NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMONS ACT 2006 — SECTION 15

Notice of an application to register land as village green

Application Reference Number: CA9 019

Former Methodist Car Park, Weaverthorpe

To every reputed owner, lessee, tenant or occupier of any part of the land described below, and to all others whom it may concern.

Application has been made to the North Yorkshire Council by Weaverthorpe Parish Council under Section 15(2) of the Commons Act 2006 and in accordance with the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2014 for the amendment of the Register of Village Greens as described in the schedule below and the notice plan.

The application, which includes documentary evidence, can be viewed at:
https://www.northyorks.gov.uk/environment-and-neighbourhoods/land-and-waterways/common-land-and-village-greens/common-land-applications-and-decision-notices

or may be inspected by appointment during normal office hours at the following location between the hours of 9:30am and 4:00pm :-North Yorkshire Council, Commons Registration, County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 8AD

You can request a copy of the notice by contacting the Commons Registration Officer: -
email: commons.registration@northyorks.gov.uk , telephone: 01609 534753

or write to: North Yorkshire Council, Commons Registration, County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 8AD

Any person wishing to make a representation regarding this amendment:

- should quote the Application No. CA9 019
- must state the name and postal address of the person making the representation and the nature of that person's interest (if any) in any land affected by the application.
- may include an e-mail address of the person making the representation
- must be signed by the person making the representation
- must state the grounds on which the representation is made
- should send the representation to: Commons Registration Officer, Commons Registration North Yorkshire Council, County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorkshire DL7 8AD or e-mail to commons.registration@northyorks.gov.uk on or before 29 September 2026.

Representations cannot be treated as confidential, and a copy will be sent to the applicant in accordance with Regulation 25 of the 2014 Regulations. Should the application be referred to the Planning Inspectorate for determination, in accordance with Regulation 26 of the 2014 Regulations, any representations will be forwarded to the Planning Inspectorate.

A summary of the effect of the application (if granted) is as follows: the Registration Authority will register the land at former Methodist Car Park, Weaverthorpe as village green in the Register for Village Greens.

