

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 9th October 2023 at Cliffe Village Institute

23/172 Present: -

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

23/173 Apologies: -

Councillor J Jewitt
North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur

23/174 Declarations of Interest: - No interests declared.

23/175 Public Session: - No members of the public were present

23/176 Police Report: -

It was noted that no alerts for Cliffe parish had been received through the North Yorkshire Community Messaging Service.

23/177 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -

It was noted that North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur had been unable to attend the meeting due to a personal matter.

The Chairman read out the following report received from North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur:-

“ There is a consultation on a proposal to make an order under the road traffic regulation act 1984 for No Waiting at any time along Badgers Way in Cliffe which you should have received as a statutory consultee.”

*“ With regards to the problem in The Shrubberies, Planning Enforcement are now investigating the problem and the case officer is Sally Littlewood”. *Note: This relates to a dispute between neighbours over the height of boundary trees/hedges, which is not within the responsibilities of the Parish Council, so was passed on to Councillor Arthur on behalf of the residents concerned (who had contacted the PC asking for advice/assistance).*

23/178 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4th September 2023: -

With one amendment to Item 23/151 (page 3) from “Badgers Way” to “**The Hedgerows**” Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th September 2023 as an accurate record of the meeting.

Chairman to correct the information supplied to Highways from “Badgers Way” to “The Hedgerows” as per the above amendment.

23/179 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings: -

It was noted that the **clerk** had contacted North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur to clarify that the £600 paid to the school was to cover the costs of the professional ceramic artist and materials only so he shouldn't need to declare a personal interest but no acknowledgement had been received, however the Parish Council have received notification that £3200 has been granted from his Locality Budget towards the Coronation Project.

The clerk also advised that no update had been received from Councillor Arthur regarding the Cliffe Meadows Holiday Park however it was acknowledged that a planning application for this site (2023/0157/COU) has recently been refused and the **clerk** was asked to contact Councillor Arthur for an update on the current situation.

It was noted that the clerk has ordered 20kg of daffodil bulbs for planting down the sides of the Village Green footpath and at the ends the Coronation bench plinth.

The Chairman advised that he had spoken to Mr Blackwood (Headteacher) regarding the overgrown trees bordering the school grounds which are obstructing Turnham Lane and obscuring the road sign.

Mr Blackwood has acknowledged that the school are responsible for the trees, but the work would need to come out of the school budget, and they don't have the funds available for this.

It was noted that both the Chairman and Councillor A Pullyene had met with a local tree surgeon to look at the work required, and he has quoted £750 to cut back the overgrown trees level with the school hedge & away from the telephone wires and fell the unhealthy tree at Oxen Lane (see minute 23/183).

Members unanimously agreed to accept the quote and pay for the work required at the school to be done for them as they don't have the funds available.

The clerk provided an overview of the advice received from the Yorkshire Local Councils Association regarding Financial Regulations and Standing Orders.

Members discussed the Parish Council Standing Orders regarding public participation at meetings and it was agreed that the period of time designated for public participation at a meeting shall not exceed fifteen minutes with individual members of the public limited to five minutes.

Clerk to circulate draft Standing Orders to all members for approval at the November Parish Council meeting.

23/180 Highways (incl York Road traffic calming measures): -

York Road Gateway

The **clerk** advised that she had ordered the York Road Gateway but no acknowledgement had been received; **clerk** to follow up with Stacey Preece – Highways Project Engineer.

The Chairman read out the following correspondence sent to Area 7 – Highways (03/10) and it was noted that no response had been received: -

“Highways.

