CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Cliffe Village Institute on Monday 12th October 2026

26/210 Present: -
Councillor G Wilson (Chairman)
Councillor H Cross
Councillor A Marshall
Councillor R Woodall
Councillor J Wallinger

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

26/211 Apologies: -
Councillor S Gummerson
Councillor A Holman
Councillor J Jewitt
Councillor E Yates

26/212 Declarations of Interest: - None

26/213 Public Session: - No members of the public were present

26/214 Police Report: - No police report was available

26/215 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -
North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur advised that he has spoken to David Skaith (Mayor of York and North Yorkshire) and asked him to chase Jo Coles – Deputy Mayor for Policing, Fire and Crime (York and North Yorkshire) with regards to all the issues of concern that she agreed to look into following her attendance at the April Parish Council meeting (13/04).

Councillor Arthur advised that following concerns raised regarding speeding in South Duffield NYC Highways are proposing a 40mph speed limit on the full length of Greengate Lane (from South Duffield to the Whitemoor Business Park) and an extension of the 30mph speed limit through the village however it was noted that implementing a speed limit change is a lengthy legal process.

Councillor Arthur reported that he has also spoken to Highways with regards to the speed limit on Hagg Lane and has asked Jo Coles to organise speed monitoring in South Duffield, but he is still awaiting an update on these.

North Yorkshire Council (30 mph and 40 mph Speed Limit) (Various Roads, Cliffe) Order 2026
The Chairman advised that 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 enforceable; **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** to chase up with NYC Highways.

Councillor Arthur reported that the first meeting of the Bus Improvement Liaison Committee will be held in Barlby and Osgodby Library, date to be confirmed.

Planning Enforcement Viola Gardens, York Road
Councillor Arthur reported that he has contacted Nic Harne (NYC Corporate Director Community Development) and advised that in spite of repeated requests from the Parish Council, residents and himself, planning enforcement have still not advised what action is going to be taken in response to this issue which is having an adverse impact on the neighbouring properties. It was noted that Councillor Arthur has requested an urgent response and has also brought this to the attention of Carl Les (Leader of North Yorkshire Council).

The Chairman referred to an email he received today from NYC Planning Operations advising that they will open an enforcement case and pass this onto building control.
It was also noted that three residents have contacted the Chairman to raise their concerns regarding the development and the Chairman has kept them updated on the action being taken by the Parish Council and Councillor Arthur.

The Chairman explained that it appears the Viola Gardens development is being built to superseded two storey drawings (rejected plan D) due to a North Yorkshire Council admin error instead of the approved single storey plan E and that building has already started on the second floor. The Parish Council stressed that work should be stopped immediately until this is fully investigated.

Members discussed the level crossing on York Road, and the **Chairman** raised concern that the level crossing barrier is down for far too long which is a safety issue especially if vehicles are parked near the crossing as it causes a backlog of cars and is very inconvenient for residents. It was also noted that the barrier on Hagg Lane stays down for much less time. **Chairman** to raise at his meeting with Keir Mather MP.

26/216 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 7th September 2026 (Reduced Agenda): -

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th September 2026 as an accurate record of the meeting.

26/217 Matters arising from the minutes of the following meetings: -

Monday 6th July 2026

Cliffe Village Institute New Doors

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

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

It was noted that the **Chairman** has still not received an update from Jo Coles following her attendance at the April Parish Council meeting (13/04) despite chasing this up on several occasions therefore he has requested a one-to-one meeting with Keir Mather MP to follow up on a number of issues of concern and the lack of response from Jo Coles.

Ongoing planning and enforcement issues

The **Chairman** advised that he has still not received any response from **Councillor M Crane** following their meeting several months ago and it was noted that **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** has chased this up. **Ongoing**

Cliffe V.C Primary School

It was noted that the **Chairman** met with the Headteacher and they had a discussion regarding perceived disruption in the school which was referenced in the January Parish Council minutes. The Headteacher outlined their commitment to a newly implemented procedure for dealing with bad behaviour however concerns regarding behavioural/disruption issues at the school still remain.

Councillors H Cross and J Wallinger to request an update from the Headteacher at the Mary Waud Foundation meeting being held on Tuesday 13th October.

Noticeboards sited at St Andrews Mission

The **Chairman** advised that **Councillor A Marshall** has collected the noticeboards from St Andrews Mission however they are not suitable for outside use so will be offered to the Preschool and Cliffe Playing Fields Association.
It was noted that the blue noticeboard outside St Andrews Mission is not available as it is being used for spare parts.

