

# **CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at Cliffe Village Institute**

### **24/059 Present: -**

Councillor G Wilson (Chairman)  
Councillor H Cross  
Councillor A Holman  
Councillor J Jewitt  
Councillor P Maw  
Councillor J Wallinger  
Councillor R Woodall  
Councillor E Yates

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

Two candidates for co-option  
One member of the public

**24/060 Apologies: -** All members present

**24/061 Declarations of Interest: -** No interests declared.

**24/062 Public Session: -** The member of the public present did not raise any issues.

### **24/063 Parish Council Vacancy (co-option of new Councillor): -**

Three candidates had put their name forward for co-option to the Parish Council, but it was noted that one of the candidates had withdrawn their application prior to the start of the meeting. Both of the remaining candidates were present at the meeting and were invited (independently of each other) to speak to the Parish Council about why they would like to join and what they could offer to the Parish Council and the community.

Both were considered to be very strong candidates and following a vote, S Gummerson was co-opted and welcomed to the Parish Council; the Chairman also thanked the other applicant for their interest. S Gummerson signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

### **24/064 Police Report: -**

#### **Youth related Anti Social Behaviour**

Officers from Selby Police Station have been made aware that an uninhabited block of flats in Hemingbrough is being used by young people as a place to meet and consume alcohol.

Councillor J Jewitt also highlighted an increase in caravan and pick-up truck thefts in the area.

The **Chairman** advised that he had met with PC Richard Wood to discuss a number of Parish concerns. It was noted that following a number of complaints received directly by PC Wood he would be speaking to a resident concerning their vehicle being parked within 10 metres of the junction with Oxen Lane. PC Wood to also follow up on safety concerns raised regarding vehicles parking near the railway crossing.

The **Chairman** reported that PC Wood will be holding a police drop in session at Cliffe Village Institute on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March between 1pm-3pm.

### **24/065 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -**

#### **Tree stump outside school**

**North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** reported that Tom Jenkinson - North Yorkshire Council Stronger Communities Delivery Manager has advised that North Yorkshire Council are unable to help with any potential grants for the wood carving project and suggested that the Parish Council contact Peter Murphy – Groundworks; **Councillor Arthur** to forward contact details to the clerk.

### Hagg Lane

**Councillor Arthur** reported that he was asked by Hemingbrough Parish Council to investigate the installation of passing places on Hagg Lane. It was noted that Sharon Fox – North Yorkshire Council Highways has advised that there is currently no funding for highway improvements, but an engineer would investigate and provide costings if this could be financed by the Parish Council.

**Councillor Arthur** spoke about Double Devolution (Parish Charter) which sets out how Parish Councils can work with North Yorkshire Council and take on more responsibilities in their Parish and advised that North Yorkshire Council are also setting up a committee to review the Ward boundaries for North Yorkshire Councillors.

It was noted that North Yorkshire Council is holding a six-week consultation on the Pre-Submission Revised Publication Local Plan (2024) from Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024.

For further information about the Selby Local Plan please visit [www.northyorks.gov.uk/selbylocalplan](http://www.northyorks.gov.uk/selbylocalplan)

**Councillor Arthur** advised that North Yorkshire Council have agreed an average 4.99% increase in Council Tax plus an additional levelling up increase following the Unitary Council reorganisation resulting in a 5.74% increase for the Selby area.

It was noted that Turnham Lane, Cliffe will be closed for three days between 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April for the installation of telecoms apparatus.

Councillor P Maw spoke about getting a regular bus service reinstated and **Councillor Arthur** agreed to investigate this further.

**Councillor Arthur** reported that following a lot of opposition from members North Yorkshire Council have agreed to maintain the £10,000 North Yorkshire Councillors Locality Budget for 2024/25.

**Councillor Arthur** advised that he has followed up on both the Cliffe Meadows Holiday Park and the damaged litter bin outside Cliffe Village Institute and will provide an update in due course; the **Chairman** asked that this be reviewed as a matter of urgency.

### **24/066 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024: -**

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2024 as an accurate record of the meeting.