Dated: 05 August 2026

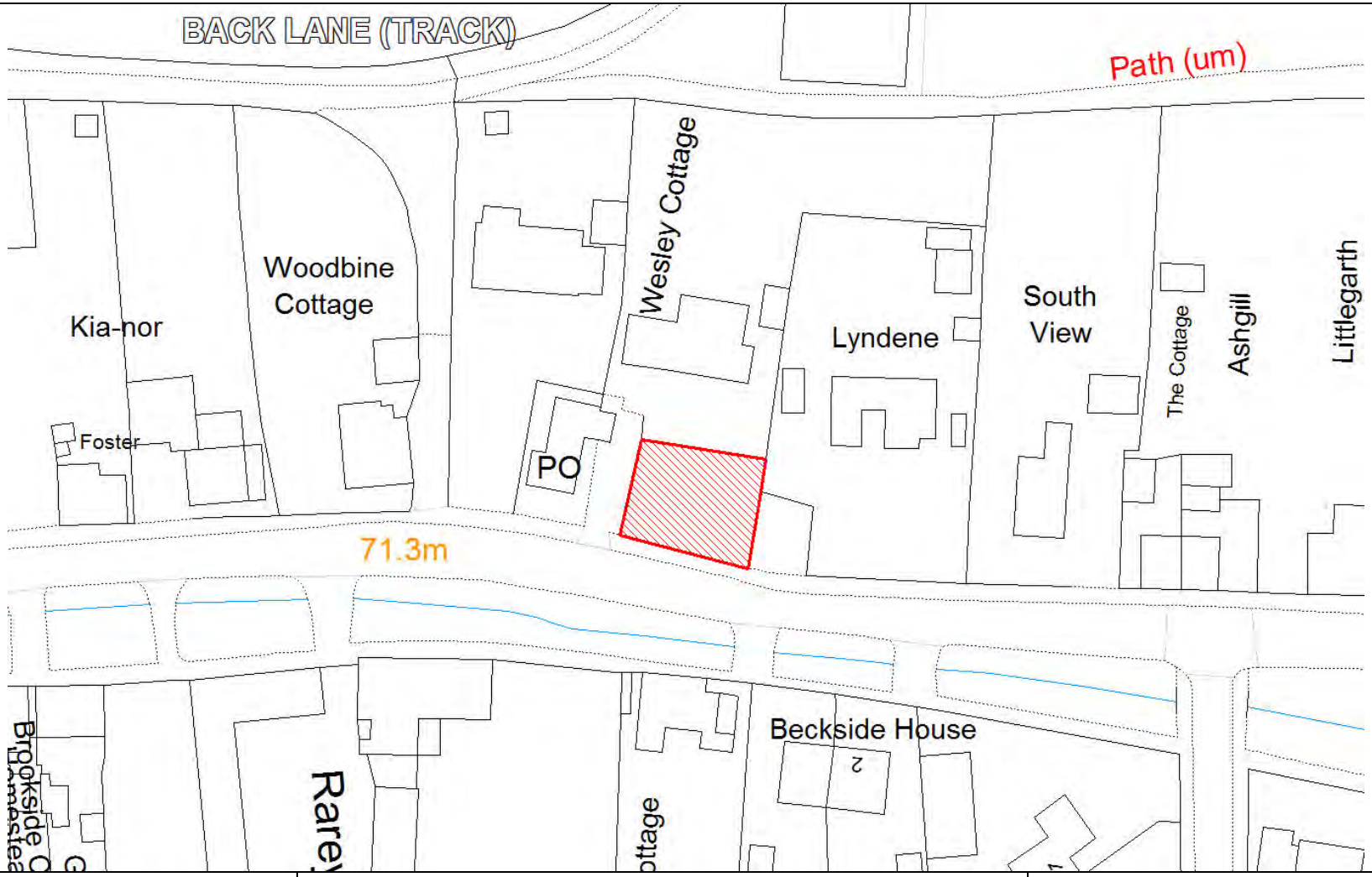
Karl Battersby

Corporate Director – Environment
North Yorkshire Council

Schedule

Description of land to be registered as village green

Land known as former Methodist Car Park, Weaverthorpe, as edged and hatched red on the notice plan.



NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL

COMMONS ACT 2006

CA9 APPLICATION (Ref. No. CA9 019) TO REGISTER A VILLAGE GREEN AT THE FORMER METHODIST CAR PARK, WEAVERTHORPE
NOTICE PLAN
(not to scale)

NOTICE PLAN

Application land

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FORM CA9

Commons Act 2006: section 15

Application for the registration of a town or village green

This section is for office use only

Official stamp

COMMONS ACT 2006
NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL
COMMONS REGISTRATION AUTHORITY
DATE: 27 NOV 2025

Application number

CA9 019

VG number allocated at registration

Applicants are advised to read 'Part 1 of the Commons Act 2006: Guidance to applicants' and to note:

- All applicants should complete boxes 1–6 and 10–12.
- Applicants applying for registration under section 15(1) of the Commons Act 2006 should, in addition, complete boxes 7 and 8. Any person can apply to register land as a green where the criteria for registration in section 15(2) or 15(3) apply; (NB 15(4) is obsolete).
- Applicants applying for voluntary registration under section 15(8) should, in addition, complete box 9. Only the owner of the land can apply under section 15(8).
- There is no application fee.

Note 1
Insert name of commons registration authority.

1. Commons Registration Authority

To the:

Common Land and Village Green Officer
North Yorkshire Council
County Hall
Northallerton DL7 8AH

Tick the box to confirm that you have enclosed the appropriate fee for this application: ☐

Note 2
If there is more than one applicant, list all their names and addresses in full. Use a separate sheet if necessary. State the full title of the organisation if the applicant is a body corporate or an unincorporated association. If you supply an email address in the box provided, you may receive communications from the registration authority or other persons (e.g. objectors) via email. If box 3 is not completed all correspondence and notices will be sent to the first named applicant.

2. Name and address of the applicant

Name: WEAVERTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

Postal address:

C/O Boltby Cottage
Weaverthorpe
North Yorkshire
Postcode YO17 8EY

Telephone number: [redacted]

Fax number:

E-mail address: [redacted]

Note 3
This box should be completed if a representative, e.g. a solicitor, is instructed for the purposes of the application. If so all correspondence and notices will be sent to the person or firm named here. If you supply an email address in the box provided, the representative may receive communications from the registration authority or other persons (e.g. objectors) via email.