Station Lane

It was noted that temporary repairs have been carried out on some of the potholes, but the lane is still in a poor state. It was also noted that Network Rail have cut back the overhanging vegetation.

Replacement Street Sign

It was noted that previous investigations have been carried out by NYC Highways however they cannot find 'New Hull Road' or an old sign on any historic google images; **clerk** to contact Royal Mail and investigate further. **Ongoing**

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

Clerk to chase NYC Highways to query why the white line repainting stopped just before Cherry Tree Stores. **Ongoing**

Resurfacing of the A63
Clerk to chase NYC Highways to enquire when the A63 will be resurfaced as it is in a very poor state. **Ongoing**

Broken road surface on Lund Lane
It was noted that some remedial work has been carried out on the broken road surface but a full resurface is still required; **clerk t**o follow up. **Ongoing**

Broken fence at the back of William Jacques Drive
It was noted that no progress has been made despite **Councillor A Marshall** reporting this to NYC Highways on three separate occasions; **Councillor Marshall** to pass the details onto **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** who has agreed to follow it up. **Ongoing**

Village Green
It was noted that Stephen Greenwood was awarded the contract to install the new fencing on the village green and the Little Library has been put back up.

Diverted public footpath from Lund Lane to Osgodby
It was noted that although access has now been reinstated, walkers are still using the adopted route as this is a well-worn path and there is no signage indicating the correct public footpath.

Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive
Members discussed the correspondence received from Sharon Fox (NYC Highways) and it was noted that the Highways Officer has indicated that the flooding issue is not attributed to the highway therefore no further action is required from them and it should be passed onto NYC Public Rights of Way.

Councillor A Marshall to forward all the relevant correspondence onto the **clerk** who will follow it up with Catherine Inman (NYC Public Rights of Way Officer). **Ongoing**

Broad Lane Wood
Councillor A Marshall to arrange a date for the site visit/walkaround. **Ongoing**

Monday 4th August 2026

The Three Arches, Cliffe Common
Upon further investigation it was found that the construction is for a swimming pool not a helicopter pad and there are only occasional helicopter movements around this location. No further action.

Grass Maintenance
It was noted that ARK Facilities have agreed to honour their previous grass cutting tender for the remainder of the 2026 grass cutting season.
Chairman and **Councillor J Wallinger** to negotiate with ARK Facilities with regards to the 2027 grass and path maintenance schedule. **Ongoing**

Monday 7th September 2026

Representatives Report
It was noted that Stephen Greenwood will be removing one metal fence panel as previously agreed by Highways and replacing it with tubular metal fencing to join up with the existing fence. He will also obtain a quote to powder coat the entire Highways fencing at the eastern and of the village green.

The **Chairman** reported that the original Book Library door is broken; **clerk** to contact Western Wolds Men in Sheds who supplied the original Book Library and ask them to replace the broken front door.

26/218 Highways: -

Proposed 20mph zone & 30mph speed limit (circulated to all members prior to the meeting)

Members discussed the proposals and it was unanimously agreed that the proposed 20mph speed limit on Turnham Lane should be extended to the edge of the school boundary and if necessary, the 30mph speed limit should also be extended further up Turnham Lane to facilitate this if needed; **clerk** to contact NYC Highways.

26/219 Speeding: - No further issues raised.

26/220 Water/Drainage: -

Councillor J Wallinger advised that there have been no issues reported recently and it was agreed that the Parish Council will continue to monitor. **Ongoing**

26/221 Village Green: -

Councillor J Wallinger reported that two spotlights on the village green have been broken, and he has asked a local electrician to replace them; **Councillor Wallinger** to inform ARK Facilities.

It was noted that the **Chairman** and **Councillor E Yates** had met with Stephen Greenwood to discuss our requirements, and he will be moving the bench currently under the trees to opposite the book library and turning the other bench around to face the fields rather than the road.

26/222 Public Footpaths *(to include any overgrown public footpaths which have been identified that do not comply with the applicable laws/regulations)*: - No further issues raised.

26/223 Public use of footpaths *(to include misuse, trespassing, littering, dog fouling etc)*: -
The **Chairman** advised that a resident has raised concern that a section of the public footpath between Turnham Hall and Lund is completely impassable.
Councillor R Woodall to make further enquiries and pass details of the landowner on to the **clerk** so this can be followed up. **Ongoing**

26/224 Grass Maintenance: - No further issues raised.

26/225 Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive: - No further issues raised.

26/226 Path Maintenance: - No further issues raised.

26/227 Broad Lane Wood: -
Councillor J Wallinger reported that a tree had fallen across the path and this had been cleared by two residents. Any remaining work to be reviewed during the Broad Lane Wood site visit/walkaround.