### **24/067 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings: -**

#### **Lund Lane**

The clerk advised that in response to a request from a resident for passing places on Lund Lane she had contacted Highways and received the response below from Sharon Fox – Highways Customer Communications Officer:-

*“Lund Lane is a Cat 4b on the network hierarchy, a rural unclassified road and unfortunately there is currently no funding in the budget for highway improvements.*

*To clarify the Council as the highway authority have a statutory duty for maintaining the existing network with only a desire to improve which passing places comes under the umbrella of.*

*Having checked the mapping system there are areas where there is insufficient verge, carriageway width to accommodate passing places due to private ownership or a drain, roadside ditch so it is expected to not be viable even if 3<sup>rd</sup> party funding was identified.*

*I am sorry I am unable to provide you with the response that you were hoping to receive but trust I have explained the reasoning behind the decision”*

### **Bike Marking Event**

**Councillor J Jewitt** to speak to Rural Watch to see if they can arrange a bike marking event to coincide with the police drop in session on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March.

### **Fly tipping alongside the A63 at the back of the garages on William Jacques Drive**

The **clerk** advised that she had received a response from North Yorkshire Council advising that this will be investigated further by officers however it was noted that the fly tipping has still not been cleared.

### **Streetlight outside the Village Institute**

It was noted that Highways have now levelled off the uneven ground and removed the barriers.

### **Broken sign at Cliffe Crossroads**

The **Chairman** advised that Mark Lumby – NYC Highways will be replacing the broken sign at Cliffe Crossroads.

### **School Funding Request**

It was noted that the **clerk** had forwarded email communications to both the **Chairman** and **Councillor H Cross** as requested. **Councillor H Cross** advised that he has contacted the Headmaster to request clarification and is awaiting a response.

### **Selby Energy Park- Ongoing**

**Councillor J Jewitt** still in the process of arranging a site meeting with Howarth Estates to discuss the crash barrier that has been erected in front of our gate restricting access to the Parish Council Pond, along with the trench that has been dug and the trees that have been planted.

### **24/068 Highways (incl York Road traffic calming measures): -**

The **Chairman** referred to the response received 29/02 from Stacey Preece – NYC Highways Project Engineer:-

### **Speed Bumps on York Road**

The cost of the removal of the speed humps (3 pairs) and the painting of ghost humps (3 pairs plus 1 triple painted) is approximately £13,000 (VAT not applicable).

Members discussed the survey carried out by the Chairman 06/08 which showed that the majority of affected households along the stretch of York Road where the speed bumps are located wish them to be removed and replaced with 'silent' ones.

Members discussed the expenditure at length and raised concern that the Parish Council are having to bear the cost for work that NYC Highways should be providing but are unable to do so due to a lack of funding in their budget for highway improvements. **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** agreed that the Parish Council could claim £3,000 from his Locality Budget for 2024/25 towards the project if the Parish Council fund the remaining £10,000.

The Chairman proposed that the Parish Council go ahead with the speed bump removal/painting of ghost humps and claim £3,000 from Councillor Arthurs Locality Budget towards the project and with a majority vote this was agreed (7 in favour, 1 against and 1 abstain). **Clerk** to contact Stacey Preece and ask her to proceed with the work as per the plan supplied by the **Chairman**. **Councillor K Arthur** to apply for the £3,000 as soon as possible.

It was noted by the Chairman that the Parish Council are determined to tackle speeding on York Road, with the soon-to-be installed gateway to the village, the VAS sign and also the also ensuring the police make good on their promise to utilise speed cameras along York Road. In addition, the Parish Council will continue to look at other speed calming measures i.e. speed camera warning signs and additional vehicle activated signs.

### **York Road Gateway**

It was noted that Stacey Preece – NYC Highways Project Engineer has placed the order as agreed with silent rumble strips due to the proximity of houses nearby.

### **Village Entrance Signs for South Duffield**

The **Chairman** advised that all three signs in South Duffield require replacing and Stacey Preece – NYC Highways Project Engineer has quoted approximately £30 per sign plus £1542.24 for the installation.

Due to the high installation costs members discussed the possibility of installing the signs themselves and **Councillor R Woodall** agreed to make further enquiries with Mark Lumby – Highways concerning the installation and replacement posts.