3. Name and address of representative, if any

Name:

Firm:

Postal address:

Postcode

Telephone number:

Fax number:

E-mail address:

Note 4
For further details of the requirements of an application refer to Schedule 4, paragraph 9 or 10 to the Commons Registration (England) Regulations 2014. Section 15(6) enables any period of statutory closure where access to the land is denied to be disregarded in determining the 20 year period.

4. Basis of application for registration and qualifying criteria

If you are the landowner and are seeking voluntarily to register your land tick the following box and move to box 5: ☐

If the application is made under section 15(1) of the Act, tick one of the following boxes to indicate which particular subsection and qualifying criterion applies to the case.

Section 15(2) applies: ☑

Section 15(3) applies: ☐

If section 15(3) applies indicate the date on which you consider that use as of right ended:

If section 15(6) is being relied upon in determining the period of 20 years, indicate the period of statutory closure (if any) which needs to be disregarded:

Note 5
This box is to identify the new green. The accompanying Ordnance map must be at a scale of at least 1:2,500, or 1:10,560 if the land is wholly or predominantly moorland, and show the land by means of distinctive colouring within an accurately identified boundary. State the Land Registry title number where if known.

5. Description and particulars of the area of land in respect of which application for registration is made

Name by which the land usually known:

The land is known as the Methodist Car Park. See section seven.

Location:

The land directly south of the boundary of Wesley Cottage.

Common land register unit number (only if the land is registered common land):

Tick the box to confirm that you have attached an Ordnance map of the land: ☑

Note 6
It may be possible to indicate the locality of the green by reference to an administrative area, such as a parish or electoral ward, or other area sufficiently defined by name (such as a village). If this is not possible an Ordnance map should be provided on which a locality or neighbourhood is marked clearly at a scale of 1:10,560.

6. Locality or neighbourhood within a locality in respect of which the application is made

Show the locality or neighbourhood within the locality to which the claimed green relates, either by writing the administrative area or geographical area by name below, or by attaching an Ordnance map on which the area is clearly marked:

The land that we are seeking registration as a Village Green will be used for lawful sports and pastimes by the residents of the Parish of Weaverthorpe.

Tick here if a map is attached: ☐

Note 7
Applicants should provide a summary of the case for registration here and enclose a separate full statement and all other evidence including any witness statements in support of the application. This information is not needed if a landowner is applying to register the land as a green under section 15(8).

7. Justification for application to register the land as a town or village green

See separate sheet.

Note 8
Use a separate sheet if necessary. This information is not needed if a landowner is applying to register the land as a green under section 15(8).

8. Name and address of every person whom the applicant believes to be an owner, lessee, proprietor of any "relevant charge", tenant or occupier of any part of the land claimed to be a town or village green

None

Form CA9 - Section 7

The land is known locally as the Methodist Car Park. This is because up to 2017 the building to the west of the piece of land, which is called Sunday School Cottage, was a Methodist Chapel. The Chapel was sold in 2017 and converted into a dwelling. The land was used by the congregation of the Methodist Chapel to park their cars for a period of one to two hours every Sunday afternoon. At other times the land has been used by children of the village as a recreation area, for playing games etc., and taking part in lawful sports and pastimes. The description of the land is somewhat misleading as it was used as a car park for 1% of the week, so not an accurate description. Some of the residents of the village who have lived in Weaverthorpe all their lives can recall children playing on this piece of land for a period of more than 20 years.

The land is also regularly used when we hold an Open Gardens event in the village for stalls selling various items of produce and goods made by various artisans in the area.

Maintenance of the land, which is keeping the grass in a tidy condition is carried out by Weaverthorpe Parish Council using a contractor. If this application is successful, it is proposed that white upvc birdmouth fencing would be installed along the western and eastern edges to mark the extremities of the green. Some planting of trees along the southern edge would make the green more attractive. The eastern edge of the land is in line with the boundary between Wesley Cottage and Lyndene. The remainder of the grassed area is owned by Sunday School Cottage. This area was the site of the Primitive Wesleyan Chapel which was demolished in 1966.

