

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

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

25/030 Present: -

Councillor G Wilson (Chairman)
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

25/031 Apologies: -

Councillors H Cross and J Jewitt

25/032 Declarations of Interest: - None

25/033 Public Session: -

The Chairman reiterated the public session rules and advised that the Parish Council is non-political.

The member of the public expressed concern regarding the lack of a bus service in Cliffe.

The Chairman advised that the Arriva bus service from Cliffe to Selby was withdrawn in 2020 as low passenger numbers meant the service was not financially viable and that in addition to Arriva, Thornes Independent used to run a limited bus service but this was also withdrawn due to lack of use.

The Chairman explained that in order to maintain a bus service Cliffe, Hemingbrough and Osgodby/Barlby Parish Councils had funded a basic service on a three-month trial, but this was unsuccessful as unfortunately the launch coincided with the coronavirus outbreak.

It was also noted that our new MP Keir Mather is campaigning for rural bus services to be reinstated.

25/034 Police Report: -

It was noted that the North Yorkshire Police Community Newsletter for Cliffe, North Duffield, Hemingbrough & Osgodby (January 2025) had been received via PCSO Hannah Gaskell and circulated to all members however the information provided is very generic.

Clerk to contact PCSO Hannah Gaskell to request a more detailed monthly report for Cliffe similar to what we used to receive and to seek clarification on the definition of "Highway disruption".

25/035 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -

North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur reported that North Yorkshire Council have recommended a Council Tax increase of 4.99%.

York Road

Members discussed the ongoing speeding issue on York Road and the Chairman advised that the Parish Council have been promised police speed monitoring on numerous occasions; **North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur** to follow up again on the Polices commitment to deploy mobile (motorcycle) speed cameras on York Road with PCSO Hannah Gaskell.

Councillor Arthur also advised that Sharon Fox (North Yorkshire Council Highways) has confirmed that the speed bumps on York Road will be removed in March this year.

The Chairman referred to his email to Sharon Fox dated Monday 3rd February regarding several long-standing highway issues and for the benefit of the member of the public present he gave an overview of the history of the speed bump removal and York Road gateway installation.

Planning Enforcement

Councillor Arthur reported that he had attended a North Yorkshire Councillors briefing last week and the lack of planning enforcement is a systemic problem which senior management are aware of and are trying to resolve.

The Chairman asked if a member of North Yorkshire Council planning/planning enforcement could attend a future Parish Council meeting and **Councillor Arthur** agreed to follow this up.

The Chairman also gave an overview of his recent meeting with Councillor Mark Crane to discuss the ongoing planning and enforcement issues which he has agreed to investigate and a follow up meeting to be arranged.

Councillor Arthur also spoke about the introduction of North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison and changes to Government housing targets, the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and the Selby/North Yorkshire Local Plan.

25/036 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th January 2025: -

With one addition as agreed (Clerk to provide), members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th January 2025 as an accurate record of the meeting.

Clerk to forward the amended minutes to the **Chairman** to sign.

25/037 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings: -

East Yorkshire Buses

The **clerk** advised that she has chased East Yorkshire Buses twice since the last Parish Council meeting and been advised that this is still under investigation; **clerk** to follow up.

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

The **Chairman** advised that he has spoken to the homeowner who is very obliging and happy to get a brighter bulb and new timer (which the Parish Council will reimburse) to ensure that the light is always on during the hours of darkness. The Parish Council will also compensate the homeowner for the electricity costs; homeowner to liaise with the **clerk** and **Chairman**.

Tree growing through the pre-school fence – Ongoing

It was noted that **North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur** has been in contact with the pre-school and will liaise with North Yorkshire Council regarding a tree on North Yorkshire Council owned land which is growing through the pre-school fence.

25/038 Highways:-

The Chairman advised that Sharon Fox (North Yorkshire Council Highways) has agreed to a site meeting (date to be confirmed) with Gary Lumb (Highways Engineer) to discuss the ongoing highway issues.

Footpath alongside the A63 in Lund

Members discussed the legislation with regards to the speed limit on the A63 through Lund in relation to the streetlights & the distance between them and it was agreed that the **Chairman** will request confirmation of the required standards at his meeting with Gary Lumb (Highways Engineer).

Following confirmation of the required standards, **Councillor S Gummerson** will compile a letter to be sent to North Yorkshire Council Highways regarding the footpath and the A63 through Lund and requesting a speed limit reduction.

