectory, who are only able to access via Church Drive. Originally un-adopted, ERYC adopted this small section of highway over 20 years ago, with the promise to resurface the road. Why has that work never been undertaken? To put this into context, there has been 8 UK Prime Ministers since ERYC adopted the road! There are at least 4 times a year Brandesburton Parish Council request pot hole repair, and we are still waiting for those (pictured), to be repaired since our last request. Elderly and infirm residents of Brandesburton are unable to walk to the Church or visit the graves of loved ones, and instead are forced to drive or rely on friends or family to drive them. I would be more than happy to undertake a site visit with someone from ERYC highways to illustrate how difficult it is to use this road with any type of walking aid.

ERYC was awarded an additional £11m this year for highway and footway maintenance. Please explain why you have not undertaken the much needed resurfacing of Church Drive with the additional capital budget? It is infuriating to see even more cycle paths and capital expenditure in Beverley, which has always received the 'lions share' of the budget and not a single penny directed to Brandesburton. The Parish Council are formally requesting for Church Drive to be prioritised, with the installation of kerbs along the grass verge, drainage gully, a lighting column, and the drive completely reconstructed. A visual representation of this work is shown in image 1, below. Images 2 to 4 were taken recently, showing the unacceptable condition of Church Drive. Should ERYC refuse to undertake this work, we will begin the process of raising a formal complaint.



Footway Maintenance

Brandesburton Parish Council assesses the footways in the village as **Significant Improvement required**. Time and time again, we are told that there are no funds to improve footways. In some places, the footways in Brandesburton resemble abandoned roads (image 1 below). The worst footways are New Road, (images 2 to 4 below), Main Street around the shops where the concrete has broken, kerbs are sunken and the footway is dangerous, Church Lane, Starcarr Lane (Hainsworth Golf Club) and Frodingham Road.

New Road is a well used route in the village, with 3 bus stops (in both directions), along with 2 new housing estates (Burton Fields, completed in 2019 and Honeysuckle Drive, due to complete 2026). The entire footway (with the exception of the reinstated footway around Burton Fields – courtesy of Allan Homes) is appalling. In some places, the footway is less than 30cm in width (see image 2 below). It is terribly cracked and uneven, and around the trees at the south end of New Road, significant root damage from the trees means this footway is unsafe. Aside from some minor patching work, there has been no maintenance to this footway since its construction, in the 1960s when New Road was the original by-pass for Brandesburton. Repeated requests have been raised to improve this footway, including siding out to reinstate the width. This work has not been completed. (GM Walkabout schedules shared separately).

Brandesburton Parish Council is now formally requesting the entire length of this footway is reconstructed. It is simply not acceptable to ignore repeated requests from the Parish Council for essential maintenance work to be undertaken, only to spend £1.5m on cycle paths, which will not see enough usage to justify the expenditure. ERYC was awarded an additional £11m in this financial year for highway and footway maintenance and not a single penny of that budget has been directed to Brandesburton. This is totally unacceptable.

this is part of the old drayton road in
Dorchester on Thames that connected to
burcot road now cut off by the A4074



Footway Maintenance

Continuing from the previous page, the footway on Starcarr Lane (image 1 and 2 below) Church Lane (image 3 and 4 below), Frodingham Road, and Main Street, are all assessed as **Significant Improvement required**. Aside from Main Street, which was poorly 'slurry sealed' in 2018, these footways have not seen any maintenance during this century. There are an unsatisfactory number of smashed kerbs on Main Street, which should have been replaced during the maintenance work in 2018. They weren't and this issue was raised with Highways, and the contractor, at the time. This is not good enough. Brandesburton has an aged population and these footways cannot be considered safe for the elderly, infirm or disabled. It is our opinion that this does not meet current disability legislation. There needs to be significant improvement of the maintenance of footways in Brandesburton over the next three years. It is unacceptable to continue to ignore repeated requests for maintenance or to continue to 'kick the can down the road'.

Repeated requests to resurface the small section of footway across the entrance to Hainsworth Park Golf Club have been ignored. Instead the 'tarmac flickers' have crudely filled the potholes, which re-appear at the next rainfall (images 1 and 2 below). Brandesburton Parish Council are now formally requesting for the 5m section of footway across the entrance to the Golf Club to be resurfaced, as requested on multiple occasions, including the Village Walkabout in April 2023. Brandesburton Parish Council are requesting Highways to devise a 3-year maintenance schedule, working in partnership with the Parish Council, to ensure all poorly maintained footways are either reconstructed, resurfaced or patched, by the end of the 2028/29 financial year.