It is now almost two months since we (Cliffe Parish Council) asked you for the following information (see email chain below):

Our next meeting is on Monday evening next week (9th October) and I would very much appreciate a response to the following questions which were originally asked on the 7th August:

- 1. Please can you give me a definitive quote for removal of all of the speed bumps on York Road (3 pairs) and replacing them with Ghost humps - to include also the one which was removed a few years ago near to the junction with Station View – as per the attached layout plan? This will mean a total of 3 pairs removed and 3 ghost pairs + 1 triple painted?*
- 2. The three South Duffield signs are already in place. They are old/worn and broken – we simply need a quote from you for replacement of the old signs with new ones in the same locations please?*
- 3. Price for installing signs on York Road indicating that there are speed cameras (yes – the police are going to be utilising Speed Cameras on York Road). Hopefully a sign indicating the Presence of speed cameras will help deter motorists from speeding?*
- 4. Build out costs have been provided – thank you.*
- 5. Gateway costs have been provided – thank you.*

PLEASE can we have some sort of helpful response from Highways? (not writing that in an aggressive way – it is expressing genuine despair at how difficult it has become to get any help)!”

Members discussed the outstanding Highway issues, and it was agreed that no decisions can be made until the information requested is received.

The Chairman also spoke about the following outstanding Highway issues; **Chairman** to follow up: -

- Sign to be placed opposite the exit (Whitemoor Mine) in the grass verge for no right turn due to the 7.5t weight restriction
- Red anti skid to be put down either side of the pedestrian crossing point (A63) to make it stand out

Receipt of North Yorkshire Council proposal for the introduction of “No Waiting at Any Time” restrictions for Badgers Way was noted; **clerk** to confirm in writing the Parish Councils approval but highlight that the Parish Council and residents have concerns that this may force an overspill of vehicles on to York Road.

23/181 Speeding: -

It was noted that the clerk had not received any update from PC Richard Wood regarding camera enforcement on York Road; **clerk** to follow up.

It was noted that the **Chairman** has moved the Vehicle Activated Sign this afternoon from the A63 (40mph - facing west) to York Road (30mph - facing north). Members had a general discussion regarding speeding traffic in the area and the options for purchasing additional Vehicle Activated Signs for York Road.

Clerk to ask PC Wood to arrange a Police Surgery in Cliffe for residents to raise any concerns.

23/182 7.5t Weight Limit (York Road): -

It was noted that the clerk had sent a copy of the weight limit concerns letter to the initial five companies identified as ignoring the 7.5t weight limit but no response had been received.

Councillor A Holman reported that the police have been carrying out enforcement on York Road in recent weeks.

Clerk to send a copy of the weight limit letter to another company identified as ignoring the 7.5t weight limit.

23/183 Oxen Lane: -

The **Chairman** advised that as reported at the September meeting the local residents no longer wish to cut down and take away the unhealthy tree.

After speaking with the landowner, the **Chairman** and **Councillor A Pulleyne** met with a local tree surgeon and have arranged for him to fell the tree.

The tree will be dragged off the lane on to John Jewitts field by Parish Council volunteers and the wood will be advertised free for residents to collect.

It was noted that the clerk had confirmed in writing to North Yorkshire Council the Parish Councils approval for the introduction of "No Waiting at Any Time" restrictions for Oxen Lane (parking issues near the tennis courts).

23/184 Water/Drainage: -

Councillor J Wallinger reported that he had received a very negative response from Yorkshire Water (circulated to members) and members discussed the options available to escalate this further.

Councillor Wallinger to speak to an acquaintance who has expertise in this field and carry out some more research before replying to Yorkshire Water.

23/185 Village Green: -

The **Chairman** advised that the contractor has still not replaced the incorrect fence panel; **Chairman** to follow this up with **Councillor J Jewitt** who was arranging for this to be done.

23/186 Parish Council Documents: -

Members agreed a date (tentatively proposed Tuesday 24th October) to access the safe at school to go through the Parish Council documents; **Chairman** to arrange with Mr Blackwood (Headteacher).

23/187 Public Footpaths: - (to include any overgrown public footpaths which have been identified that do not comply with the applicable laws/regulations): - Ongoing

23/188 Grass Maintenance: -

Chairman and **Councillors A Pulleyne & J Wallinger** still to liaise and review the 2024 Grass Maintenance contract.

Clerk to send letter of thanks to our outgoing grass cutting contractor.

23/189 Path Maintenance: - No further update

23/190 Broad Lane Wood: - No further update

23/191 Parish Paddock: - No further update

23/192 Village Green Coronation Project: -

The **Chairman** reported that Amy Wilson has sourced two commemorative plaques for the new Coronation bench at a cost of £20 per plaque and these were unanimously agreed.

