

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3rd March 2025 at Cliffe Village Institute

25/058 Present: -

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

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

Two members of the public were also present

25/059 Apologies: - All members present

25/060 Declarations of Interest: - None

25/061 Public Session: -

A member of the public asked if previous data from the VAS on York Road will be evaluated against data obtained following the speed bump removal so they can be compared and the Chairman & Councillor J Wallinger confirmed that this will be done.

A member of the public asked about rumours of a mosque being built near Cliffe and it was noted that the Parish Council have no knowledge of this.

The member of the public also raised concern regarding the ongoing flooding at Cliffe Pre-school and the Chairman advised that both himself and Councillor J Wallinger liaise with the pre-school every time there is a flooding issue.

25/062 Police Report: -

The clerk advised that as discussed at the February meeting she has requested a more detailed monthly report for Cliffe and sought clarification on the definition of "highway disruption" but is still awaiting a response. It was also noted that the February North Yorkshire Police Community Newsletter for Cliffe, North Duffield, Hemingbrough & Osgodby had not been received.

York Road

It was noted that no progress has been made on the Police's commitment to deploy mobile (motorcycle) speed cameras on York Road; **North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur** to follow up with PCSO Hannah Gaskell.

25/063 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -

Tree growing through the pre-school fence

North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur advised that he has been in contact with Tom Jenkinson – North Yorkshire Council Community Liaison Officer (Selby Area) and is awaiting a response.

Councillor Arthur also reported that he is liaising with North Yorkshire Council Planning to arrange for Planning Enforcement to attend a future Parish Council meeting to discuss several ongoing issues.

Councillor Arthur advised that Councillor Carl Les (Leader of North Yorkshire Council) is keen for Parish Councils to attend the Selby Area Committee meetings and can ask to have items put on the agenda. It was also noted that a Parish Liaison Forum will be held at least twice a year in each district; **Councillor Arthur** to confirm the date of the next Selby District meeting.

Councillor Arthur spoke about how the Central Government grant cutbacks have severely impacted North Yorkshire Council finances and advised that a council tax increase of 4.99% (2% social care levy & 2.99% general increase) had been approved at a budget meeting held on 14th February.

It was also noted that the North Yorkshire Councillors Localities Budget has been cut from £10,000 to £5,000.

Councillor Arthur spoke about the new National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and it was noted that the Selby Local Plan has been dropped as it is now untenable given the new housing targets imposed by Central Government. It was also noted that North Yorkshire Council will be using second homes council tax levy @ £10 million to invest in schemes that address the affordable housing crisis.

Members raised concern regarding the impact that the increased housing targets could have on the Parish.

The **Chairman** advised that he has not heard anything further from Councillor Mark Crane since their meeting in January to discuss the ongoing planning and enforcement issues and **Councillor Arthur** agreed to follow this up.

25/064 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd February 2025: -

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd February 2025 as an accurate record of the meeting.

25/065 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings: -

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th January 2025

It was noted that the **clerk** had sent the amended minutes to the **Chairman** to sign.

East Yorkshire Buses

The **clerk** read out the following reply received from East Yorkshire Buses:-

“ Further to our enquiries I can confirm that none of my colleagues have any knowledge about a passenger being regularly dropped off in Cliffe”.

It was noted that photographic evidence has already been sent to East Yorkshire Buses however as they are denying all knowledge, the member of the public who reported this to the Parish Council agreed to provide the **clerk** with more photographs to be forwarded onto them.

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

Ongoing, waiting for homeowner to contact either the **clerk** or **Chairman**.

Clerks Contract

It was noted that the **clerk** had sent a copy of her contract (dated 11th June 2012) to the **Chairman** along with confirmation of current hours and salary.

Parish Council policies and procedures

Ongoing – **clerk** to liaise with **Councillor J Wallinger** and circulate to members for approval at a future Parish Council meeting.

Councillor J Wallinger reiterated the need to progress with Parish Council policies and procedures to be included on the website; **clerk** to liaise with **Councillor J Wallinger**.

