

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7th July 2025 at Cliffe Village Institute

25/178 Present: -

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

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

25/179 Apologies: -

Councillor J Jewitt

25/180 Declarations of Interest: -

Councillor A Marshall declared a personal interest in Item 25/200 (b) Consider planning applications received not listed on the agenda (i) due to being a neighbour of the applicant.

25/181 Public Session: - No members of the public were present

25/182 Police Report: -

It was noted that the last police report received was May 2025 (April 2025 crime figures) and the clerk has chased this up with PCSO Hannah Gaskell.

The clerk advised that PCSO Hannah Gaskell will be attending the August Parish Council meeting (Monday 4th August).

25/183 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur advised that he has had two meetings with Jo Coles (Deputy Mayor of York and North Yorkshire and Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner) and it was noted that the speed camera signs ordered as part of the York Road Gateway were on hold as North Yorkshire Police are undergoing a change of policy relating to the use of mobile speed cameras as they are starting to roll out fixed speed cameras instead. However, as the signs for York Road were ordered and agreed prior to the change of policy Jo Coles has agreed that the block can be lifted and the signs fitted; **Councillor Arthur** to ask her to confirm this agreement with North Yorkshire Council Highways.

In the meantime, Jo Coles has agreed to pursue North Yorkshire Police to carrying out mobile speed monitoring on York Road and to also look at the possibility of installing an average speed camera.

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council have previously requested a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) that shows Actual vehicle speeds and **Councillor Arthur** agreed to investigate this.

Councillor Arthur advised that he has also spoken to Jo Coles about road safety in Cliffe as the majority of residents live on the north side and the primary school is on the south side of the busy A63.

Jo Coles and **Councillor Arthur** to pursue North Yorkshire Council Highways to install a pedestrian crossing on the A63 at the junction with York Road and a 20mph speed limit outside school.

It was noted that the Parish Council fully support the installation of a pedestrian crossing and have been pursuing this for years with a concentrated effort in 2018 and 2022, but our request was turned down on both occasions.

Chairman to send a letter of support from the Parish Council for a pedestrian crossing to be installed.

Councillor Arthur advised that he has submitted a grant application for £1250 from his Locality Budget for the Village Institute new heating system.

25/184 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025: -

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 9th June 2025 as an accurate record of the meeting.

25/185 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings: -

Ongoing planning and enforcement issues

The **Chairman** advised that a date was still to be confirmed for his meeting with **Councillor Mark Crane** to follow up on the issues raised at their meeting in January.

Buses Services – Service 1 between Holme-on-Spalding Moor and Selby (East Yorkshire Buses) and Service 4a between Hemingbrough and Selby (Thornes)

It was noted that **Councillor E Yates** has laminated the bus timetable produced by **Councillor A Marshall**; **Chairman** to look at getting the timetable installed at the bus stop.

The **Chairman** advised that there had been no further sightings of a York Pullman bus travelling to Howden so it looks like this was a one-off.

Parish Portal

The **clerk** advised that the new NYC Parish Portal has now been successfully set up; **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** to clarify if planning comments can be submitted on the portal.

Faulty Streetlight on Badgers Way

Councillor J Wallinger advised that all four streetlights in Badgers Way have now been changed to LED's by North Yorkshire Council. It was noted that the Parish Council are not responsible for these streetlights and are not taking ownership.

Parish Council Noticeboard

Chairman to ask the Parish Council handyman to carry out work on the noticeboard at the junction of Hull Road and Turnham Lane and the one on York Road (next to Cherry Tree Stores).

25/186 Highways:-

Chairman still to confirm date for a site meeting with Gary Lumb (North Yorkshire Council Highways Engineer) to discuss outstanding highway issues.

Cliffe-Cum-Lund Traffic Calming

Councillor E Yates advised that Joanne Grady (North Yorkshire Council) has confirmed that the "Pedestrians in Road" warning signs will be installed in the next 30 days on either side of the A63 where the school bus picks up and drops off along with "SLOW" road markings.

