

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th September 2024 at Cliffe Village Institute (reduced agenda)

24/226 Present: -

Councillor G Wilson (Chairman)
Councillor S Gummerson
Councillor J Jewitt
Councillor J Wallinger
Councillor R Woodall
Councillor E Yates

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

Two members of the public were also present

24/227 Apologies: - Councillors H Cross and A Holman

24/228 Declarations of Interest: - None

24/229 Public Session: -

A member of the public expressed concern regarding the footpath which runs from opposite the old Post Office towards Newhay fishing ponds. At the bottom of the hill, just past the bridge which goes over the old course of the River Ouse, there is a post missing from the end fence panel leaving a sharp wooden slat protruding out; **Councillor J Jewitt** to raise this with the landowner.

A member of the public advised that he was not aware until very recently that the speed bumps on York Road are going to be replaced by ghost bumps, but accepts that the decision has already been made. The **Chairman** advised that the current speed bumps are ineffective so replacing them with ghost bumps will have no impact on speeding traffic, but will cause much less noise, vibration and disruption for the residents living adjacent to them. He gave assurance that the Parish Council have already arranged for additional traffic calming measures (York Road Gateway) to be installed by North Yorkshire Council Highways. It was also noted that the police have agreed to send a mobile speed camera bike to monitor speeding traffic and permission has been granted for speed camera warning signs to be put up on the A63 (East and West) and York Road (North).

The member of the public reported that raw sewage is still discharging into Oldfield Mill Drain from The Shrubberies, and it was agreed that he would forward some photographs to the **Chairman**. This was previously reported and investigated by the Drainage Board in November 2022. The Drainage board requested at that time to get back in touch if the problem had not been resolved by Yorkshire Water (whose asset is causing the issue). **Councillor J Jewitt** to forward contact details for the newly in-place Ouse and Derwent Drainage Board Engineer to the **Chairman**, who will once again contact the Drainage Board.

It was also noted that the drain from the footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive goes into a dyke which has been filled in. The **Chairman** referred to correspondence with the Ouse and Derwent Drainage Board dating back to November 2022 and it was agreed that the **Chairman** would arrange a site meeting with the Ouse and Drainage Board Engineer to discuss the issues raised.

The member of the public asked if a link to the Parish Council minutes could be put on the Cliffe Community Board Facebook page and this was agreed; **Councillor J Wallinger** to implement.

24/230 Police Report: -

A report of arson (03/09) with crops set alight at Newhay Farm, Hemingbrough was noted.

24/231 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -

The **Chairman** referred to correspondence sent to **Councillor Mark Crane** - North Yorkshire Council Executive Member for Planning (carbon copy to **North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur**) raising concern regarding ongoing planning issues, gaps in historical documentation and missing/incorrectly recorded Parish Council planning

comments. It was noted that no response or acknowledgement has been received and it was agreed that **Councillor Arthur** would follow this up with **Councillor Crane** and officially request a meeting with the Parish Council to discuss issues relating to planning applications both current and historical within the Parish.

24/232 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5th August 2024: -

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5th August 2024 as an accurate record of the meeting.

24/233 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings: - Suspended for September meeting – the October meeting will address matters arising from the August & September meetings.

24/234 Planning: -

a) Councillors considered the following Planning Applications received: -

i. (ZG2024/0864/FUL) Removal of existing dwelling and outbuilding and erection of pair of semi detached and one detached dwellings with integral garages at West View, York Road, Cliffe Comment Only

- On the application form it states that the surface water will be disposed of into the main sewer. The Parish Council are very concerned regarding any additional connections to the drainage system which is already over capacity causing ongoing flooding issues throughout the village, and this is currently being investigated by Yorkshire Water.
- There is already heavy traffic congestion in this area as the site is next door to Cherry Tree Stores (village shop). The new driveways will remove @ 30-40 yards of parking space which is currently used by vehicles visiting the shop. The Parish Council have already asked North Yorkshire Council Highways to consider putting double yellow lines on the west side of York Road, opposite the shop forcing all vehicles to park on one side of the road only due to ongoing parking/safety issues.
- Safety concerns regarding vehicles entering/exiting the driveways, especially if reversing in this heavy traffic area

ii. (ZG2024/0889/S73) Section 73 application to remove condition 05 of approval 2021/0349/FUL Erection of two buildings for use as E(g)(iii) industrial workshops following demolition of an existing building used for B8 storage granted on 11 October 2021 at Birchwood Lodge, Market Weighton Road, Barlby Comment Only

- Condition 5 of planning approval 2021/0349/FUL states that the development should be used in association with Condor Projects Ltd & Condor Aviation International Ltd only. The building shall only be occupied in connection with the existing business on site and not sold off separately to avoid the establishment of additional businesses on site outside development limits.
- At the time of the original application (2021/0349/FUL) the Parish Council requested additional information regarding the expected noise from the workshops and the working hours but despite several requests this information was never received. The Parish Council still have the same concerns should the workshops be sold off to other businesses.