It was noted that **Councillor H Cross** has been approached by a resident regarding the signage on the approach to South Duffield. **Councillor Cross** to reply to the resident and advise that the Parish Council had requested a quote to replace all three signs and finally after months of waiting they now have the information required from Highways and the signs will be replaced at the earliest opportunity.

#### **Red Anti-Skid Lining**

The **Chairman** reported that red anti-skid lining will be put down either side of the pedestrian crossing point (A63) to make it stand out. NYC Highways lining gang will carry out the work as soon as possible, weather permitting.

#### **No Right Turn Sign**

The **Chairman** advised that the Highways have ordered a sign to be placed opposite the exit (Whitemoor Mine) in the grass verge for no right turn due to the 7.5t weight restriction.

#### **24/069 Speeding: -**

The **Chairman** advised that PC Richard Wood has asked for the original email from North Yorkshire Police acknowledging the speeding problem and agreeing to send the speed camera enforcement motorcycle so he can follow this up; **Chairman** to provide PC Wood with the information requested.

The **Chairman** also advised that he has asked NYC Highways to erect speed camera warning signs as a deterrent. It was noted that the signs can only be erected with permission from North Yorkshire Police and PC Wood has agreed to investigate this on behalf of the Parish Council.

#### **24/070 7.5t Weight Limit (York Road): -**

The **clerk** read out a response received from one of the six companies identified and it was noted that four of the six companies identified have now responded to the letters sent.

#### **24/071 Oxen Lane: -**

The **Chairman** reported that the contractor will be felling the tree on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. It was noted that the lane needs scraping back before drainage is put in; **Chairman** to arrange a site meeting with **Councillors J Jewitt & R Woodall** and Andy Pulleyne to organise the work required.

#### **24/072 Water/Drainage: -**

**Councillor J Wallinger** reported that a more proactive response had been received from Yorkshire Water and advised that on the back of pre-school contacting our local MP Keir Mather, he has also sent the Parish Council/Yorkshire Water email trail to him to make him aware of how long this has been going on and our repeated requests for this to be resolved. It was also noted that pre-school have approached the local paper/media regarding their ongoing issues and an article has been published.

#### **24/073 Village Green: -**

**Councillor J Jewitt** continuing to chase up the contractor as the incorrect fence panel has still not been replaced.

**Councillor R Woodall** advised that he had reported the land slip on the southern bank of Oldmill Field Drain to the Ouse and Derwent Drainage Board and it was noted that due to promotion a new manager has taken over from Nathan Culpin; **Councillor Woodall** to forward new contact details to the **Chairman**.

Concern was raised regarding the headwall and it was agreed that the Parish Council are not satisfied with the work done by Wrights of Crockey Hill; **Councillor J Jewitt** agreed to contact them about this.

The **Chairman** advised that the plaque to commemorate the Village Green opening has been received and he will arrange for this to be fitted by the Parish Council handyman.

**Councillor H Cross** reported that the new stainless steel Queens Green Canopy Plaque (Platinum Jubilee 2022) has been installed.

**Councillor J Wallinger** reported that the new floodlight has been delivered; **Councillor Wallinger** to fit.

The **Chairman** reported that the work to remove the mole infestation on the Village Green is still ongoing.

#### **24/074 Parish Council Documents: -**

It was noted that unfortunately the school caretaker was not available to open the school for members to access the Parish Council safe as planned; **Chairman** to organise a new date with Amy Wilson.

**24/075 Public Footpaths:** - (to include any overgrown public footpaths which have been identified that do not comply with the applicable laws/regulations): -

**Chairman** still to arrange a meeting with a local contractor who is certified to spray weeds to discuss the work required and obtain a quote.

**24/076 Grass Maintenance:** -

**Grass Cutting Contract 2024**

Members reviewed the seven tenders received and it was agreed to award the contract to Jeremy Massey due to the competitive quote received and his work with other local Parish Councils.

**North Yorkshire Council Urban Highway Grass Cutting 2024/25**

The clerk advised that she had spoken to North Yorkshire Council regarding the urban grass cutting payment and it was noted that this had previously been calculated incorrectly.

