

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at St Andrews Mission on Monday 7th March 2016.

16/029 Present: - Councillors J Allan, G Carroll, A Holman, D McSherry, C Topping, M Topping, A Wilson and M Whattam

County Councillor M Jordan and District Councillors K Arthur and J Deans
Two members of the public were also present

16/030 Apologies: - Councillor H Cross

16/031 Declarations of Interest: - None

16/032 Public Session: - No members of the public present wished to speak during the public session.

16/033 Listen to reports from County and District Councillors:-

County Councillor M Jordan advised that NYCC have agreed a Council Tax increase of 3.99% which is made up of a 1.99% general increase and 2% specifically for the increase in adult social care and also spoke about the new NYCC online reporting system.

District Councillor J Deans spoke about the recent planning application for a grass runway at Birchwood Lodge and the two members of the public present expressed their concerns regarding the proposed runway.

District Councillor K Arthur agreed to request that the application is determined by the Planning Committee and to continue to liaise with the residents.

District Councillor J Deans also spoke about the information obtained regarding flooding at the Malt Kiln which has been forwarded to the residents and Councillor A Wilson thanked Councillor Deans for the work he has done on this.

District Councillor K Arthur advised that Selby District Council have agreed a Council Tax increase of 1.99% due to the continued reduction in funding from central government.

16/034 Police Report:-

A report listing the recent Ringmaster notifications received by the clerk was distributed.

16/035 Confirmation of Minutes:-

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 1st February 2016 were proposed by Councillor M Topping, seconded by Councillor G Carroll and unanimously agreed.

16/036 Matters arising: - No items raised

16/037 Items for Discussion:-

a) Receive update on progress of Village Green Project

Councillor M Topping advised that he was now in receipt of the services plan from NYCC which he is cross checking with the plans prior to sending the tender documents out to members for review.

b) Grass Cutting 2016

The grass maintenance specification was reviewed and it was agreed that the tender would be advertised on the Parish noticeboards.

c) School Crossing Patrol

Councillor A Wilson advised that the Crossing Patrol Officer has indicated that up to 40 people use the crossing on a daily basis and reported that the School Crossing Patrol Supervisor has also agreed that the path requires widening.

Councillor Wilson reported that she is liaising with a resident who is monitoring traffic speeds near the crossing and will be compiling a report to be presented to the next Parish Council meeting.

County Councillor M Jordan agreed to enquire why a 30mph speed limit will not be permitted on the A63 through Cliffe.

d) Open Spaces Society

The Chairman advised that by January 2026 old footpaths and bridleways that are not recorded on the council's official map of rights of way may cease to carry public rights. He spoke about the campaign by the Open Spaces Society to register public footpaths and it was noted that public footpaths must be walked at least once per year in order to keep them open. It was noted that this could be organised by the Parish Council with residents invited to join the walk and it was agreed that this would be discussed further at the April meeting.

e) Car Parking – Main Street, Cliffe

Councillor D McSherry spoke about the congestion at school drop off and pick up times and how this affects the visibility splay on Main Street.

County Councillor M Jordan agreed to contact Highways to enforce a site meeting to discuss the ongoing problems, lack of parking facilities and the proposals put forward by Councillor A Holman.

f) Neighbourhood Plan

Discussion took place regarding the advantages and disadvantages of a neighbourhood plan and it was agreed that this would be put on the April agenda for further discussion.

g) Hedge Cutting A63

The clerk advised that the Parish Council had been requested by Mark Lumby – Highways to carry out hedge cutting on the A63.

It was noted that one quote to carry out the work had been received from AM Services and the clerk was asked to contact Keith Walls to obtain a second quote.

Items for circulation/information

a) Rural Action Yorkshire – Receipt of information regarding the “Warm & Well in North Yorkshire” project.

b) Selby District AVS – Receipt of February/March 2016 newsletter was noted.

16/038 Planning:-

a) Consider Planning Applications Received:

1. (2016/0141/COU) Proposed change of use to form grass runway at **Birchwood Lodge, Market Weighton Road, Barlby**. Strongly Object

1) Concern regarding the impact on residential amenity as the proposed runway would be in very close proximity to residential properties

2) Concern regarding noise pollution

3) Intrusion into the openness of the countryside

4) Concern regarding air pollution and health & safety concerns especially in relation to children and vulnerable adults

2. (2016/0128/FUL) Erection of a detached dormer bungalow and garage following demolition of existing domestic garage/stable block at **Brocks Farm, York Road, Cliffe**. Comment Only

1) Concern regarding the on-going problem with surface water at the site

b) Note Planning Applications Granted:

1. (2015/0981/HPA) Proposed conversion of garage into self-contained annexe to remain a family accommodation, not a separate dwelling at **Hill Farm, Hull Road, Cliffe**.

c) Note Planning Applications Refused: NIL

d) Note Planning Applications Withdrawn: NIL

16/039 Finance:-

a) The following payments were proposed, seconded and unanimously agreed:

1. J Leighton-Eshelby (Salary)	£ As Agreed
2. J Leighton-Eshelby (Expenses)	£ 15.98
3. HMRC (PAYE)	£ 10.80
4. Autela (Payroll Services)	£ 30.00

b) Note receipt of income, as listed below:

1. HMRC (VAT Refund)	£ 863.11
2. NYCC (Locality Budget Grant – Village Green Project)	£1000.00
3. SDC (Section 106 Contribution – Village Green Project)	£3265.00

c) Consider and Decide on the appointment of Internal Auditor for Cliffe Parish Council Accounts Year End 31st March 2016

It was resolved that Mrs Mary Farman would be appointed as the internal auditor for Cliffe Parish Council Accounts Year End 31st March 2016.

16/040 Representatives Report:-

Drax Power Station Liaison Committee – Councillor D McSherry gave an update on the maintenance of the site and the situation regarding government funding.

It was also noted that Drax were holding Community Days on Wednesday 6th and Saturday 9th April.

Councillor D McSherry reported that the appeal against the refusal for an outline application for residential development on land to the west of Turnham Lane, Cliffe had been dismissed by the Planning Inspectorate and the Chairman thanked Councillor McSherry for all his hard work in fighting the application.

Councillor A Holman advised that a drone had recently been flown in Cliffe which had been reported to the police due to privacy/property concerns.

16/041 Clerks Report:-

Correspondence received not listed on the agenda:-

a) Clerk and Councils Direct – Receipt of newsletter was noted.

b) Drax Power Station – Receipt of letter advising of two local community days was noted.

c) Cliffe Village Institute – Receipt of letter of thanks for meeting the cost of the Village Institute insurance and the Christmas tree was noted.

d) Donation - Receipt of letter of thanks received from Cliffe-cum-lund Women's Institute was noted.

e) Tower Mint – Receipt of letter regarding HM Queen Elizabeth II 90th birthday commemorative medal for schools and councils was noted and it was agreed that this would be discussed further at the April meeting.

Items of Expenditure over £500:- Displayed on Parish Notice Boards

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