As part of the Ryedale Local Plan this piece of land was once designated by Ryedale District Council as a Visually Important Undeveloped Area. The Local Plan has been delayed due to the amalgamation of various District Councils into North Yorkshire Council. As such the Local Plan is not due to be published until 2029 and many of the maps that were associated with the Local Plan are no longer available.

As a Parish Council, we are however committed to keep such areas of land in use for recreational activities to protect such land from being developed. An adjacent resident has taken to storing building materials on the land and as the land has no owner, nothing can be done to avoid this unsatisfactory use of the land.

A map obtained from the Land Registry shows that the land is not registered with them.

There is another Village Green in the centre of the village which houses play equipment. This is registered on North Yorkshire Council's maps as a Village Green was originally a pond, if this application is successful we would like it to be known as "the former Methodist car park". We have been advised by North Yorkshire Council that it is possible to have more than one village green in the village.

Note 9
List or enter in the form all such declarations that accompany the application. This can include any written declarations sent to the applicant (e.g. a letter), and also any such declarations made on the form itself.

9. Voluntary registration – declarations of consent from any relevant leaseholder of, and of the proprietor of any relevant charge over, the land

None

Note 10
List all supporting consents, documents and maps accompanying the application. Evidence of ownership of the land must be included for voluntarily registration applications. There is no need to submit copies of documents issued by the registration authority or to which it was a party but they should still be listed. Use a separate sheet if necessary.

10. Supporting documentation

Map from Land Registry

OS map showing area of land

Photograph of the land.

Note 11
List any other matters which should be brought to the attention of the registration authority (in particular if a person interested in the land is expected to challenge the application for registration). Full details should be given here or on a separate sheet if necessary.

11. Any other information relating to the application

There is likely to be opposition from the residents of Wesley Cottage, and possibly the owner of Sunday School Cottage, as they showed opposition to the land becoming public land in the past.

Note 12
The application must be signed by each individual applicant, or by the authorised officer of an applicant which is a body corporate or an unincorporated association.

12. Signature

Date: 24TH NOVEMBER 2025

Signatures: [redacted]

CLERK TO WEAVERTHORPE PARISH COUNCIL

REMINDER TO APPLICANT

You are responsible for telling the truth in presenting the application and accompanying evidence. You may commit a criminal offence if you deliberately provide misleading or untrue evidence and if you do so you may be prosecuted.

You are advised to keep a copy of the application and all associated documentation.

Data Protection Act 1998

The application and any representations made cannot be treated as confidential. To determine the application it will be necessary for the commons registration authority to disclose information received from you to others, which may include other local authorities, Government Departments, public bodies, other organisations and members of the public.

A copy of this form and any accompanying documents may be disclosed upon receipt of a request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 or the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Boltby Cottage, Weaverthorpe, Malton, YO17 8EY

This map shows the land edged with a red line, that Weaverthorpe Parish Council are applying to register as a village green

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Ordnance Survey Licensed Mapping

HM Land Registry
Index map plan

Ordnance Survey map reference **SE9670NE**
Scale **1:1250**
Plan prepared on **05/02/2026** at **00:00:01**

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This plan should be read in conjunction with result S41AUNB.

This plan shows the general position, not the exact line, of the boundaries. It may be subject to distortions in scale. Measurements scaled from this plan may not match measurements between the same points on the ground.

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Official certificate of the result of search of the index map

HM Land Registry

Land Registration Rules 2003

SIMR

Certificate Date:	5 FEB 2026
Certificate Time:	00.00.01
Certificate Ref:	215/S41AUNB

Property	Only the land within the red broken line(s) on the attached Land Registry index map plan has been searched against. The land is described in form SIM as LAND ADJOINING WESLEY COTTAGE, WEAVERTHORPE, MALTON, NORTH YORKSHIRE, YO17 8EY.

The index map does not define the extent of the land in any registered title. This reflects the fact that the boundary of a registered estate as shown for the purposes of the register is a general boundary, unless shown as determined under section 60 of the Land Registration Act 2002. You might also wish to refer to the individual register and title plan of any adjoining titles for details of the surrounding registered estates and their general boundaries and/or determined boundaries.

