CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Cliffe Village Institute on Monday 2nd November 2026

26/235 Present: -
Councillor G Wilson (Chairman)
Councillor H Cross
Councillor S Gummerson
Councillor A Holman
Councillor A Marshall
Councillor R Woodall

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

26/236 Apologies: -
Councillor J Jewitt
Councillor J Wallinger
Councillor E Yates

26/237 Declarations of Interest: - None

26/238 Public Session: - No members of the public were present

26/239 Police Report: -
The clerk read out the latest crime figures available on the North Yorkshire Police website (August 2026):-
Cliffe – No incidents recorded
South Duffield – 1 Anti-Social Behaviour

26/240 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -

North Yorkshire Council (30 mph and 40 mph Speed Limit) (Various Roads, Cliffe) Order 2026
The above order came into operation on 22nd June 2026 on Lund Lane, South Duffield Road, Moor Lane, Low Moor Road and York Road however no signs have been put up so motorists are not aware of the speed limit changes, and they are not currently enforceable.
North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur reported that the signs have been ordered but North Yorkshire Council are still awaiting delivery so unfortunately no installation date is available; **Councillor Arthur** will continue to chase up.

Broken fence at the back of William Jacques Drive
It was noted that **Councillor A Marshall** is in the process of establishing land ownership and will update **Councillor Arthur** in due course.

Councillor Arthur reported that the first meeting of the Bus Improvement Liaison Committee will be held in Barlby Library on Thursday 26th November and local bus operators will be invited to attend.

Planning Enforcement Viola Gardens, York Road
The Chairman referred to unsatisfactory emails he has received from both Chris Keddle (NYC Principle Planning Enforcement Officer) and Rachel Robinson (NYC Enforcement Team Manager) and it was noted that this matter has now been referred to the Development Management Team for further consideration

The Parish Council questioned how this application could have been approved as there are no dimensions on the drawings and stressed that work should be stopped immediately until this is fully investigated.
Councillor Arthur to follow up with the Development Management Team as a matter of urgency.

Councillor Arthur reported that the North Yorkshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2026 has now been completed and the new Cliffe and Escrick Division will consist of Cliffe, Hemingbrough, North Duffield, Escrick, Skipwith and Thorganby.

Councillor Arthur also advised that he has chased both Jo Coles – Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime (York and North Yorkshire) and Councillor Mark Crane but unfortunately has had no response; **Councillor Arthur** to continue to chase up.

The Chairman reported that Keir Mather MP has agreed to a site meeting with him (date to be confirmed) and he will raise their lack of response along with all the outstanding issues of concern regarding Highways and planning/enforcement issues.

26/241 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th October 2026: -

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12th October 2026 as an accurate record of the meeting.

26/242 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meeting: -

Viola Gardens, York Road (See 26/240)

A number of communications have been received from neighbours of this development. **Chairman** and **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** to continue discussions with North Yorkshire Council Planning Department. **Ongoing**

Level Crossing on York Road

Chairman to raise concerns that the level crossing barrier is down for far too long causing a safety issue at his meeting with Keir Mather MP. **Ongoing**

Cliffe Village Institute New Doors

It was noted that **Councillor J Jewitt** is still awaiting a quote for the three new doors required. **Ongoing**

Cliffe V.C Primary School

The **Chairman** referred to the October minutes (26/217) and it was noted that the headteacher is disappointed that concerns regarding behavioural/disruption issues at the school still remain.

Councillor H Cross advised that this had been raised as agreed at the Mary Waud Foundation meeting held on Tuesday 13th October and stressed that he can see an improvement in behaviour.