The village boundary signage has also been ordered and will be installed at a later date.

York Road

It was noted that the **clerk** has confirmed the invoice address with Stacey Preece – North Yorkshire Council Highways Project Engineer; awaiting receipt of invoice.

25/187 Speeding:-

It was noted that **Councillor S Gummerson** had mentioned Community Speedwatch at the June Parish Council meeting, and the **Chairman** had advised that when discussed in previous years, **County Councillor Mike Jordan** had expressed caution as volunteers have been subject to abuse.

Members discussed the pros and cons of Community Speedwatch and it was agreed that **Councillor J Wallinger** will put a post on the Cliffe Village Website and social media page to gauge residents interest in volunteering for Community Speedwatch; to be discussed further at the August Parish Council meeting.

Councillor J Wallinger advised that he had sent four emails to TWM Traffic Control Systems regarding the vehicle activated sign date and time errors but had only received an auto-reply; **Councillor Wallinger** to follow up and also request a quote for a Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) that shows vehicle speed.

25/188 Oxen Lane:-

Ongoing; lane repairs to be carried out by the last week of July.

25/189 Water/Drainage:- Ongoing

25/190 Village Green:-

Clerk to remove old community notices and tidy up all three Parish Council noticeboards – Ongoing

The **Chairman** advised that a local contractor will be providing a second quote for additional fencing at the back of the Little Library within the next couple of weeks.

Lighting/electric socket extension

Councillor J Wallinger advised that he is awaiting a date for KCK Electrical Services to install a replacement photocell to the external power box.

25/191 Parish Council Documents:- Ongoing

25/192 Public Footpaths: - (to include any overgrown public footpaths which have been identified that do not comply with the applicable laws/regulations): -

It was noted that **Councillor E Yates** has reported the broken stile on the footpath near the riverbank at the pumping station to North Yorkshire Council Countryside Access Officer; awaiting repair.

Electric fence at Newhay Lakes

The Chairman advised that a resident had received a shock from an electric fence next to the public footpath in Newhay as there were no warning signs. It was noted that the **Chairman** had contacted the landowner and it would appear that when the fence was replaced a year ago the old signs were not refitted; replacement signs have been ordered and will be fitted as soon as possible.

25/193 Public use of footpaths (to include misuse, trespassing, littering, dog fouling etc)

Councillor S Gummerson advised that he has asked Network Rail to install a surveillance camera to detect any anti-social behaviour near the railway line but unfortunately none are currently available; **Councillor Gummerson** to pursue.

Following concerns raised by a resident it was noted that **Councillor E Yates** had reported a public footpath from Lund Lane to Osgodby that has been diverted by new fencing but was still awaiting a response; **Councillor Yates** to follow up.

25/194 Grass Maintenance: -

The **clerk** read out a response received from North Yorkshire Council Parks and Countryside advising that their operational team will be undertaking the grass cutting at Chapelfields on York Road and therefore no financial contribution is available.

It was noted that the Parish Council want to take over the grass cutting in this area from next year and the **clerk** has questioned the reasoning behind the operational team undertaking the grass cutting when the Parish Council grass cutting contractor already cuts the majority of grass in the Parish and receive a payment from NYC to do this; awaiting response.

Councillor E Yates raised the possibility of wildflower seeding in the Parish, but the Chairman advised that this has been trialled previously on Main Street and was not successful.

25/195 Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive: -

Ongoing; **Councillor E Yates** to follow up.

25/196 Path Maintenance: -

The **clerk** advised that she has reported the overgrown hedge along the A63 from Glenrose Cattery towards Cliffe-Cum-Lund on the new NYC Parish Portal.

Councillor J Wallinger to request a quote from Meticulous Gardens to spray the overgrown paths.

25/197 Broad Lane Wood: -

A site visit/walkaround was arranged for Wednesday 9th July

25/198 Parish Paddock: -

The **Chairman** advised that Askham Bryan College want to continue their studies at the Parish Paddock and he has received their end of term report; **Chairman** to forward the report to all members for review and comment.