b) Consider Planning Applications Received not listed on the agenda: - NIL

c) Note Planning Applications Granted: - NIL

d) Note Planning Applications Refused: -

i. (ZG2024/0633/CPE) Lawful Development Certificate for Existing Development & Use as a Single Use Class C3 dwellinghouse, gardens, curtilage & access with no restrictive conditions at Greenacres Garth, Green Lane, Cliffe

e) Note receipt of planning appeal against refusal of an application: -

i. (ZG2024/0510/ADV) Advertisement consent for 2 No flag poles with flags at the entrance of the holiday park at Cliffe Meadows Holiday Park, Turnham Lane, Cliffe

24/235 Finance: -

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

i. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – September)	£ As Agreed
ii) J Wallinger (replacement village green floodlights)	£ 44.97
iii) Crombie Wilkinson (Legal services & disbursements)	£ 520.80

b) To approve payments not listed on the agenda: -

i. HMRC (PAYE)	£ 109.60
ii. Meticulous Gardens (Grass Cutting & Spraying)	£ 1,038.00

c) To ratify payments made in between meetings: - NIL

d) Note receipt of income, as listed below: - NIL

24/236 Correspondence Received: -

i. Clerk & Councils Direct – Receipt of September 2024 newsletter was noted.

ii. St Mary's Church, Hemingbrough – The clerk read out correspondence received from Mrs Susan Sellers (Churchwarden) advising that following the recent storm the churchyard has suffered damage to an Oak tree with a large bough breaking, but not fully detached from the main trunk and now sitting on top of a number of headstones. A number of branches have also fallen, with some still hanging and waiting to drop from the Poplars. It was noted that the Churchyard has been temporarily closed and a tree surgeon has been engaged to clear the debris and do the necessary work to make everything safe. A request for a financial contribution to the work was noted as the Parochial Church Council, Cliffe Parish Council and Hemingbrough Parish Council share the maintenance costs of the Churchyard and a contribution of £126.67 was agreed in principle, to be ratified at the October meeting (net cost £380.00).

ii. Condor Engineering Group - Receipt of correspondence received regarding a disused access track was noted. **Chairman** to arrange a site meeting (date to be confirmed) with the Managing Director to discuss further.

24/237 Representatives Report: -

Councillor S Gummerson reported that the next Cliffe Playing Field Association (CPFA) meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 10th September and it was noted that the Beer Festival had been very successful, raising over £2800.

It had been noted that the CPFA Secretary had not emailed through a request for funding of the Playing Field insurance renewal, as agreed at the previous meeting. **Clerk** to check if email has been lost in junk email folder, and **Councillor S Gummerson** to raise at the next CPFA meeting.

The Chairman questioned why the level crossing on York Road is always down considerably longer than the level crossing at Hagg Lane/Woodhall Lane and this was discussed by members. **Councillor S Gummerson** to provide a brief written explanation to the Clerk & Chairman prior to the next meeting, which will be included in the minutes to inform residents.

Councillor E Yates reported that Catherine Inman (North Yorkshire Council Public Rights of Way Officer) has provided her availability for a site meeting including the Flood Risk Engineer to discuss the flooding of the footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive. It was agreed to try and co-ordinate the meeting with the Ouse and Derwent Drainage Board Engineer as all the issues are related, date to be confirmed.

Councillor J Jewitt & the Chairman had both recently met with the business owner whose land is adjacent to the Parish Paddock. They both gave him permission to access the paddock land in order to repair land slip and renew the boundary fencing between the two properties. It was noted that the old wooden stable sited on the Parish Paddock protrudes into the neighbour's property by approximately a foot. **Councillor J Jewitt** to relocate the stable if possible, using heavy farm machinery to rectify the issue.

The Chairman referred to a quote received from Meticulous Gardens and members agreed the following additional work at a total cost of £740.00 + VAT (**clerk** to confirm with the contractor):-

- Debris removal from inside new area of the Village Green (left hand side of the gate)
- Debris removal from under tree (bottom of Main Street nr the school)
- Crown lift trees on Main Street
- Edging pathways on York Road
- Edging pathways on Turnham Lane

It was agreed that the Parish Council would need to obtain additional quotes for the fence continuation running along the Village Green at the top of the ditch banking (approx. 30 metres) before making a decision on this.

The Chairman advised that the Village Institute committee are looking to commemorate Keith Hinchliffe and his long service and contribution to Cliffe Village Institute. It was also noted that the committee have given permission for the Parish Council to install a secure tap on the outside wall and the Tommy statues have been mounted on the front of the building.

The Chairman reported that the committee are in the process of applying to the Imperial War Museum for Cliffe Village Institute to be included on the official War Memorials register.

24/238 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 7th October 2024 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE

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