Result

The index map has been searched in respect of the Property with the following result:

No registered estate, caution against first registration or application for first registration or application for a caution against first registration is shown on the index map in relation to the Property. We therefore hold no records in respect of the Property.

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We were unable to clearly identify the land you applied to search as the plan provided is in a format not currently accepted and shows insufficient detail. Rather than reject your application, the certificate has been completed in respect of the land within the red broken line(s) on the accompanying HM Land Registry index map plan. You should satisfy yourself that this is the land you intended to search. If this is not the land you intended to search then please lodge a new form SIM together with a plan clearly showing the extent to be searched.

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Your Reference:	Key Number:	Any enquiries concerning this certificate to be addressed to: TF SIM RO01
HOUSE	-------	Durham Office PO Box 7803 Bilston WV1 9QN Tel. No: (0300) 006 0010

Jeffrey House
Boltby Cottage
Main Road
Weaverthorpe
YO17 8EY

Official certificate of the result of search of the index map

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The accompanying Land Registry plan has been prepared for the sole purpose of showing the area in respect of which the official search has been made. The information has been taken from the index map and is illustrative only.

All plans lodged with a Land Registry application should comply with the guidelines in Land Registry's Practice Guide 40, Supplement 2. Lodging a plan which does not comply with the guidelines may result in requisitions being raised, (such as a request to delete a statement of disclaimer) or the application being cancelled.

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HM Land Registry does not hold any information on unregistered land.

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For further information about:

SIMS - see Practice Guide 10 - Official searches of the index map
How to obtain official copies - see Practice Guide 11 - Inspection and applications for official copies
Plan requirements for registration - see Practice Guide 40 - Land Registry plans - (www.gov.uk/land-registry).
Ordnance Survey map products - (www.ordnancesurvey.co.uk).

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Jeffrey House
Boltby Cottage
Main Road
Weaverthorpe
YO17 8EY

Western boundary is edge of drive to Wesley Cottage
Eastern Boundary denoted by red line

COMMONS ACT 2006 CA9 018 APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND AS VILLAGE GREEN LAND KNOWN AS THE METHODIST CAR PARK, WEAVERTHORPE

The land in question sits adjacent to the site of the Methodist Church which has now been converted to a private residence. This building whilst serving as the Methodist Church also embraced the Sunday School leading the adjacent land to become a natural play area for the attendees. Although the Sunday School no longer exists, the land provides a convenient play area for children living at the east end of the village.

The land has also been used as a social gathering space during Open Garden events, Village Shows and Table Top sales.

I have lived in the village since February 2007, and the land has been used as described above regularly in the time since.

Trevor Thomson

Gypsey Cottage

Weaverthorpe

YO17 8EY

Land adjacent to Sunday School Cottage

I have known children to use this piece of land for playing on over the years I have lived in Weaverthorpe, almost 50 years.

Julie Mason

Gara Farm

Weaverthorpe

COMMONS ACT 2006 CA9 018 APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND AS VILLAGE GREEN LAND KNOWN AS THE METHODIST CAR PARK, WEAVERTHORPE

I have lived in the area all my life, attending Weaverthorpe Primary School from 1963 until 1967. I have lived in the parish for the last 45 years.

The land to the east of the former Methodist Chapel has, for as long as I can remember, been used by members of the public. In particular children enjoy this open space as a play area.

The land has also been used as a social gathering space during Open Garden events, Village Shows and Table Top sales.

Anthony Milner

Dotterel Farm

Weaverthorpe

YO17 8ET

VILLAGE GREEN LAND KNOWN AS THE METHODIST CAR PARK,

WEAVERTHORPE

Being relatively new to the village of Weaverthorpe (early 2022) I have learnt a fair amount of the villages history through other residents including about the old Methodist Church, which seems in times gone by was a real social hive of activity for the village especially for the local children Sunday school and youth clubs. The land adjacent still being used for more recent village events such as open gardens, village sales and a social gathering area for local youth especially during the summer months.

It would be a great addition to the village to have this area as a village green for people to enjoy for many years to come.

Keri-leigh Hetherington
Brook Farm, Weaverthorpe.

