

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Cliffe Village Institute on Monday 11th May 2026 following the Annual Meeting of the Council

26/113 Present: -

Councillor G Wilson (Chairman)
Councillor H Cross
Councillor S Gummerson
Councillor A Holman
Councillor J Jewitt
Councillor A Marshall
Councillor J Wallinger
Councillor E Yates

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

26/114 Apologies: -

Councillor R Woodall

26/115 Declarations of Interest: - None

26/116 Public Session: -

No members of the public were present.

26/117 Police Report: -

The clerk read out the latest crime figures available on the North Yorkshire Police website (March 2026):-

Violence – 3
Robbery – 1
Theft – 1
Other Crime – 1

It was also noted that PCSO Hannah Gaskell had advised that from 01/04/26 to 11/05/2026, North Yorkshire Police had received seven calls for service from the Cliffe area none of which are crime or anti-social behaviour related.

26/118 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur advised that he is now able to accept applications for this year's Locality Budget funding (£5,000) and it was noted that Cliffe Village Institute are in the process of applying for funding for three new doors (two fire exit doors and one standard door).

The **Chairman** advised that all three doors need replacing and spoke about the quote received for the work.

Councillor J Jewitt volunteered to obtain a second quote, to be discussed further at a future meeting. **Ongoing**

Councillor Arthur reported that Tom Jenkinson has advised that North Yorkshire Council are responsible for bus stops and shelters, and it was noted that the new Parish Council handyman (George Reay) will be repainting/re-roofing the bus shelter on Main Street.

Councillor Arthur to make enquiries regarding a financial contribution from North Yorkshire Council towards the work. **Ongoing**

26/119 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026: -

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 13th April 2026 as an accurate record of the meeting.

26/120 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meeting: -

North Yorkshire Local Plan

It was noted that the timetable document had been received by the **clerk** and circulated to all members. **Resolved**

Local Bus Service

Councillor K Arthur to arrange a meeting with all Parish Councils along the route. **Ongoing**

Poor state of the roads in South Duffield

It was noted that **Councillor K Arthur** is continuing to chase North Yorkshire Council Highways following complaints received from South Duffield residents regarding the poor state of the roads into the village. **Ongoing**

Outstanding quote to upgrade the remaining streetlights (18) to LED's:-

Councillor J Wallinger reported that he had sent the inventory/schedule of works to North Yorkshire Council as requested and the majority of the remaining lanterns on the inventory were changed over to LED's last week without a quote being received; **Councillor Wallinger** to continue to monitor. **Ongoing**

Presentation of village issues to Jo Coles – Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime (York and North Yorkshire)

The **Chairman** read out correspondence sent to Jo Coles thanking her for attending the April meeting and reiterating the issues of concern that **Jo Coles** had agreed to follow up on behalf of the Parish Council: - **Ongoing**

7.5 tonne weight limit on York Road

The weight limit from Cliffe crossroads to south of Whitemoor Business Park is still regularly being ignored despite the measures already taken by the Parish Council and enforcement action is urgently required.

The **Chairman** spoke about "weight limit enforcement camera" signs recently seen in Asenby and it was agreed that the **Chairman** would ask Jo Coles about getting these signs for Cliffe.

Speed Monitoring on York Road

The Parish Council have been requesting speed monitoring enforcement for several years and were also previously given permission for speed camera warning signs to be installed to act as a deterrent; to be followed up with John Hunter.

Pedestrian crossing on the A63

The Parish Council have been trying to get a pedestrian crossing installed across the A63 for several years due to the number of pedestrians including a lot of children crossing the A63 to access Cliffe Primary School.

The last crossing assessment carried out by North Yorkshire Council was over five years ago and they have agreed to carry out another assessment in the near future.

Depending on the outcome of the assessment Jo Coles recommended that the Parish Council request that this is considered for the programme of works from the Mayors Investment (Road Safety Capital).

Speed Limit Reduction on A63

The Parish Council have requested that the 40mph speed limit on the A63 is extended from its current limit on the railway bridge to west of the junction with Lund Lane as the schoolchildren are picked up and dropped off by the school bus on the side of the A63 and have to cross the road in a 60mph zone.

Pedestrians on York Road

The Parish Council have raised health and safety concerns regarding the lack of a footpath on York Road (from Cliffe Common Crossroads to the junction with York Road & Jacques Lane which is currently a 60mph zone.

Pedestrians regularly walk in the road as there is no footpath and this is a very dangerous situation in which an accident is very likely especially in the darker evenings.