Noticeboards sited at St Andrews Mission

The noticeboards collected from St Andrews Mission to be offered to the Preschool and Cliffe Playing Fields Association (**Chairman** and **Councillor S Gummerson**). **Ongoing**

Replacement Street Sign

The **clerk** advised that she had contacted Royal Mail to make enquiries regarding “New Hull Road” but unfortunately, they were unable to provide any assistance, so she has referred this to North Yorkshire Council Street Naming and Numbering to investigate; awaiting response. **Ongoing**

White lines worn out between the railway crossing & York Road/A63 crossroads

Clerk has chased NYC Highways to query why the white line repainting stopped just before Cherry Tree Stores; awaiting response. **Ongoing**

Resurfacing of the A63

Clerk has chased NYC Highways to enquire when the A63 will be resurfaced as it is in a very poor state; awaiting response. **Ongoing**

Broken road surface on Lund Lane

Clerk has chased NYC Highways to enquire when a full resurface will be carried out; awaiting response.**Ongoing**

Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive

The **clerk** advised that she has received the relevant correspondence from **Councillor A Marshall** and will follow up with Catherine Inman (NYC Public Rights of Way Officer). **Ongoing**

The Three Arches, Cliffe Common

The **Chairman** reported that a large structure including steel girders @ 12ft high have been erected on the site.

Members discussed the planning history of the site and **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** agreed to query this with North Yorkshire Council Planning Department. **Ongoing**

Grass Maintenance
The **Chairman** advised that two local contractors have contacted the Parish Council expressing an interest in the 2027 grass cutting tender; **Chairman** to contact them and also speak to ARK Facilities. **Ongoing**

Broken front door on Book Libary
The **clerk** advised that she has reported the broken door to Western Wolds Men in Sheds who supplied the original Book Library and they are coming out to repair the door.
The **Chairman** reported that the back panel has been damaged and one of the roof panels is also warped; **clerk** to ask Men in Sheds to carry out the repairs required. **Ongoing**

Parish Council Email Address
Councillor A Marshall advised that he has been looking into obtaining a Parish Council.gov.uk email address but has several questions regarding this; **Councillor Marshall** to forward onto the **clerk** who will raise with the Yorkshire Local Councils Associations (YLCA). **Ongoing**

Trees on the Plantation
The **Chairman** advised that discussions were ongoing regarding trees on the Plantation that require attention. **Ongoing**

26/243 Highways: - No further issues raised.

26/244 Speeding: -
Concern was raised regarding a red Audi speeding on the A63 and driving erratically in Cliffe and Hemingbrough.

26/245 Water/Drainage: - No further issues raised.

26/246 Village Green: -
The **Chairman** reported that Stephen Greenwood has started clearance work on the Village Green today prior to putting up the new fencing. **Ongoing**

The **Chairman** advised that he has purchased four plaques to be put on the Coronation Commemoration bench/planters.

Councillor S Gummerson expressed his appreciation to the **Chairman** for the excellent upkeep of the village and keeping Cliffe well maintained.

26/247 Public Footpaths *(to include any overgrown public footpaths which have been identified that do not comply with the applicable laws/regulations)*: -
Councillor R Woodall advised that he has contacted the farmer who is maintaining the field and asked them to ensure that the public footpath between Turnham Hall and Lund is kept clear.

The **Chairman** advised that Andy Pulleyne has looked at Oxen Lane and he is pleased with the condition of the lane surface following the work carried out last year.

26/248 Public use of footpaths *(to include misuse, trespassing, littering, dog fouling etc)*: -
Councillor R Woodall raised concern regarding a member of the public walking off the public footpath near the brickyard.

26/249 Grass Maintenance: - No further issues raised.

26/250 Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive: - No further issues raised.

26/251 Path Maintenance: - No further issues raised.