COMMONS ACT 2006 CA9 018 APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND AS VILLAGE GREEN
LAND KNOWN AS THE METHODISTS CAR PARK, WEAVERTHORPE

The land mentioned above was used as the Methodist Chapel car park, it is an area of grass on which as a child we sometimes played on. Later than that I have known children to play cricket on, I have seen other activities on the land, recently a garage sale for instance.

I have lived in Weaverthorpe all my life, since 1972.

Robert Downes
The Greens
Weaverthorpe
YO17 8ES

COMMONS ACT 2006 CA9 019 APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND AS VILLAGE GREEN LAND KNOWN AS THE METHODIST CAR PARK, WEAVERTHORPE

The site under consideration is next to, what was, the Methodist Church. It's now been converted to a private home.

When the church was open the land, although not owned by the church, was used as an unofficial car park for worshipers. Since the church closed its' doors it has become an open green space which has been a diminishing feature of the village in recent years. Although there is a house behind this land; it is a visually a welcome break in the line of buildings.

I have lived in the village and locally since 2002 and this land has regularly been used as a gathering space for various village social events. It is also used by the younger villagers for recreation and gathering.

Michael Rowland

2 Chapel Fields

Helperthorpe

YO17 8TQ

Dizzy Heights
Pasture View
Weaverthorpe
North Yorkshire
YO17 8EQ

6 January 2026

Dear J Gaythorpe

COMMONS ACT 2006 CA9 019 APPLICATION TO REGISTER LAND AS VILLAGE GREEN LAND KNOWN AS THE METHODIST CAR PARK, WEAVERTHORPE

I have lived in Weaverthorpe since December 2003, at which time the Methodist Chapel was in use as a place of worship. The land adjacent to the chapel was used as both a car park and recreation area for worshippers, hosting a variety of activities for both old and young.

Subsequently the chapel was sold and converted into a domestic abode, the adjacent land has been used as a play area for children living nearby as well as an area for stall holders during the bi-annual Open Garden weekends since the mid 2010s.

Regards

Femi Shellard

Land formerly known as the Methodist Car Park which is the subject of an application to register the land as a Village Green.

I live at Boltby Cottage on Main Road, Weaverthorpe and the above mentioned land is directly opposite my house. I have lived here for 18 years.

In the time that I have lived here I have often seen children engaging in recreational pastimes on that piece of land. My next door neighbour tells me that her son used to play cricket on that piece of land.

The land is also used for such things as garage sales and activities to do with Open Gardens which take place bi-annually in the village.

J House

Boltby Cottage

Weaverthorpe

YO17 8EY

Chalk Pit Farm
Weaverthorpe
Malton
North Yorkshire
YO17 8EY

To whom it may concern

The old Methodist car park as a village green

My family have lived and farmed in Weaverthorpe since 1909. I have lived in the village since 1940 when I was born.

Children have always played in that area including my own children. They played cricket, football and rode their bikes round

It as been used for different events in the village including stalls for Jumble sales and parking.

[redacted]

To Whom it may concern, RE, the Grassed area that is situated between the two former Chapels in Weaverthorpe Village.

14/FEB/2016

John Christopher Howe "Known as Chris"
28 Rarey Drive
YO17 8AH

I spent my School years at weaverthorpe School from my Parents home of No 7 Rarey Drive, and now at the ripe old age of 85 years living at No 28 Rarey Drive can say i've spent most of my life in Weaverthorpe apart for my Nine years service in the Royal Marines and worked for local employers during the rest of my working life, having walked past the grassed ares in question each morning on my way to school and on my way home from school in the evening stopped for a few minutes play on the grass and later on in the evening played ball games or other games that children of the day played, some what simpler than the modern ones today's children partake in, i could offer a few names of my pals at the time but as most have left the village for pastures new as part of there lives, or have past on deceased i dont feel its fare to name them, one thing i can honestly say that the grassed area between the former Chapels has been us as a child's play/recreation area since my school years in the 1950s and probable before and with no restrictions by former village residents and to this day is used by village children , and as some one who has kept the grassed area tidy for present day children to use and so it does not fall into disrepair i say it should remain as a play/Recreation area for the village children and should in future be know as the village green.

Yours

[redacted]

J C HOWE