Active Travel – Starcarr Lane

Brandesburton Parish Council made a request in August 2024, for ERYC to consider improving the footway on Starcarr Lane between Brandesburton and Leven, and to make this into a shared cycle path/footway. This request was immediately declined by Adam Hardy, without any consultation, feasibility study or impact assessment, citing lack of funds, demand and urban areas being favoured for shared cycle paths/footways. 6 months later, much to our disappointment, ERYC announced £1.5m to construct a cycle path from Bishop Burton (not an urban area and with a population of just of 661 (2021 census) vs a population of 1,582 in Brandesburton and +2,500 in Leven). The cycle-way was constructed up to Killingwoldgraves roundabout, with the installation of traffic lights. Phase 2 is a £0.5m improvement to the footway between Killingwoldgraves roundabout and Beverley Race Course. What impact assessment has been undertaken to understand how much use this £1.5m scheme will see?

Despite the poor condition of the footway between Brandesburton and Leven, this route is still popular with residents between the 2 villages, along with local walking groups. A Leven resident is forced to take his mobility scooter onto the highway (60mph) in order to get to Brandesburton and return to Leven. Adam Hardy offered to raise our concerns about significant verge encroachment and overgrown vegetation making the path impassible in places, with a possibility of siding out to reinstate the original width of the footpath (reduced to 30cms in places). To date this work has not been undertaken, which is disappointing. Below are photos which show the very poor condition of this route. Brandesburton Parish Council is now making a formal request for a cycle path/footway, and this time, we would like the request to undergo identical feasibility studies, impact assessments and cost/benefit ratio as those undertaken for the Bishop Burton to Killingwoldgraves project. It is entirely equitable and justified for all requests for cycle paths to undergo the same assessments in-line with ERYCs Active Travel Policy. The original email request and response from Adam Hardy shared separately.



Steet Scene Report

Brandesburton Parish Council employs a litter picker, contracted to work 10 hours a month, to keep litter in the village to a minimum. An established Planting Group ensures that the village enjoys a display of spring flowers. Three planters on each entrance into the village, display spring and summer flowers, providing a colourful display for most of the year, all tended to by volunteers. Each planter hosts a sign featuring a prominent village landmark and a message of thanks to visitors for taking care in our village. Brandesburton Parish Council contract a private service to cut the grass at the allotments, churchyard, playpark and village green. This is one of the highest expenditures from our precept.

Regular visits by the village task force have been replaced by one ERYC lawn mower to cut the grass verges and Jubilee Playing fields. However, this does little to keep the verges tidy around the Spinney (both sides of Brandesburton Roundabout). This area is extremely untidy all-year-round particularly this time of year as the leaves clog up the pavement, making walking conditions treacherous. There are hundreds of sapling shoots, which add to the general overgrown and untidiness of the area. Brandesburton Parish Council have requested on numerous occasions for this area to be cut back and tidied, however this work has not been undertaken. In stark contrast, ERYC maintenance teams have been seen cutting hedges (by hand) on Swinemoor Lane, and cutting back overgrown vegetation on Hull Bridge Road, both in Beverley. Brandesburton Parish Council formally requests for this work to be undertaken before the 2026 spring/nesting season, including significant cut back of rogue saplings and nettles on the Spinney. We also request that the sweeper visits the village as soon as possible, to remove the deluge of leaves in this area.



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Brandesburton Parish Council understands that verge overrun is an issue experienced across the county, and with financial constraints directing budget to higher priority work, bollard installation is unlikely to be considered to prevent verge overrun. There are areas in the village where verge overrun has left footways unsafe. Below are examples of two verges on New Road (image 1 and 2) where the sub-base has been exposed and is presenting a trip hazard. These exposed areas also accumulate rain water, which can take days, often weeks to dry out. They also contribute to the untidy appearance of New Road.

Footways and highways in Brandesburton accumulate litter, dirt and debris, especially during spring blossom and autumn fall. The sweeper, which does visit the village 4-5 times annually, does not extend to the footways. However the sweeper has not visited Brandesburton since August, and this has left highways and footways deluged with leaves, with Main Street (images 3 – 5), New Road, Starcarr Lane, Burton Fields, Boardman Lane, Mill Lane, and Frodingham Road amongst the worst. Brandesburton Parish Council ask that the pavements are thoroughly cleaned and the sweeper follows behind to collect the leaves from the highway.

Brandesburton Parish Council also request that the brick sets on the crossing point for New Road, Main Street, Bridlington Road (A165) and Catwick Lane are all cleared from years of moss, leaves and debris, and these are kept clean and safe to cross, going forwards. They are an absolute disgrace and leave a terrible first impression for anyone visiting Brandesburton. This work was requested in the GM Walkabout (shared separately) but this work has not been completed.