Meeting with Keir Mather MP

The **Chairman** is in the process of arranging a meeting with Keir Mather MP to provide an update on all the ongoing issues that **Jo Coles** has agreed to investigate on behalf of the Parish Council. **Ongoing**

Ongoing planning and enforcement issues

The **Chairman** advised that no update had been received from **Councillor M Crane** following their meeting a couple of months ago regarding the ongoing planning and enforcement issues; **Chairman** to chase up. **Ongoing**

Cliffe V.C Primary School

It was noted that a date is still to be confirmed for the **Chairman** to meet with the Headteacher and the Chair of Governors. **Ongoing**

Noticeboards sited at St Andrews Mission

The **clerk** reported that Mrs Susan Sellers (churchwarden) - Parochial Church Council is arranging for the noticeboards to be taken down within the next couple of weeks; Parish Council to arrange collection. **Ongoing**

Uneven footpath on Oxen Lane

The **Chairman** advised that a Highways engineer has carried out some remedial repairs and taken photographs of the uneven surface to report back to North Yorkshire Council. **Ongoing**

Poor state of Station Lane

It was noted that the **clerk** had reported the poor state of Station Lane to NYC Highways; **Chairman** to forward photographs to the **clerk**. **Ongoing**

Motor/trail bikes

It was noted that the **clerk** had reported youths riding motor/trail bikes through the snicket at the side of Top End House and down towards the fields to PCSO Hannah Gaskell as requested. PCSO Gaskell to investigate and report to the off-road bike team. **Resolved**

"Slow Down" sign at Old Hull Road/A63 junction

It was agreed that the Parish Council will continue to monitor and repair/repaint this sign as required. **Resolved**

26/121 Highways: -

It was noted that the **clerk** is still awaiting a response regarding all the highway issues raised at the February Parish Council meeting. **Ongoing**

It was noted that the next round of Parish Workshops are being held at the Area 7 office in Selby on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th May with additional online sessions on Tuesday 26th, Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th. Due to meeting room space each Parish/Town Council is invited to send two representatives; members to confirm availability.

Clerk to raise the Parish Councils concerns regarding reporting parish issues and receiving feedback. **Ongoing**

Councillor E Yates raised concern regarding the broken road surface on the edge of Lund Lane (left side).

Councillor Yates to take photographs and forward on to the **Chairman** who will report on the NYC portal.

Traffic Regulation Order Consultation (circulated to members)

Clerk to reply to North Yorkshire Council to thank them for responding to the Parish Councils request for speed limit reductions which they wholeheartedly support.

26/122 Speeding:-

Speed Monitoring on York Road

The **Chairman** reiterated that when he recently downloaded the data from the Parish Councils Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS), unfortunately all the files were empty; **Councillor J Wallinger** to raise with the supplier as the sign is still under warranty. **Ongoing**

26/123 Water/Drainage:-

Councillor J Wallinger read out the response received from Yorkshire Water following the complaint raised regarding inappropriate behaviour outside the preschool.

It was noted that this appears to have now been resolved and is being dealt with by the contractor; **Councillor Wallinger** to forward a copy of the response received to the **clerk** and the preschool. **Resolved**

The **Chairman** reported that he has advised the Village Institute Committee to contact Quickline regarding the damaged broadband cable. **Resolved**

26/124 Village Green:-

It was noted that the new fence has still not been erected by Meticulous Gardens, and it was agreed that **Councillors E Yates** and **A Holman** would forward the details of alternative contractors to the **Chairman**. **Ongoing**

Councillor A Marshall also reported a badly broken fence at the back of William Jacques Drive that needs attention; **Councillor Marshall** to liaise with **Councillor E Yates** and follow this up. **Ongoing**

The **Chairman** reported that the little library has now been painted by Amy Wilson and will be put back up as soon as possible by Alan Parker (Parish Council handyman) before he retires.

Councillor J Wallinger reported that during the recent grass cutting the two new spotlights were smashed; **Councillor Wallinger** to ask a local electrician to replace the spotlights.

26/125 Public Footpaths: - (to include any overgrown public footpaths which have been identified that do not comply with the applicable laws/regulations): -

Diverted public footpath from Lund Lane to Osgodby

Councillor E Yates reported that the landowner has been asked by North Yorkshire Council to install gates in the new fence to allow access to the public footpath or to take the fence down.

Councillor Yates to continue to monitor. **Ongoing**

The **Chairman** advised that horse riders have been using the public footpath from the tennis courts across the field; **Councillor J Jewitt** confirmed that he has not given anyone permission to ride across his field and this is not permitted as it is not a bridleway.

26/126 Public use of footpaths (to include misuse, trespassing, littering, dog fouling etc): -

It was noted that **Councillor E Yates** had printed off and laminated the Keep Cliffe Clean posters produced by **Councillor A Marshall** and members discussed where these would be put up around the Parish.

