

# CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at Cliffe Village Institute

### 24/212 Present: -

Councillor G Wilson (Chairman)

Councillor H Cross

Councillor S Gummerson

Councillor J Wallinger

Councillor R Woodall

Councillor E Yates

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

One member of the public was also present (representing Cliffe Playing Field Association)

### 24/213 Apologies: - Councillors A Holman and J Jewitt

### 24/214 Declarations of Interest: -

Councillor R Woodall declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in Item 24/220a (i) as he is the landowner although this is not his planning application.

### 24/215 Public Session: -

The member of the public advised that Cliffe Playing Field Association is a charity with limited funds which is run for the benefit of the community and requested a financial contribution to their insurance renewal (£808.08).

The Chairman reiterated the Parish Councils policy that any financial requests should be accompanied by a brief statement of the applicant's financial position, and it was agreed that this would be put on the September agenda for consideration.

Cliffe Playing Field Association to forward a copy of their insurance with brief financial statement to the **clerk**.

### 24/216 Police Report: - Nothing to report

### 24/217 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur advised that he is now a member of the North Yorkshire Council Planning Committee so he can continue to listen to any concerns and advise on procedures etc, but he cannot take part in any discussion or make comments.

Councillor Arthur also spoke about recent changes to North Yorkshire Council planning policy regarding planning applications going before the Planning Committee; **Councillor Arthur** to seek clarification and provide update in due course.

It was also noted that The Local Government Boundary Commission for England (LGBCE) is due to begin an electoral review of North Yorkshire Council which will subsequently go out for public consultation.

### Cliffe Meadows Holiday Park

The **Chairman** advised that he had sent an email to Sally Littlewood (Planning Enforcement Officer) 10/06 and was very disappointed in her response as it did not address any of the concerns raised and indicated that most of these would be addressed in the planning applications for the site that were still to be determined.

It was agreed that as most of the applications have now been refused the **Chairman** will respond to Sally Littlewood asking her to investigate further and include **Councillor Mark Crane** (North Yorkshire Council Executive Member for Planning) in the email.

### Cliffe Country Lodges

**Councillor J Wallinger** raised concern that there are a lot of gaps in the historical planning documentation for the site on the North Yorkshire Council planning portal which is making it very difficult to do any research; **Councillor Arthur** to investigate.

**24/218 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024: -**

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 as an accurate record of the meeting.

**24/219 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings: -**

Damaged Litter Bin outside Cliffe Village Institute

The **clerk** reported that the replacement bin has been ordered as agreed and she has requested an indication of timescale for installation: awaiting response.

Speeding on York Road

**Chairman** still to download the latest data from the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) on York Road and forward to the **clerk** so this can be included on the speed monitoring request form received from **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur**.

Inconsiderate/dangerous parking on York Road at the junction with the A63 - Ongoing

The **Chairman** advised that he had received no response from Stacey Preece (North Yorkshire Council Highways Project Engineer) to our request for consideration of double yellow lines on the West side of York Road therefore forcing all vehicles to park on one side of the road only: **clerk** to follow up.

**Chairman** to provide some photographs for the **clerk** to forward to support our request.

Tree stump outside school

**Clerk** awaiting quotes from three chainsaw sculptors;**clerk** to follow up.

**Chairman** still to contact a local sculptor who has recently carried out work in Bubwith churchyard.

Broken sign at Cliffe Common Crossroads

The **Chairman** reported that the broken sign has now been repaired/replaced by North Yorkshire Council.

Fading/peeling road sign outside Cliffe Village Institute – Ongoing

It was noted that the **Chairman** had reported this on the North Yorkshire Council portal; **clerk** to follow up with Stacey Preece (North Yorkshire Council Highways Project Engineer).

Selby Energy Park – Ongoing

York Road Drains – Ongoing

Barbed wire over the stile on Turnham Lane

**Councillor E Yates** advised that she had reported this to Catherine Inman (North Yorkshire Council Public Rights of Way Officer) but not received a response.

