

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6th January 2025 at Cliffe Village Institute

25/001 Present: -

Councillor G Wilson (Chairman)
Councillor H Cross
Councillor S Gummerson
Councillor A Holman
Councillor A Marshall
Councillor J Wallinger
Councillor R Woodall
Councillor E Yates

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

One member of the public was also present

25/002 Apologies: -

Councillor J Jewitt

25/003 Declarations of Interest: -

Councillor R Woodall declared a personal interest in Item 25/025(e) receipt of planning appeal against refusal of an application for (ZG2024/0633/CPE).

25/004 Public Session: -

The member of the public requested an update on the East Yorkshire Buses query and the clerk advised that it has been referred to their Pocklington Team for investigation; **clerk** to follow up.

The member of the public also queried the work planned for Oxen Lane and the Chairman clarified that the Parish Council are making improvements to the lane as it passes the pond and draining the flood water into the pond. Improvements are also planned up towards the plantation and beyond in the future.

25/005 Police Report: -

It was noted that a police report had been received today from PCSO Hannah Gaskell and circulated to all members but it appears that the report was from the wrong area, with no mention of Cliffe either in the report title or content; **clerk** to query with North Yorkshire Police if the wrong report has been sent?

Councillor A Holman reported that there has been a police presence recently enquiring about any suspicious behaviour in the village.

25/006 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -

North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur advised that a planning appeal hearing will be held on Tuesday 4th February following refusal of planning application (ZG2024/0309/FUL) Full planning permission for the change of use of the existing reception lodge unit to Managers accommodation and reception at Cliffe Meadows Holiday Park, Turnham Lane, Cliffe.

It was also noted that two further planning appeals for the same site have recently been allowed (AP/2024/0030/REF) Replacement of 5 No. approved tourer pitches with static lodges & (AP/2024/0028/REF) Advertisement consent for 2 No. flag poles with flags at the entrance of the holiday park.

Members raised concern that lodges on the site are being advertised for sale with 12 months residential access but the appeal states that they are for holiday let only.

The **Chairman** asked why North Yorkshire Council Planning Enforcement are not policing the planning conditions and it was agreed that this will be raised at his meeting with **Councillor Mark Crane**; **North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur** to liaise with **Councillor Mark Crane** to arrange a meeting date.

25/007 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th December 2024: -

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th December 2024 as an accurate record of the meeting.

25/008 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings: -

Lack of street lighting at the eastern end of old Hull Road – Ongoing

Chairman and **Councillor J Wallinger** to speak to the homeowner to enquire if they would be prepared to turn their light on (attached to one of the houses at the eastern end which when turned on lights up the stretch of darkness) if the Parish Council contribute towards the electricity cost.

Outside tap at the Village Institute

The **Chairman** advised that the plumber will be providing a quote/carrying out the job during the 2nd week of February.

Tree growing through the pre-school fence

It was noted that **North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur** would speak to North Yorkshire Council regarding a tree on North Yorkshire Council owned land which is growing through the pre-school fence.

25/009 Highways:-

It was noted that the **Chairman** has still not received a reply from Highways to his email dated Monday 9th December regarding several long-standing highway issues; **North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur** to follow up on behalf of the Parish Council.

Councillor S Gummerson still to put some information together regarding the footpath alongside the A63 in Lund not being compliant and send this to the **Chairman** who will forward on to North Yorkshire Council Highways.

Cliffe-Cum-Lund Traffic Calming

The **clerk** advised that Stacey Preece (North Yorkshire Council Highways Project Engineer) has agreed to place an order for a village/boundary "Please Drive Carefully" for Cliffe-Cum-Lund in the new financial year (April 2025).

Clerk to clarify the exact wording and confirm with members before the sign is ordered.

25/010 Speeding:-

Letter from Keir Mather MP regarding road safety in our area

Clerk still to draft a response to Keir Mather as discussed at the December Parish Council meeting and circulate to all members for approval before sending.