26/228 Parish Paddock: -
The **Chairman** reported that he had not heard anything further from Froglife regarding the funding bid submitted for the Parish Paddock; **Chairman** to follow up. **Ongoing**

26/229 Planning: -

a) Councillors considered the following Planning Applications received: -

i. (26/05348/FUL) Barn conversion to a 3-bed dwelling including the erection of 2 detached garages at **Longacre, Lund Lane, Cliffe** No Objections

ii. (26/05547/FUL) Retrospective application for the erection and use of a steel-framed building for the storage of materials at **Birchwood Lodge, Market Weighton Road, Barlby** No Comments Raised

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

c) Note Planning Applications Granted: -

i. (SELZG2026/0429/HPA) Erection of new boundary fence/gates on Green Lane boundary with new garage at **Pine House, Green Lane, 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

26/230 Finance: -

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

i. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – October)	£ As Agreed
ii. HMRC (PAYE)	£ 184.38
iii. PKF Littlejohn (External Audit)	£ 252.00

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

i. Autela (Payroll Services)	£ 57.37

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)	£ 14,000.00

e) Note receipt of External Auditors Report 2025/26: -
Receipt of the External Auditors Report was noted; **clerk** to forward the required documents to **Councillor J Wallinger** for publication on the Cliffe Village Website.

Councillor A Marshall to investigate obtaining a Parish Council .gov.uk email address. **Ongoing**

f) North Yorkshire Citizens Advice Donation Request: -
Members discussed the request received and it was noted that over the last twelve months in Cliffe, North Yorkshire Citizens Advice have helped 30 residents with 48 issues with the most common problems being around welfare benefits, utility bills and consumer goods.
Members unanimously agreed to donate £300 in recognition of their valued support to the Cliffe community.

g) Consider Financial Support for the Village Institute Replacement Doors: -
Already discussed under Agenda Item 26/217.

h) Consider Financial Support Request from Cliffe School for new Perimeter Fencing: -
Members discussed the financial request received towards the replacement of the school perimeter fence which is no longer secure. It was noted that the school have already received three quotes for a new 1.8m high dark green v-mesh metal fence and they are awaiting a fourth quote from a local contractor who previously installed the fencing in the playground.

It was noted that the Parish Council have received assurance from the school 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. **Councillor H Cross** clarified that each school in the trust have their own maintenance budget and that any money Cliffe School raises means that less funding must come out of their maintenance budget.

However, the **Chairman** reiterated the need for clarification on whether any funding provided to Cliffe School from the Parish Council would in any way benefit other schools within the academy i.e. would any of the other schools in the academy benefit from Cliffe receiving funding/support from the Parish Council, meaning more funding from the academy can be shared amongst the other schools in the academy as a result. It is imperative that Cliffe Parish Council funds are only used for the benefit of residents within the parish (a legal requirement).

Members agreed that in principle the Parish Council are happy to support the school subject to clarification regarding North Yorkshire Council surplus funding; **Councillor H Cross** to make further enquiries at the forthcoming Mary Waud Foundation meeting regarding clarification of above concerns.

The **Chairman** reported that he has also spoken to the Headteacher with regards to the Parish Council providing the school with CCTV; **Chairman** to meet with local contractor and the Headteacher to discuss their requirements and obtain quotes. The same funding concerns regarding the academy as above also apply to this, and any other funding requests from the school.

26/231 Correspondence Received: - None Received

26/232 Representatives Report: -
Councillor J Wallinger advised that all but one of the Parish Councils streetlights have now been changed over to LED's (44 out of 45).

The **Chairman** advised that Andy Pulleyne has reported that a large tree on the Plantation is rotten and in danger of falling down, **Councillor R Woodall** also reported that there is a second tree that needs looking at.

Chairman to make enquires regarding who owns the land in the first instance.

Cliffe Village Institute
The **Chairman** advised that there should be twelve Village Institute trustees but unfortunately at present there are only five however three new trustees have been identified but as this is a registered charity the new appointments must go through a solicitor.

Members agreed in principle to provide financial assistance for the associated legal fees pending confirmation of the costs.

The **Chairman** also advised that at last weeks Village Institute Annual General Meeting (AGM) all positions were reconfirmed and a new committee member was recruited.

Mary Waud Foundation

Councillor H Cross gave an update on the Mary Waud Foundation and advised that there Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Tuesday 13th October 2026.

26/233 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 2nd November 2026 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILAGE INSTITUTE

26/234 Parish Council Owned Land: -
Councillor H Cross gave a progress update regarding the land registration.

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