26/252 Broad Lane Wood: -
Members agreed to arrange a site visit/walkaround in the spring. **Ongoing**

26/253 Parish Paddock: -
Chairman to contact Froglife to request an update on the funding bid submitted for the Parish Paddock. **Ongoing**

26/254 Planning: -

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

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

i. (26/06123/DVCON) Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) for the siting of 9 static lodges for holiday use in place of the 9 approved touring pitches of Planning Permission SEL2021/0925/FUL – Change of use of land to form a holiday touring caravan and camping site for up to 30 touring caravans, new internal access tracks and associated works and alterations to the existing agricultural building to form amenity facilities, office and storage at **Four Acres Caravan, Cliffe Common To Lund Lane, Cliffe**

Members discussed the application and several strong objections were raised. It was agreed that the **Chairman** and **Councillors A Marshall** & **J Wallinger** will put together a letter of objection and circulate to all members to review before being sent to North Yorkshire Council Planning by the **clerk. Ongoing**
Clerk to send a copy of the agreed letter of objection to **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur.**

26/255 Finance: -

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

i. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – November)	£	As Agreed
ii. HMRC (PAYE)	£	184.18
iii. Crombie Wilkinson (Legal Fees)	£	4800.00

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

i. KCK Electrical (Replacement Village Green LED Floodlights)	£	167.02
ii. G Wilson (Village Green Plaques Reimbursement)	£	165.91

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

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

i. North Yorkshire Council (Grass Cutting Contribution)	£	473.78

e) Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2026/27: -
Receipt of the Local Government Services Pay Agreement 2026/27 was noted and agreed (backdated to 1st April 2026).

f) Consider Financial Support for the Village Institute Replacement Doors: -
It was agreed to defer this item to the December agenda as **Councillor J Jewitt** is still awaiting a quote for the three new doors required. **Ongoing**
Chairman to also approach two local contractors to request additional quotes.

g) Update on Financial Support Request from Cliffe School for new Perimeter Fencing: -
Councillor H Cross provided an update on the North Yorkshire Council surplus funding and assured members that any money donated will only be used by Cliffe School towards the replacement of the perimeter fencing and not by any other of the schools within the trust or for any other purpose.
Members discussed their fencing requirements and the quotes obtained by the school, to be discussed further at the December Parish Council meeting. **Ongoing**

Following discussion amongst members and with knowledge obtained from the Mary Waud Trust & the school it was agreed in principle that the Parish Council will consider providing financial support to Cliffe School for future projects. However, all applications will be reviewed on their own merits.

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It was also noted that discussions were ongoing with regards to the Parish Council providing the school with CCTV.
Ongoing

26/256 Correspondence Received: -
North Yorkshire Citizens Advice Donation – Receipt of letter of thanks received for the £300 donation given in recognition of their valued support to the Cliffe community was noted.

Viola Gardens, York Road
The **Chairman** advised that he has received correspondence from at least three neighbouring properties raising concern regarding the ongoing building work.
It was noted that the **Chairman** has forwarded their correspondence on to North Yorkshire Council Planning and has kept them updated throughout.

26/257 Representatives Report: -
Councillor A Holman raised concern regarding difficulties driving on York Road due to the number of vehicles being parked up on both sides of the road.

The **Chairman** spoke about the railway crossing remaining down for extended periods of time which he will be raising at his meeting with Keir Mather MP.
Councillor S Gummerson spoke about the signalling procedure used by Network Rail and agreed to provide the **Chairman** with contact details for Network Rail Community Relations Team so he can raise any concerns with them.

Cliffe Village Institute
The **Chairman** reported that the legal costs for the three new trustee appointments will be in the region of £300 to £400. At the October meeting the Parish Council agreed in principle to provide financial assistance to support the Village Institute with their legal costs and it was noted that the **Chairman** has requested a final quote to be discussed at the December meeting.

Councillor S Gummerson reported Cliffe Playing Field Association (CPFA) have started a weekly bonus ball to raise funds and the Football Club are also doing something similar.

Councillor R Woodall advised that he has purchased a "War Animals" flag to honour the millions of animals that served, suffered and died alongside military forces to be flown alongside the Remembrance Flag.

Councillor H Cross gave an update on the South Duffield Charity and the Mary Waud Foundation Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on Tuesday 13th October 2026 and is was noted that they have given out four further educational grants.

26/258 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 7th December 2026 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILAGE INSTITUTE

26/259 Parish Council Owned Land: -
Councillor H Cross gave a progress update regarding the land registration.

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