**Councillor Yates** to follow up and include both **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** and the **Chairman** in the email.

**Councillor Arthur** to obtain contact telephone number for the officer and forward on to **Councillor Yates**.

Turnham Lane Speed Limit Extension

It was noted that the **clerk** had notified North Yorkshire Council that although the drawings received are correct the extension is from the current location of the 30mph speed limit to a point 230m west not east as per their wording.

Speed Bumps on York Road

The **clerk** advised that Stacey Preece (North Yorkshire Council Highways Project Engineer) has placed this on a 30-day order and the work will hopefully be completed before September.

It was noted that the **clerk** has returned the completed grant application to **Councillor K Arthur** for £3,000 towards the project: awaiting receipt of funds.

York Road Gateway

It was noted that the **clerk** had received notification from Stacey Preece (North Yorkshire Council Highways Project Engineer) that the gateway would be installed by the end of July, but this has not been done; **clerk** to follow up.

Red Anti-Skid Lining

It was noted that two red pedestrian crossing strips have now been laid on the A63 as requested.

Village Entrance Signs for South Duffield

The **Chairman** confirmed that three new signs have now been installed at South Duffield as requested.

Replacing the Give Way sign with a Stop sign at Cliffe Common Crossroads due to a lack of visibility

The **clerk** confirmed that she had emailed Stacey Preece (North Yorkshire Council Highways Project Engineer) to clarify that the request is for Cliffe Common Crossroads not Cliffe Crossroads (at the junction of York Road and the A63); awaiting response. **Clerk** to follow up.

Traffic Calming at Lund

It was noted that the **clerk** had raised the Parish Councils concerns regarding school children crossing the A63 with Stacey Preece (North Yorkshire Council Highways Project Engineer) and requested that they look again at traffic calming measures for Lund with children crossing warning signs as a minimum: awaiting response. **Clerk** to follow up.

Speeding

The **Chairman** advised that Community Speedwatch/North Yorkshire Police have given permission to put speed camera warning signs on the A63 (East and West) and York Road (North) as required by North Yorkshire Highways. **Clerk** to follow up with Stacey Preece (North Yorkshire Council Highways Project Engineer) to request that these are installed at the same time as the York Road Gateway and that an additional sign is also put up on York Road at the A63 crossroads, next to the 7.5 tonne weight limit sign.

Water/Drainage

The **Chairman** advised that Yorkshire Water had recently carried out remedial work outside Chapelfields.

**Councillor J Wallinger** also reported that Yorkshire Water have still not cut back the overgrowth around the pumping station; **Councillor Wallinger** to follow up.

Village Green

**Clerk** to follow up on the grant funding application sent to the Ouse and Derwent Drainage Board.

**Councillor J Wallinger** reported that another floodlight has been broken but he has managed to repair it using the other broken one so one floodlight still needs to be replaced. It was noted that **Councillor Wallinger** has sourced a replacement for £30.00 and this was unanimously agreed.

Public Footpaths

**Councillor J Wallinger** advised that all crops will be cut back within the next few weeks so any footpath issues will be remedied (although none are known of at the moment).

Grass Maintenance

The **Chairman** advised that the new contractor has been asked to provide quotes for additional work and spraying; **Chairman** to follow up.

Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive

**Councillor E Yates** to arrange a meeting with Catherine Inman (North Yorkshire Council Public Rights of Way Officer) and Andy Pulleyne to discuss the ongoing issue.

**Councillor Yates** to advise all members once a date has been confirmed.

Broad Lane Wood

**Chairman** still to arrange a site visit within the next few weeks and confirm date with members.

Parish Paddock

The **clerk** confirmed that the security deposit has now been refunded as agreed.

The **Chairman** advised that Askham Bryan College have expressed an interest in their students working with the Parish Council and using the paddock for research/dissertation.