25/011 Oxen Lane:-

Councillor A Holman advised that historically Oxen Lane was a public bridleway; **Councillor R Woodall** to query with Mark Lumby (North Yorkshire Council Highways) why this is now designated a public highway.

Councillor Holman also queried if the Parish Council could acquire the road scalings when the speed bumps are removed from York Road to use on Oxen Lane.

25/012 Water/Drainage:-

The **Chairman** gave an overview of his recent meeting with Guy Parker – Ouse and Derwent Drainage Board (**Councillor J Jewitt** was also in attendance) to discuss the flooding at the back of William Jacques Drive and sewage waste flowing into Old Mill Field Drain.

It was noted that Guy has agreed to cut back the overgrown foliage at Old Mill Field Drain to enable observation/monitoring of the outlet pipe, to contact Yorkshire Water and investigate where the drains go under the land. It was also noted that regular photographic evidence is required to build up a picture of the ongoing issues and **all members** were asked to forward any photographs to the **Chairman**.

Councillor J Wallinger spoke about the terrible flooding at pre-school/Village Institute over the last couple of days which is the worst it has ever been and queried if this had been caused due to an issue with the pumping station. Members discussed the flooding, and it was noted that both the pre-school and **Councillor Wallinger** have been in touch with Yorkshire Water who are aware of the issue; **Councillor Wallinger** to continue to monitor.

25/013 Village Green:-

The **Chairman** gave an update on the removal of the Christmas lights, and it was noted that **Councillor J Wallinger** will need to be reset the timer again following the recent power cut.

Chairman and **Councillor Wallinger** still to liaise with a local electrician with regards to extending the spotlights.

The **clerk** advised that she is still waiting for Harrisons to confirm a date for the flagpole service (early January 2025).

25/014 Parish Council Documents:-

It was noted that **Councillor H Cross** now has a key for the Parish Council filing cabinet stored at the Village Institute; **Chairman** and **Councillor H Cross** to go through the contents of the filing cabinet.

25/015 Public Footpaths: - (to include any overgrown public footpaths which have been identified that do not comply with the applicable laws/regulations): - Ongoing

25/016 Public use of footpaths (to include misuse, trespassing, littering, dog fouling etc)

Councillor H Cross spoke briefly about the information sourced from the Country Landowners Association (CLA) regarding the misuse of public footpaths and it was noted that the problems are caused by only a few transgressors.

Councillor A Marshall spoke about the “Keep Cliffe Clean” poster he has designed to highlight the issue and following discussion by members it was agreed that **Councillor Marshall** would update the poster which **Councillor E Yates** will laminate, ready to be put up on telegraph poles etc. to target the problem areas.

The poster will also be put on the Parish Council noticeboards, Cliffe Village Website and on social media.

25/017 Grass Maintenance: - No issues raised

25/018 Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive: - Already discussed under Item 25/012

Councillor A Marshall to forward some photographs showing the flooding on to the **Chairman**.

25/019 New Litter Bin near Cliffe Village Institute: -

It was noted that a replacement bin has now been installed by North Yorkshire Council, but it has been put right behind a signpost meaning that the opening is obstructed, and it is considered unacceptable despite the clerk providing a photograph pinpointing exactly where the Parish Council wanted the bin it to be positioned.

It was also noted that the bin is not a like for like replacement Barnsley Bin as promised; **clerk** to follow up with North Yorkshire Council.

It was also noted that the clerk is still awaiting a response from North Yorkshire Council to our request for a litter bin to be installed on Turnham Lane; **clerk** to follow up.

25/020 Path Maintenance: -

The **Chairman** advised that when Meticulous Gardens recently cleared Turnham Lane footpath a section was unfortunately missed; **Chairman** to follow up with them.

25/021 Broad Lane Wood: -

The **Chairman** advised that Askham Bryan College will be visiting the site to see if this area is of interest to them for a future project.

25/022 Parish Paddock: - Ongoing

25/023 (a) Askham Bryan College update: -

It was noted that a very informative progress report on the Parish Council Paddock Nature Reserve had been received from Askham Bryan College and circulated to all members.