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Continued from the previous page, more images of leaves clogging up the highways and footways in Brandesburton. Images 1 to 4 are Mill Lane, 5 to 6 are Frodingham Road, 7 to 8 are Main Street (School/Church) and 9 – 10 are Burton Fields. Please arrange to clear the leaves as soon as possible.



Annual Maintenance Schedule

Brandesburton Parish Council assesses the highways in the village as **Significant Improvement required**. There has been very little patching and surface dressing across Brandesburton in recent years. Brandesburton Parish Council acknowledges that Mill Lane and Starcarr lane have seen much needed patching and surface dressing, however, none of the 20mph residential streets within the village, have undergone patching and surface dressing apart from Main Street in 2018. The rest of the residential streets have seen absolutely no maintenance since the last century. Neighbouring villages, including Leven, Beeford, Skirlaugh, Wawne and Bewholme have all seen patching and surface dressing within this timeframe. Why hasn't Brandesburton?

Below are examples of the streets in Brandesburton which desperately require patching and surface dressing. Images 1 and 2 are Cross Hill, which show significant verge overrun. Images 3 to 5 are Little Burton, which show the highway to be in very poor state of repair. Brandesburton Parish Council are requesting for Highways to devise a 3-year maintenance schedule, working in partnership with the Parish Council to ensure all poorly maintained highways are included in the annual maintenance schedule, to be completed by the end of the 2028/29 financial year.



Line Painting

Brandesburton Parish Council acknowledges that the lines were refreshed at the start of the 2024/2025 financial year, a request which required the Vice Chair to make a complaint following repeated requests to undertake this work being ignored. At the time, the 3 x bus stops on New Road were not refreshed (images 1 and 2), neither was the '20mph' roundel reinstated on Mill Lane (images 3 and 4) following the previous surface dressing. Brandesburton Parish Council requested the 3 x bus stops to be refreshed in August 2024 (email shared separately) and an additional 3 x bus stops markings on the opposite side of the road. This request was raised following a complaint into the Parish Council that the college buses and service buses operated by East Yorkshire, were only recognising the bus stop in the centre of New Road with the shelter (included in Brandesburton Parish Council's asset register). Although Brandesburton Parish Council did receive confirmation that the work was added to the maintenance schedule, this work was not undertaken. In contrast, Beverley has seen all lines refreshed twice, since the start of the 2025 financial year. Why has our request been ignored, again?

In addition to the above request, a second request was raised to reinstate the lines around the shop corner on Main Street to enforce the No Loading No Waiting restrictions. This request was raised before Easter, and has still not been completed. This is totally unsatisfactory. Repeated requests either ignored or 'lost in the system'. Why? Please ensure a full line refresh is included in the 2026 schedule, to be prioritised at the start of the financial year, with the above requests undertaken without the requirement for any further emails from us.



Summary

Brandesburton Parish Council acknowledges that ERYC has limited funds and that budgets need to be carefully managed. However, the perception from residents and the Parish Council is that these financial constraints appear to be confined to everywhere in the county, except Beverley. There are numerous examples of Beverley being favoured over the rest of the county, with an endless money tree to undertake vanity projects, including cycle lanes, traffic calming measures, and capital investment on highways and footways, which are in significantly better condition to those in Brandesburton, including replacing smashed kerbs on residential streets. The last capital investment within the residential village of Brandesburton, was to resurface a 100m section of highway on Main Street in 2016. More recent capital expenditure has been limited to outside of the residential perimeter of the village (Frodingham Road and Hempholme Lane, both of which were in an unacceptable condition).

From the numerous photographs included in this report, it is clear that there has been significant underfunding to maintain highways and footways in Brandesburton, for many years, and Street Cleaning seems to have ceased entirely. Not all highways and footways have been assessed / photographed for the purposes of this report, therefore it is our expectation that all streets in the village are visited and assessed by the ERYC maintenance team **before the start of the 2026/27 financial year.**

The service Brandesburton are receiving from ERYC, particularly Highways, needs to improve, significantly. Many of the concerns raised in this report are not new. In 2007, Brandesburton Parish Council commissioned a Village Plan, surveying residents to assess their concerns. At that time, the Parish Council requested that ERYC work closely with the Parish Council, to address those concerns, including highway and footway maintenance, and parking. It is disappointing that almost 20 years later, we are still raising exactly the same concerns with ERYC. With the Village Walkabout now abandoned, these concerns are only destined to worsen over the coming years, unless there is a significant improvement from ERYC.

Brandesburton Parish Council acknowledges that there is a lot to get through in this report. Notwithstanding the 3-year maintenance schedule we have requested, we also request that ERYC provides the Parish Council with a full and detailed response to this report, with a clear timeline of when we can expect to see the priority work undertaken and how ERYC intends to improve the service we receive, moving forwards.