Littering on the grass verge along the A63

The **clerk** advised that she has reported the litter that was dragged out of the hedge during the recent tree/hedge cutting to North Yorkshire Council.

Fly tipping on the grass verge outside Sunnyside

The **Chairman** advised that he has reported the fly tipping to PC Richard Wood, but the two refrigerators have not been moved; **Chairman** to follow up.

25/066 Highways:-

The Chairman advised that a date for a site meeting with Gary Lumb (North Yorkshire Council Highways Engineer) will be confirmed later in the week.

Footpath alongside the A63 in Lund

Ongoing, awaiting confirmation of the required standards from Gary Lumb (North Yorkshire Council Highways Engineer).

Cliffe-Cum-Lund Traffic Calming

The **clerk** advised that Stacey Preece (North Yorkshire Council Highways Project Engineer) has requested confirmation of where the Parish Council would like the village/boundary "Please Drive Carefully" sign placing as there is an issue with verge width.

Clerk to forward the email correspondence to **Councillor E Yates** who will take some photographs showing the required location and forward these on to Stacey Preece.

Speed Bump Removal (York Road)

Members expressed concern that work was meant to be starting on York Road on Monday 3rd March but there was no sign of any contractors, and no work was started.

It was noted that the Parish Council hadn't received anything regarding a change of date, Thornes had reorganised their bus routes and other local businesses have also been affected as the road closed signs are still in place; **clerk** to contact Sharon Fox (North Yorkshire Council Highways) and ask for an urgent response.

25/067 Speeding:-

Letter from Keir Mather MP regarding road safety in our area

It was noted that the **clerk** had sent a response Keir Mather, as agreed at the February Parish Council meeting.

25/068 Oxen Lane:-

It was noted that the road planings and rubble are now being stored, and the work will be carried out once the weather improves.

25/069 Water/Drainage:-

Councillor J Wallinger advised that nobody has admitted liability for the recent flooding at pre-school and he is continuing to receive conflicting information; **Councillor Wallinger** to continue to monitor and pursue the replacement of all the damaged pre-school equipment once liability has been established.

25/070 Village Green:-

It was noted that the **Chairman** and **Councillor J Wallinger** had met with a local electrician to discuss the work required and they are awaiting a quote for the photocell repair and to extend the lighting.

The **Chairman** reported that the Christmas lights are still to be removed.

The Chairman also noted that forget-me-not seeds from the funeral service of the late Cllr Paul Maw have been put in the planters on the village green, and have begun to grow this spring.

25/071 Parish Council Documents:- Ongoing

25/072 Public Footpaths: - (to include any overgrown public footpaths which have been identified that do not comply with the applicable laws/regulations): -

Councillor J Wallinger reported that the barbed wire has been removed from the public footpath on Turnham Lane.

25/073 Public use of footpaths (to include misuse, trespassing, littering, dog fouling etc)

It was noted that the **Chairman** has forwarded some photographs to **Councillor A Marshall** to update the "Keep Cliffe Clean" poster.

Councillor E Yates to laminate 20 posters, ready to be put up on telegraph poles etc. to target the problem areas.

Councillor J Jewitt raised concern regarding the Plantation which is covered in litter and has been all churned up by bikes.

Councillor J Jewitt to take photographs prior to clearing the litter which **Councillor J Wallinger** will post on social media asking that this area is kept tidy.

25/074 Grass Maintenance: -

Members discussed the grass cutting and it was agreed that Meticulous Gardens can start the grass cutting week beginning Monday 17th March if this is required to keep the village tidy.

The **Chairman** queried the grass cutting outside Chapelfields and **Councillor J Wallinger** agreed to follow this up.

The **clerk** advised that she had invoiced North Yorkshire Council for the Urban Grass Cutting Payment for 2024-25 totalling £458.20 and is awaiting receipt of the payment.

25/075 Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive: -

Ongoing; it was noted that the **Chairman** has contacted Guy Parker – Ouse and Derwent Drainage Board to explain that the plan supplied by Yorkshire Water shows the incorrect drain location.