Councillor J Wallinger noted that there is no mention in the report of engaging with Cliffe Primary School as previously agreed by the Parish Council. It was noted that ideally the car park needs to be located at the entrance to the paddock.

25/023 (b) Proposed works to land at Cliffe Common – Amendment to existing wayleave agreement: -

The **Chairman** advised that a resident had contacted him and advised that three years ago they had approached Northern Powergrid about moving the electric wires at the Parish Paddock underground to allow them access for bigger storage containers for their self-storage business.

It was noted that Northern Powergrid have only recently contacted the Parish Council (as landowners) to request permission for the works to be carried out and the **Chairman** has already spoken to Helen Borthwick (Northern Powergrid) to express his concerns regarding the impact the proposed work may have on the nature reserve, however they have assured him that they can do the work to agricultural depth (1 mtr) and have a conservationist present.

Members discussed their proposals at length (circulated to all members prior to the meeting) and agreed to the proposed changes provided they are carried out as discussed with the **Chairman** and the Parish Council are informed when the work is going to be carried out so members can meet them on site to allow access.

Clerk to follow up with Helen Borthwick (Northern Powergrid) on any outstanding wayleaves payments and enquire if they are willing to make a donation towards the nature reserve project.

25/024 Little Library: - Ongoing

25/025 Planning: -

a) Councillors considered the following Planning Applications received: - NIL

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

c) Note Planning Applications Granted: - NIL

d) Note Planning Applications Refused: - NIL

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

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**

It was noted that all existing comments will be carried forward and the Parish Council have nothing further to add

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**

It was noted that representatives from Cliffe Parish Council have been site, met with the applicant and viewed the plans and now have no objections to the application therefore we wish to withdraw any previous.

iii. (ZG2024/0309/FUL) Full planning permission for the change of use of the existing reception lodge unit to managers accommodation and reception at **Cliffe Meadows Holiday Park, Turnham Lane, Cliffe**

25/026 Finance: -

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

i. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – January)	£ As Agreed
(Including Local Government Service Pay Agreement Backdate)	

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

i. HMRC (PAYE)	£ 254.29
ii. Mr M Topping	£ 55.99
(Village Green Christmas Lights Reimbursement)	

c) To ratify payments made in between meetings: -

i. Hemingbrough Parochial Church Council	£ 30.00
(Donation for projector screen & stand from St Andrews Church)	

The clerk read out a letter of thanks received from Hemingbrough Parochial Church Council for the donation of £30.00 and offering the Parish Council two noticeboards which are fixed to the wall at St Andrews Church.

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish would like to accept their kind offer; **clerk** to confirm with Chris Swift.

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

e) Receive Finance Report, consider the budget proposals for 2025/2026 and decide upon the level of precept: -

Following a review and discussion of the information provided by the clerk it was unanimously agreed that due to the increased maintenance costs the precept would be increased to £27,000.00 (+ £1,910) resulting in a Band D Charge increase of £ 3.64 (annually).

25/027 Correspondence Received: - NIL

25/028 Representatives Report: -

The **Chairman** reported that internet has now been installed at the Village Institute which the Parish Council will financially support them with (£25 per month), to be added to the room hire.

It was also noted that the Parish Council have acquired a projector and screen from Hemingbrough Parochial Church and made a donation of £30.00; the equipment has now been donated to and installed at the Village Institute.

The **Chairman** also gave an update on the Village Institute War Memorial registration.

Councillor E Yates raised concern regarding the road noise on the A63 at Lund and the Parish Council agreed to get North Yorkshire Council to repeat the traffic survey; **Councillor J Wallinger** to contact North Yorkshire Council.

Councillor R Woodall to speak to Mark Lumby – North Yorkshire Council Highways to enquire when the A63 will be resurfaced and what stretch of road this will cover.

Councillor R Woodall advised that a resident of the Shrubberies had reported a streetlight out; **Councillor J Wallinger** to report to North Yorkshire Council.

Councillor H Cross gave an update on the Mary Waud Foundation including the appointment of a new secretary and a potential new trustee.

25/029 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 3rd February 2025 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE

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