

# **CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at St Andrews Mission on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2014.**

### **14/023 Present:-**

Councillor J Allan  
Councillor T Allan  
Councillor G Carroll  
Councillor D McSherry  
Councillor S Ricketts  
Councillor M Topping  
Councillor M Whattam

County Councillor M Jordan  
District Councillors K McSherry and J Deans

One member of the public was also present

### **14/024 Apologies:-**

Councillor H Cross

### **14/025 Declaration of Interest:-**

a) Councillor Topping declared a Non Registerable Interest in Item (14/030) Planning No.2 due to the application being submitted by a family member.

### **14/026 Listen to reports from County and District Councillors:-**

District Councillor M Jordan advised that he had received complaints about speeding on the A63 which he was looking into and it was noted that North Yorkshire County Council had raised the council tax by 1.99%.

### **14/027 Police Report:-**

The clerk distributed a list of the recent Ringmaster notifications she had received.

### **14/028 Confirmation Of Minutes:-**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February were accepted as a true and accurate record of the meeting. The minutes were proposed by Councillor M Whattam, seconded by Councillor D McSherry and agreed unanimously.

### **14/029 Items for Discussion:-**

#### **a) Receive update on progress of Village Green Project**

The draft plans for the Village Green Project were viewed by the Parish Council and Councillor Topping advised that he was putting together a schedule of works and had arranged a meeting with Heritage Lottery.

Councillor Topping also advised that he was in the process of setting up a meeting with the Ouse & Derwent Drainage Board to discuss culverting the dyke to extend the area

The clerk advised that she had not received any feedback in relation to the Section 106 notices advising of the Parish Councils intention use the Section 106 Developer Contribution towards the Village Green Project and drainage improvements for Cliffe Playing Fields.

#### **b) Cliffe Road Safety Sign**

It was noted that the Parish Council were in the process of making a claim for the replacement of the sign.

### **14/030 Planning:-**

#### **a) Consider Planning Applications Received:**

1. (2014/0050/HPA) Erection of an extension to existing annex at **Primrose Cottage, Lund Lane, Cliffe.** Object

1) The proposed development is to be located on land which should be left as open countryside.

2) The existing building is not suitable for conversion.

3) The new build would be out of proportion to the existing building.

4) This would increase the building proportions considerably.

2. (2013/1161/FUL) Construction of a single 500kw wind turbine (50m to the hub and 77.9m to the tip) and associated structures on land to the east of Cliffe at **Street Record, Oxen Lane, Cliffe.** Strongly Object

Having declared a Non Registerable Interest Councillor Topping left the meeting and took no part in the discussion.

1) Concern that Oxen Lane is not suitable for the heavy goods vehicles that would be accessing the site during construction due to the road surface and the very tight entrance.

2) There is already a problem with drainage in the area and this would be exasperated by the proposed development.

3) The wind turbine would be visible from the eastern side of Oxen Lane and is very close to a public footpath and children's playing area.

4) The site is in very close proximity to Hagg Lane Green ( a designated SINC site) and a proposed nature reserve and the Landscape and Visual Impact Assessment Page 31 7.7.1 clearly states that although the magnitude of effects is low there is a potential for the wind turbine to have an impact on the flight paths of birds and bats travelling to and from these habitats.

5) There is very little open countryside left in the Parish and there is no benefit to the Parish from the development.

Councillor Topping returned to the meeting.

b) Note Planning Applications Granted: NIL

c) Note Planning Application Withdrawn: NIL

District Councillor J Deans left the meeting.

#### **14/031 Finance:-**

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

1. J Leighton-Eshelby (Salary)	£ As Agreed
2. Autela (Payroll Services)	£ 9.97 (Gross) £ 1.66 (VAT) £ 8.31 (Net)
3. Northern Powergrid (Street Lighting-Maintenance)	£ 1952.40 (Gross) £ 325.40 (VAT) £ 1627.00 (Net)
4. Npower (Street Lighting – Power)	£1496.99 (Gross) £ 71.29 (VAT) £1425.70 (Net)
5. Cliffe Village Institute (Village Hall Insurance & Christmas Tree)	£ 631.07

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

c) Consider and Decide on the appointment of Internal Auditor for Cliffe Parish Council Accounts Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

It was resolved that Mrs Mary Farman would be appointed as the internal auditor for Cliffe Parish Council Accounts Year End 31<sup>st</sup> March 2014.

d) Consider request for the Parish Council to cover the cost of the Cliffe Village Hall Insurance.

The request was discussed and it was proposed by Councillor M Topping, seconded by Councillor M Whattam and unanimously agreed to cover the cost of the Cliffe Village Hall insurance premium but it was noted that enquiries should be made as to a contribution towards the insurance being made by the Cliffe Village Hall committee in the future.

e) Consider request for the Parish Council to cover the cost of the Cliffe Christmas Tree.

The request was discussed and it was proposed by Councillor M Topping, seconded by Councillor M Whattam and unanimously agreed to cover the cost of the tree.

A suggestion was put forward that the Cherry Tree outside the Institute could be used as an alternative to buying a tree and Councillor Topping advised that he would look at planting a tree as part of the Village Green Project that could be used as the Parish Christmas Tree in the future.

f) The donation request received from Selby District Council Chairman's Charity Appeal was discussed but it was agreed that no donation would be made as any donations distributed from the Parish Council should be to local charities and good causes.

**14/032 Representatives Reports:-**

Councillor Whattam expressed concern regarding dog fouling and it was agreed that the clerk would obtain a stencil and paint from Selby District Council for use on pavements to highlight the issue.

It was noted that a group of York City Supporters had offered to repaint the bus shelter as part of a community project and the Parish Council accepted their kind offer.

Councillors Trevor and Janet Allen advised that in the recent bad weather two trees had been lost at Sandpits and three from Broadlane Wood which they were going to sort out.

**14/033 Clerks Report:-**

Correspondence not listed on the agenda:-

Selby District AVS Newsletter

The clerk advised that she had received notification from Selby District Council that the Parish Council would be receiving a grant of £841.25 in relation to the Council Tax Support Scheme.

**14/034 Items of Expenditure over £500:-**

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