It was noted that Askham Bryan College had requested a copy of the Parish Councils Public Liability Insurance for student site visits which the **clerk** has provided.

25/199 Cliffe Parish Council Policies: - Ongoing

25/200 Planning: -

a) Councillors considered the following Planning Applications received: -

- i. (ZG2025/0506/HPA) First-floor extension, side extension to the master bedroom, and the addition of a new entrance porch to the existing bungalow at **Foxhills, Market Weighton Road, Barlby** No Objections
- ii. (ZG2025/0604/FUL) Church conversion (use class f1(f)) to a single storey 2 bed dwelling (use class c3) with associated landscaping and on-site parking at **St Andrews Church, Main Street, Cliffe** No Objections

Having declared a personal interest Councillor A Marshall left the meeting and took no part in the discussion or decision process

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

- i. (ZG2025/0629/HPA) Erection of new double garage within front driveway space (part retrospective) at **Northfield, Hull Road, Cliffe** Object

- The garage has been built significantly larger than the planning permission granted.
- In the planning statement it refers to a builder's error with regards to the size of the garage, if this is the case then the mistake should be corrected at the builder's expense so it is built in accordance with the planning permission granted.

Councillor A Marshall returned to the meeting.

c) Note Planning Applications Granted: - NIL

d) Note Planning Applications Refused: -NIL

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

25/201 Finance: -

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

- i. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – July) £ As Agreed
- ii. HMRC (PAYE) £ 170.94

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

- i. Meticulous Gardens (Grass Cutting) £ 492.00

c) To ratify payments made in between meetings: -

- i. Cliffe Village Institute (Contribution towards new heating system) £ 4000.00

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

25/202 Correspondence Received: -

- i. Station Lane – Note receipt of complaint received from resident regarding overgrowing grass/brambles & weeds which are growing from the railway side over/through the fencing.
It was noted that **Councillor S Gummerson** has reported the overgrown vegetation on the north side of Station Lane to Network Rail and it will be cut back in due course.
- ii. Clerk & Councils Direct – Note receipt of July newsletter.

iii. Cliffe Village Institute – Note receipt of letter of thanks received from Cliffe Village Institute for the £4,000 contribution towards their new heating system.

25/203 Representatives Report: -

Village Institute New Heating System Project

The **Chairman** advised that the Village Institute have paid out nearly £4,000 for the gas supply connection and the contractor will be disconnecting the existing system on 17/07.

It is hoped that the new heating system will be installed by the end of the school summer holidays.

Councillor H Cross gave an overview of the Mary Waud meeting held on Tuesday 10th June and advised that a meeting of Cliffe Parish Charity is being held on Tuesday 8th July.

Councillor R Woodall reported that a resident of the Shrubberies has asked for the footpath between the Shrubberies and Willam Jacques Drive to be cleared as it is very overgrown; **Councillor J Wallinger** to ask Meticulous Gardens to tidy this up.

Councillor S Gummerson advised that the Cliffe Playing Fields Association (CPFA) Beer Festival will be held in August and it was noted that the monthly quiz has been suspended until September. It was also noted that the defibrillator on the wall at the New Inn is being repaired after being hit by a lorry.

Councillor A Marshall reported that a resident has enquired about the state of the bench on the grassed area at the entrance to Hemingbrough.

It was noted that whilst this is within the Cliffe boundary, the bench was installed by Hemingbrough Parish Council; **clerk** to contact Hemingbrough Parish Council.

Councillor J Wallinger advised that Cliffe Preschool are holding a scarecrow festival at the Playing Field in September and have asked for assistance in getting hold of temporary litter bins for the event; **clerk** to follow up.

Councillor A Holman advised that he had been unable to attend the Drax meeting held on Monday 2nd June and also expressed concern regarding vehicles parking on the highway.

25/204 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 4th August 2025 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE

25/205 Parish Council owned land

i) Proposal from Condor Engineering (circulated to members) to rent redundant access road to north of A163 with a view to future sale

Discussed under Part 2 (Press and Public Excluded)

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