Members also agreed to purchase a plaque at a cost of £20 to replace the Queens Canopy one (same wording to be used) which has badly rusted; **Chairman** to arrange.

The **Chairman** reported that there has been a bit of subsidence of the plinth and the timber has moved slightly; this has been reported to the contractor who will be coming back to resolve the issues. **Chairman** to chase.

23/193 Little Library: -

The Chairman reiterated that as agreed at the September meeting Western Wolds Men In Sheds are building a smaller mini library for children which will wrap around the post under the current book library and be painted the same colour. It was also noted that Amy Wilson has agreed to paint little windows on the mini library to embellish it.

23/194 Planning: -

a) Councillors considered the following Planning Applications received: -

i. (ZG2023/0994/HPA) Erection of single storey glazed link to existing house at **The Three Arches, Cliffe Common, Cliffe** No Objections

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

c) Note Planning Applications Granted: -

i. (ZG2023/0738/HPA) Erection of single storey extension between existing buildings at **Barrack Row, York Road, Cliffe**

d) Note Planning Applications Refused: -

i. (2023/0157/COU) Change of use of land for siting of eight static holiday lodges, (seven to replace approved tourist pitches and one to be sited behind the approved reception unit) at **Cliffe Meadows Holiday Park, Turnham Lane, Cliffe**

ii. (ZG2023/0612/OUT) Outline application for demolition of former coal-yard building and outline erection of bungalow and garage store at rear of including access (all other matters reserved) at **Sunnydene Farm, York Road, Cliffe**

e) Note Planning Applications Withdrawn: - NIL

23/195 Finance: -

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

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

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

i. Autela (Payroll Services) £ 57.98 (Gross)
£ 9.66 (VAT)
£ 48.32 (Net)

ii. J Leighton-Eshelby £ 56.52 (Gross)
(Reimbursement for daffodil bulbs) £ 9.43 (VAT)
£ 47.09 (Net)

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

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

i. North Yorkshire Council (2nd half of precept) £ 12,500.00

23/196 Correspondence Received: -

i. Resident - The **Chairman** advised that a resident had contacted him via FB Messenger regarding the “No Waiting “ proposals for Badgers Way and he had responded accordingly.

23/197 Representatives Report: -

Councillor P Maw reported that the light that was recently put up outside the Village Institute is not working; it was noted that the light has still not been wired up yet and **Councillor R Woodall** agreed to chase up with Mark Lumby – North Yorkshire Council Highways.

Councillor H Cross reported that the governing body of Cliffe VC School has responded to the Mary Waud Foundation following their decision not to grant permission for the school to submit their application to convert to Academy status. It was noted that the trustees are planning to meet with the school governors on Tuesday 7th November to discuss further.

Councillor Cross also advised that the South Duffield Charity are still in the process of sorting out their banking arrangements.

Councillor R Woodall reported an increase in poaching in the Parish within the last few weeks.

Councillor A Pulleyne reported fly tipping on the verge of Hull Road at the back of Willam Jacques Drive; **clerk** to report to North Yorkshire Council.

The **Chairman** advised that both himself and **Councillor J Wallinger** are members of the Cliffe Community Fundraising Group and the monies raised from their events throughout the year have previously been distributed to a number of village organisations. It was noted that this year the group have decided that they would like to help support and fund a Christmas meal/social event (by invitation) for pensioners within the Parish (as discussed at a previous Parish Council meeting), with the arrangements to be finalised at their next meeting. The Parish Council unanimously agreed to support the event by paying for the meals (up to a maximum of £1,000) with all other financial contributions (Institute hire, entertainment etc) & arranging of the event itself coming from the Cliffe Community Fundraising Group.

23/198 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 6th November 2023 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE.

23/199 Parish Council owned land: - Ongoing.

23/200 Part 2 – Press and Public Excluded

Members discussed a complaint received from a resident and agreed a response to the complainant; **clerk** to issue a written response to the complainant on behalf of the Parish Council.

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