Cliffe-Cum-Lund Traffic Calming

The **clerk** advised that she has asked Stacey Preece (North Yorkshire Council Highways Project Engineer) to confirm the exact wording of the sign before placing the order, but she is still awaiting a response.

Members expressed concern regarding the general lack of response from North Yorkshire Council and it was agreed that the **clerk** will cc the **Chairman** in every email sent on behalf of the Parish Council so this can be monitored.

Resurfacing of the A63

Councillor R Woodall reported that Mark Lumby (North Yorkshire Council Highways) has advised that the A63 should have been resurfaced two years ago from the railway bridge to the other side of Cliffe crossroads.

Faulty Streetlight

Councillor J Wallinger advised that the faulty streetlight reported in the Shrubberies has now been repaired.

Clerks Contract

The **Chairman** noted that he has never seen a copy of the clerk's contract of employment, and it was agreed that the **clerk** would forward a copy of her contract (dated 11th June 2012) to the **Chairman** along with confirmation of current hours and salary. Ongoing.

Email visibility

The **Chairman** requested visibility of **all emails** sent on behalf of the Parish Council. The **clerk** will cc the **Chairman** into every email sent on behalf of the Parish Council so this can be monitored.

25/039 Speeding:-

Letter from Keir Mather MP regarding road safety in our area

The **clerk** read out her draft response to Keir Mather and this was unanimously agreed; **clerk** to forward letter to Keir Mather as agreed.

Road noise on the A63 at Lund

It was noted that the traffic survey agreed at the January 2025 meeting has now been carried out and members discussed the results and comparisons to the previous survey carried out in early December 2021.

Councillor J Wallinger advised that overall, the speeds are slightly lower in 2025 compared to 2021 and as the 85th percentile speed in 2025 is 57.5mph no enforcement action will be taken however the Parish Council would like the speed limit through Lund to be reduced to 40mph due to children getting on/off the school bus and crossing the A63.

25/040 Oxen Lane:-

Councillor R Woodall advised that he had spoken to Mark Lumby (North Yorkshire Council Highways) to query why Oxen Lane is now designated a public highway when historically it was a public bridleway.

It was noted that no information was available with regards to the change of status however Mark Lumby is required to inspect the lane on a yearly basis.

It was also noted that the road planings and rubble have now been delivered and will be stored until Spring.

25/041 Water/Drainage:-

Councillor J Wallinger reported that following the recent terrible flooding at pre-school he had been advised by a contractor working for Yorkshire Water that one of the pumps had been isolated. However, he has since received conflicting information from Yorkshire Water and the investigation is ongoing.

It was noted that pre-school have had to throw away all of their outside play equipment/toys due to the flooding and

Councillor Wallinger has sent photographs to Yorkshire Water showing all the damage caused.

Councillor Wallinger to pursue Yorkshire Water to replace all the damaged pre-school equipment once liability has been established.

25/042 Village Green:-

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

It was also noted that the **Chairman** has removed the nativity from the village green, but the Christmas lights remain and need to be removed.

The clerk advised that the flagpole has been serviced, and the rope has been replaced.

25/043 Parish Council Documents:- Ongoing

25/044 Public Footpaths: - (to include any overgrown public footpaths which have been identified that do not comply with the applicable laws/regulations): - Ongoing

25/045 Public use of footpaths (to include misuse, trespassing, littering, dog fouling etc)

Chairman to forward some photographs to **Councillor A Marshall** to update the "Keep Cliffe Clean" 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.

25/046 Grass Maintenance: - No issues raised

25/047 Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive: -

The **Chairman** advised that had sent the photographs provided by **Councillor A Marshall** showing the flooding on to Guy Parker (Ouse and Derwent Drainage Board).

It was noted that Guy Parker has revisited the site with the works foreman but not found any trace of a pipe however the plan supplied by Yorkshire Water shows the incorrect location; **Chairman** to follow up.

25/048 New Litter Bin near Cliffe Village Institute: -

It was noted that the **clerk** has contacted North Yorkshire Council with regards to the incorrect positioning/bin supplied and Joanne Hall (North Yorkshire Council Engagement & Communications Officer) is taking this up with the Selby office; awaiting reply.

The **Chairman** expressed dismay that on inspection the litter bin has not been securely installed by North Yorkshire Council having only been placed on top of the grass; **Chairman** to forward video footage taken on to the **clerk** who will raise this with Joanne Hall.