25/076 New Litter Bin near Cliffe Village Institute: -

The **clerk** advised that Joanne Hall (North Yorkshire Council Engagement & Communications Officer) has confirmed that North Yorkshire Council no longer do any groundwork so the litter bin is only placed on top of the grass but will have two stone flags fitted underneath the metal liner to act as ballast however the ballast is still to be added as they are currently out of stock.

It was also noted that North Yorkshire Council have now rotated the bin, so the opening is not obscured by the post. A resident volunteered to look at securing the bin @ 1mtr away from its current location.

25/077 Path Maintenance: -

Ongoing – **Chairman** to raise this with Gary Lumb (North Yorkshire Council Highways Engineer) at their site meeting. **Chairman** to speak to Meticulous Gardens regarding cutting back the path on Turnham Lane and spraying the village footpaths.

25/078 Broad Lane Wood: - Dealt with under Agenda Item 25/079

25/079 Parish Paddock: -

The **clerk** advised that Helen Borthwick (Northern Powergrid) is looking into the missing wayleaves payments and has passed on our request for a donation towards the nature reserve project to the relevant department.

Councillor R Woodall reported that Keith Walls has cut back the roadside hedge but was unable to cut the hedge near the pond as the ground is waterlogged.

Councillor J Jewitt also advised that the old stable in the paddock totally collapsed when it was being moved as previously agreed.

The **Chairman** advised that he is meeting with Askham Bryan College on Wednesday 5th March to discuss the work the college is doing at the paddock and the possibility of the students also starting a project at Broad Lane Wood. It was agreed that both **Councillor H Cross** and **J Wallinger** would also attend this meeting.

25/080 Little Library: -

Ongoing - **Chairman** to follow up with Amy Wilson.

25/081 Planning: -

a) Councillors considered the following Planning Applications received: -

i. (ZG2024/1097/FUL) Installation of hard standing pitches, roads, pathways, grill cabins, camping buses, hot tub, electric hook ups and water points, Moveable shower block, lighting, wash up store, gates and fencing (part retrospective) at **High Common Farm, Market Weighton Road, Barlby** No Objections

ii. (ZG2025/0132/HPA) Erection of a single storey rear extension following removal of the existing conservatory at **Sunnybank , Main Street, Cliffe** No Objections

iii. (ZG2025/0111/HPA) New enclosed entrance porch and first floor extension over existing single storey bungalow at **Foxhills, Market Weighton Road, Barlby** No Objections

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: - NIL

25/082 Finance: -

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

i. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – March) £ As Agreed

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

i. HMRC (PAYE) £ 119.63

ii. North Yorkshire Council £ 132.00 (Gross)
(Lund Speed Survey) £ 22.00 (VAT)
£ 110.00 (Net)

iii. Meticulous Gardens (Grass Cutting) £ 492.00 (Gross)
£ 82.00 (VAT)
£ 410.00 (Net)

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

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

25/083 Correspondence Received: - NIL

25/084 Representatives Report: -

Councillor A Holman gave an overview of the Drax Parish Council Liaison meeting held on Monday 3rd March and spoke about the grants that are available for community/children's projects.

Councillor A Marshall reported that the metal guttering that goes across the footpath into the road outside the old Post Office on old Hull Road is still loose and bent.

Chairman to report the North Yorkshire Council Portal; **clerk** to provide new log in details.

Councillor Marshall also queried if the green bin collections could commence in February next year instead of March; **clerk** to query with **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur**.

Councillor J Wallinger advised that a couple of streetlights are out in the Parish (reported to North Yorkshire Council) and questioned why the Parish Council number stickers have been removed and some replaced by North Yorkshire Council stickers; **Councillor Wallinger** to continue to monitor.

Councillor Wallinger also advised that he is still awaiting confirmation of who is responsible for the streetlight that is out in Badgers Way.

Councillor H Cross gave an overview of the January Mary Waud meeting.

The **Chairman** reported that a lockable outside tap has now been installed at Cliffe Village Institute and it was noted that the Committee are still in the process of obtaining quotes for a new heating system.

The **Chairman** also advised that he has received complaints from residents regarding light pollution coming from Four Acres Caravan Park.

25/085 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 7th April 2025 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE

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