**Chairman** to inform members when Askham Bryan confirm date they will be making a site visit.

Little Library – Ongoing

**24/220 Planning: -**

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

Having already declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest **Councillor R Woodall** left the meeting whilst the documents were reviewed and took no part in the discussion or decision process.

i. (ZG2024/0630/FUL) Installation and operation of a BESS and ancillary infrastructure on Land off Green Lane, Cliffe  
Object

- There is already a similar facility only one mile away which has already been approved, can this not just be expanded?
- Why Cliffe? There is no electrical generating facility nearby that you would associate with this type of development, so what is the reasoning behind this site?
- This is an extremely popular dog walking/walking route, and the site would be an eyesore and not in keeping with a rural village setting
- This is a waste of Grade 2 farmland
- It will be of no benefit to the local community

**Councillor R Woodall** returned to the meeting.

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

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

Members discussed the application at length but due to a lack of available information it was agreed that the **Chairman** and **Councillor J Wallinger** would liaise and formulate a response to be circulated to all members for agreement before the **clerk** sends it to North Yorkshire Council.

c) Note Planning Applications Granted: -

i.(ZG2024/0530/FUL) Full planning application for the construction of entrance gates and stepped brick wall (retrospective) at Four Acres Caravan, Cliffe Common, Cliffe

ii. (ZG2024/0310/FUL) Construction of an entrance wall and gates, wall and gates to bin store and decking around the lodges (retrospective) at Cliffe Meadows Holiday Park, Turnham Lane, Cliffe

d) Note Planning Applications Refused: -

i.(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

ii.(ZG2024/0510/ADV) Advertisement consent for 2 No flag poles with flags at the entrance of the holiday park at Cliffe Meadows Holiday Park, Turnham Lane, Cliffe

iii.(ZG2024/0567/FUL) Replacement of 5 No approved tourer pitches with static lodges at Cliffe Meadows Holiday Park, Turnham Lane, Cliffe

**24/221 Finance: -**

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

i. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – August)	£ As Agreed
ii. Information Commissioner (Data Protection Fee Renewal)	£ 40.00
iii. Autela (Payroll Services)	£ 81.86 (Gross) £ 13.64 (VAT) £ 68.22 (Net)

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

i. HMRC (PAYE)	£ 109.40
ii. Meticulous Gardens (Grass Cutting)	£ 984.00

c) To ratify payments made in between meetings: -

i. J Wallinger (Website Hosting Subscription (3 Years) Reimbursement)	£ 233.66 (Gross) £ 38.94 (VAT) £ 194.72 (Net)
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d) Note receipt of income, as listed below: - NIL

**24/222 Correspondence Received: - NIL**

**24/223 Representatives Report: -**

**Councillor S Gummerson** gave an overview of the recent Cliffe Playing Field Association meeting, and it was noted that the climbing frame and other play equipment will need replacing in the near future. The CPFA are continuing with their fundraising with the monthly quiz and upcoming beer festival.

In light of recent tragic events **Councillor R Woodall** questioned what security measures Cliffe Preschool have in place and is there anything the Parish Council can do to help?; **Chairman** to speak to the preschool.

**Councillor Woodall** also noted that a damaged Oak sapling on the Village Green will need to be replaced in October/November time.

**Councillor J Wallinger** advised that a faulty streetlight had been reported to North Yorkshire Council for repair.

**Councillor H Cross** advised that as from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 Cliffe Primary School will be part of Selby Education Trust (SET).

The **Chairman** reported that the two planters either side of the Coronation bench have previously been watered by local residents however they are no longer able to do it and have asked if volunteers from the Parish Council could take over the watering.

Members discussed the possibility of fitting an outside tap at the Village Institute to assist with the watering and it was agreed that the **Chairman** would raise this at their next Committee meeting.

It was also noted that the Parish Council were sad to hear of the passing of Keith Hinchliffe and appreciate all his hard work on behalf of the community, especially over the many years he has been the Village Institute Chairman.

**24/224 Confirm date of next meeting: -** Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE (Reduced Agenda)

**24/225 Parish Council owned land: -** Ongoing.

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