It was also noted that the clerk has chased a response on our request for North Yorkshire Council to reconsider installing a litter bin on Turnham Lane; awaiting reply.

25/049 Path Maintenance: -

It was noted that the Parish Council have cleared a stretch of footpath on York Road (approx. 400 yards) but the footpath surface is very rough and uneven.

It was agreed that the **Chairman** would raise this with Gary Lumb (Highways Engineer) at their forthcoming site meeting as North Yorkshire Highways are responsible for footpath maintenance.

25/050 Broad Lane Wood: - No issues raised

25/051 Parish Paddock: -

Proposed works to land at Cliffe Common – Amendment to existing wayleave agreement: -

The **clerk** advised that she has asked Helen Borthwick (Northern Powergrid) if they would be willing to make a donation towards the nature reserve project; awaiting response.

It was also noted that no wayleave payments have been received since 2019 and the **clerk** has asked Helen Borthwick to look into this; awaiting response.

The **Chairman** advised that Askham Bryan College have visited the paddock again within the last week as part of their ongoing project.

Councillor R Woodall to liaise with Keith Walls with regards to cutting back the hedge to include cutting back from the pedestrian gateway to allow access.

25/052 Little Library: -

The **Chairman** advised that the children's library will be powder coated by a local resident before being decorated by Amy Wilson ready for a relaunch in conjunction with World Book Day.

25/053 Planning: -

Members raised concern that the Parish Council never get any feedback from North Yorkshire Council to any planning comments/objections raised and **North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur** agreed to follow this up.

a) Councillors considered the following Planning Applications received: -

i. (ZG2024/1283/HPA) Single storey rear extension at **Top End House, Hull Road, Cliffe** No Objections

ii. (ZG2024/1284/LBC) Listed building consent for single storey rear extension at **Top End House, Hull Road, Cliffe** No Objections

iii. (ZG2025/0031/HPA) Erection of single storey side/rear extension at **Meadow House, York Road, Cliffe** No Objections

iv. (ZG2025/0036/S73) Section 73 application to vary conditions 02 (plans) and 03 (materials) 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 at **Birchwood Lodge, Market Weighton Road, Barlby** No Objections

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

c) Note Planning Applications Granted: -

i. (ZG2024/0630/FUL) Installation and operation of a Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) and ancillary infrastructure Location on **Land Off, Green Lane, Cliffe**

d) Note Planning Applications Refused: - NIL

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

i. (ZG2024/0761/FUL) Erection of a self build manager dwelling at **Four Acres Caravan Park, Cliffe Common, Cliffe**

25/054 Finance: -

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

i. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – February)	£ As Agreed
ii. Harrison (Village Green Flagpole Service)	£ 312.00 (Gross) £ 52.00 (VAT) £ 260.00 (Net)

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

i. HMRC (PAYE)	£ 117.80
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c) To ratify payments made in between meetings: -

i. Aggregate Recycling (Road Planings & Rubble)	£ 1596.00 (Gross) £ 266.00 (VAT) £ 1330.00 (Net)
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d) Note receipt of income, as listed below: - NIL

Clerk to chase up the £3,000 Locality Grant agreed by North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur.

25/055 Correspondence Received: - NIL

25/056 Representatives Report: -

Councillor S Gummerson advised that the Cliffe Playing Fields Association (CPFA) Annual General Meeting was held last week, and a new Chairman was appointed alongside other changes to their administration team. It was also noted that the New Inn is happy for the annual Beer Festival to continue and the CPFA are exploring other fundraising avenues.

Councillor R Woodall reported that he has received several complaints from residents regarding an increase in road noise on the A63 following the recent roadworks on the railway bridge.

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**.

Councillor A Marshall raised concern regarding the increase in littering on the grass verge along the A63 and it was noted that the litter had been dragged out of the hedge during the recent tree/hedge cutting; **clerk** to report to Selby Town Council.

Fly tipping (two refrigerators) on the grass verge outside Sunnyside, Cliffe was also noted; **Chairman** to report to PC Richard Wood.

The **Chairman** advised that the Village Institute are still in the process of obtaining quotes for a new heating system and it was noted that bookings have increased over the last few months.

The **Chairman** also advised that the outside tap will be installed within the next few days.

25/057 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 3rd March 2025 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE

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