The allocated contribution for Cliffe has been re-assessed for Cliffe and should the Parish Council wish to carry out the urban grass cutting North Yorkshire Council will make a payment based on the rate of 8p per m<sup>2</sup> of £458.20.

**24/077 Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive:** -

The **Chairman** reported that Andy Pulleyne is still awaiting confirmation of the date for a site meeting with Catherine Inman – Public Rights of Way Officer (Southern Area) to discuss the flooding; **Chairman** to discuss with Andy Pulleyne.

**24/078 Damaged Litter Bin outside Cliffe Village Institute:** -

The **Chairman** advised that Andy Pulleyne has agreed to dig out the remaining plinth/debris, fill the hole and level off.

Members discussed the price/options list circulated by the **clerk** and it was noted that the **Chairman** has provided a photograph of the agreed new location. As **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** is still following this up with North Yorkshire Council it was agreed to wait for an update and defer any decision until the April meeting.

**24/079 Path Maintenance:** -

It was noted that any path maintenance required will be carried out when the weather is drier.

**24/080 Broad Lane Wood:** - Ongoing

**Councillor J Jewitt** reported that it has been too wet to move the pole that is blocking Clay Lane.

**24/081 Parish Paddock:** -

**Councillor J Wallinger** advised that he had received a request from a member of the public to use their metal detector on Parish Council land. Members discussed the request and it was agreed that he could use his metal detector at the Parish Paddock providing that he has public liability insurance and fills in any holes that are made.

**24/082 Little Library:** -

**Chairman** to ask the village handyman to secure the slab underneath the little library.

**24/083 Planning:** -

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

i. (ZG2024/0125/FUL) Erection of replacement mower shed at **Birchwood Lodge, Market Weighton Road, Barlby**  
**No Objections**

ii. (ZG2024/0144/TPO) Application for consent to crown reduce the canopies height and spread by approximately 2.4m, crown lift the canopies to approximately 5m over the road, crown clean the canopies in line with British Standard 8S3998 and remove epicormic growth to 2No European Lime trees (T1 & T2) covered by TPO 16/1992 at **30 Hull Road, Cliffe**  
**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 Planning Applications Withdrawn: - NIL

f) Note Planning Appeal Against Refusal: -

i. (ZG2023/0994/HPA) Erection of single storey glazed link to existing house at **The Three Arches, Cliffe Common, Cliffe**

**24/084 Finance: -**

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

i. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – March)	£ As Agreed
ii. H Cross (Queen’s Green Canopy Plaque Reimbursement)	£ 65.99 (Gross) £ 11.00 (VAT) £ 54.99 (Net)

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

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

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

**24/085 Correspondence Received: -**

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

**24/086 Representatives Report: -**

**Councillor S Gummerson** advised that he would raise the safety concerns regarding vehicles parking on York Road near the railway crossing with Network Rail.

**Councillor P Maw** stressed that he was pleased the streetlight outside the Village Institute has now been connected.

**Councillor J Jewitt** reported that a resident had raised concern regarding work being carried out at The Ranch.

**Councillor J Wallinger** advised that he has been approached by a resident regarding the state of Station Lane due to cars parking on the grass and churning it all up.

**Councillor S Gummerson** agreed to check the plans to see if the area to the South of Station Lane is owned by Network Rail.

The **Chairman** reported that another resident had also spoken to him regarding the same issue as well as flooding across the lane. It was noted that a drain runs under Station Lane which may be blocked and **Councillor J Wallinger** agreed to take some photographs and report to North Yorkshire Council.

The **Chairman** reported that concerns have been raised regarding four containers currently on trailers which are sited on Oxen Lane opposite the tennis courts. The Chairman has spoken to the land owner and it was noted that the containers will be used for a small mushroom farm and will be taken off the trailers and sited in a field, painted green and screened with trees and hedging.

**Councillor A Holman** gave an overview of the Drax Liaison meeting attended on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March.

**Councillor H Cross** reported that the South Duffield Charity are in the process of changing bank and advised that the Mary Waud Foundation are continuing to assist the school with their academy status application.

**24/087 Confirm date of next meeting:** - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE.

**24/088 Parish Council owned land:** - Ongoing.

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