Councillor A Marshall to forward the poster onto the **Chairman** who will post it on social media. **Ongoing**

26/127 Grass Maintenance:-

The **Chairman** advised that following a review of all the grassed areas around the parish no additional areas had been added to the grass cutting schedule, but this will continue to be monitored. **Resolved**

The **Chairman** also reported that the contractor was late starting this years cutting due to a mower breakdown.

The **clerk** read out the following response received from Jennifer Smallwood (NYC Business Support Officer) to the Parish Councils request to completely take over the cutting of the grass verge opposite Chapelfields on York Road and receive an additional financial contribution from NYC:-

"The grass verges to the front of Chapelfields do not form part of the highway extent, so we wouldn't be in a position to fund the works even if Parks & Grounds allowed the Parish Council to manage the area."

26/128 Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive: -

Councillor E Yates reported that both herself and **Councillor A Marshall** had met with the Flood Risk Officer on the 14th April 2026 to discuss the concerns raised and they gave a brief overview of the meeting.

Members discussed the history of the drainage problems in the Parish at length and it was agreed that the **Chairman** would send the plans onto **Councillor E Yates** who will forward them onto the Flood Risk Officer. **Ongoing**

26/129 Path Maintenance: -

Poor state of the footpaths on the eastern side of York Road between the village and Jacques Lane & the southern side of Turnham Lane to the west of Cliffe Meadows Holiday Park

It was noted that North Yorkshire Council Highways have assigned an engineer to develop a scheme design so that a cost estimate can be produced, and the scheme added to the forward maintenance plan for future funding consideration; Parish Council to continue to monitor. **Ongoing**

Request for double yellow lines at Oxen Lane/York Road Junction

The **Chairman** reported that the Parish Councils request for double yellow lines at Oxen Lane/York Road Junction has been submitted to North Yorkshire Council for consideration. **Ongoing**

Overgrown footpath along the A63 (both sides going into Cliffe)

Meticulous Gardens to clear and spray the footpaths. **Ongoing**

26/130 Broad Lane Wood: -

A date for the site visit/walkaround is still to be arranged. **Ongoing**

26/131 Parish Paddock: -

Froglife Habitat Action Plan

The **Chairman** reported that Froglife have submitted their funding bid, but he has not heard anything further on this.
Ongoing

26/132 Planning: -

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

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

c) Note Planning Applications Granted: -

i. (ZG2024/1273/HPA) Demolition of attached car port and detached garage and new single storey side and rear extension with dormer to the rear and double garage to the front at **Little Brocks, York Road, Cliffe**

d) Note Planning Applications Refused: - NIL

e) Note Planning Application Withdrawn: - NIL

f) Note receipt of planning appeal against refusal of an application for: - NIL

26/133 Finance: -

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

i. A.S Walls & Son (Parish Paddock Hedge Cutting)	£ 66.60
ii. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – May)	£ As Agreed
iii. HMRC (PAYE)	£ 184.38
iv. Crombie Wilkinson (Legal Services)	£ 1,310.40
v. North Yorkshire Council (Streetlighting Maintenance)	£ 1,145.51
vi. Zurich (Parish Council Insurance)	£ 331.81

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

i. A Wilson (Cliffe Little Library Materials Reimbursement) £ 40.20

ii. Meticulous Gardens (Grass Cutting 2 Cuts) £ 984.00

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

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

i. North Yorkshire Council (1st Half of Precept) £ 14,000.00

ii. North Yorkshire Council (CIL Payment) £ 433.59

e) Discuss quote to upgrade the remaining streetlights (18) to LED's:-

Councillor J Wallinger spoke about the North Yorkshire Council street lighting maintenance invoice for 2025-2026 and it was unanimously agreed to go ahead with replacing all the remaining lanterns with LED's, setting aside £10,000 to cover the lighting upgrade costs.

The **Chairman** advised that PKF Littlejohn had been chasing an unpaid invoice for last years external audit however the **clerk** and **Councillor H Cross** confirmed that the invoice had been paid in November 2025; **clerk** to contact PKF Littlejohn and provide the payment details.

26/134 Correspondence Received: - NIL

26/135 Representatives Report: -

The **Chairman** spoke about providing financial support to Village Institute towards the replacement doors and it was agreed to put this on the June agenda.

Members raised concern regarding building/construction work being carried out on a building plot (formally Viola Gardens, York Road) and it was noted that residents have also complained about this; **clerk** to send photographs to NYC Planning. **Ongoing**

Councillor S Gummerson advised that the recent Cliffe Playing Fields Association Plant Sale had raised £537.00.

The **Chairman** reported that he is currently investigating a report of fly tipping (rubble) just before the plantation.

26/136 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 1st June 2026 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILAGE INSTITUTE

26/137 Parish Council Owned Land - Ongoing

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