

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Cliffe Village Institute on Monday 6th July 2026

26/164 Present: -

Councillor G Wilson (Chairman)
Councillor S Gummerson
Councillor A Marshall
Councillor R Woodall
Councillor E Yates

26/165 Apologies: -

Councillor H Cross
Councillor A Holman
Councillor J Jewitt
Councillor J Wallinger

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

Two members of the public were also present

26/166 Declarations of Interest: - None

26/167 Public Session: -

The members of the public spoke about the row of high leylandii down the snicket and into the back of The Shrubberies and it was noted that they were speaking on behalf of several of their neighbours who have concerns that the trees could be a fire risk in the very hot dry weather and that they have also damaged the footpath and a neighbouring fence.

The **Chairman** advised that unfortunately the Parish Council have no jurisdiction as the trees are in a private garden, however he asked the residents to put their concerns in writing and agreed to speak to the homeowner to bring this to his attention.

26/168 Police Report: -

The clerk read out a report received from PCSO Hannah Gaskell advising that during the month of June, Cliffe has had seven calls for service and one crime.

It was also noted that she will be attending the following community engagements during the month of July

06/07 – Escrick Parish Council Meeting at 7pm at the Parsonage Hotel, Escrick

09/07 – The Crown Inn, Hemingbrough

17/07 – Cray Bakes, Unit 10 Blackwood Hall Business Park, North Duffield

18/07 – Riders Retreat, Escrick from 11.00 – 12.30

26/169 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur reported that he is continuing to chase North Yorkshire Council Highways following complaints from South Duffield residents regarding the poor state of the roads into the village.

Councillor Arthur also advised that he is hoping to hold the first meeting of the Bus Improvement Liaison Committee within the next few weeks.

Councillor Arthur gave an update on the A63 Selby Bypass Swing Bridge repairs, and it is anticipated that a public announcement will be given at the end of July.

It was noted that the Locality Budget funding request for Cliffe Village Institute (three new doors) has been submitted.

26/170 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st June 2026: -

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st June 2026 as an accurate record of the meeting.

26/171 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings: -

Cliffe Village Institute New Doors

It was noted that the Parish Council were still awaiting a quote for the three new doors required; **clerk** to follow up with **Councillor J Jewitt**. **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 it was agreed that the **Chairman** would arrange a meeting with Keir Mather MP to follow up on a number of issues of concern.

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; **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** to chase up. **Ongoing**

Cliffe V.C Primary School

It was noted that the **Chairman** has been communicating with the Headteacher who has requested a meeting to be scheduled for September. **Ongoing**

Noticeboards sited at St Andrews Mission

The **clerk** advised that the noticeboards will be removed tomorrow, and it was agreed that **Councillor A Marshall** will liaise with them to arrange collection. **Ongoing**

It was also agreed that **Councillor Marshall** will enquire about the possibility of the Parish Council obtaining the blue noticeboard outside St Andrews Mission.

Poor state of Station Lane

It was noted that the **clerk** has forwarded photographs of the numerous large & deep potholes to NYC Highways but is still awaiting a response; **clerk** to chase up. **Ongoing**

Councillor S Gummerson reported that Network Rail will cut back the overhanging vegetation but as this is not a matter of urgency it will be done in due course. **Ongoing**

Replacement Street Sign

It was noted that the **Chairman** will investigate further as more information is required. **Ongoing**

Building/construction work being carried out on a building plot (formally Viola Gardens)

It was noted that the clerk had not received any photographs from **Councillor J Jewitt** to forward on to NYC planning; **clerk** to follow up. **Ongoing**

26/172 Highways: -

North Yorkshire Council 30 mph and 40 mph Speed Limit Order 2026

It was noted that North Yorkshire Council made the order on the 12th June 2026 and it came into force on 22nd June 2026 however the new speed signs have not been put up; **clerk** to chase up. **Ongoing**

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

It was noted that the clerk has contacted NYC Highways to query why the white line repainting stopped just before Cherry Tree Stores but is still awaiting a response; **clerk** to chase up. **Ongoing**

Resurfacing of the A63

It was noted that the clerk has contacted NYC Highways to enquire when the A63 will be resurfaced as it is in a very poor state but is still awaiting a response; **clerk** to chase up. **Ongoing**

Broken road surface on Lund Lane

It was noted that the clerk has reported the broken road surface to NYC Highways but is still awaiting a response. **Councillor S Gummerson** raised concern that the road is sinking into the ditch and urgent action is required.

Councillor E Yates to provide photographs for the **clerk** to send onto NYC Highways. **Ongoing**

It was noted that the **Chairman** has also asked **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** to follow up all the outstanding actions with NYC Highways.

Broken fence at the back of William Jacques Drive

Councillor A Marshall advised that he has reported the badly broken fence at the back of William Jacques Drive to NYC Highways but is still awaiting a response. **Ongoing**

26/173 Speeding: - No issues raised

26/174 Water/Drainage: - No issues raised

26/175 Village Green: -

The **Chairman** advised that he is still seeking alternative quotes for the new fencing required; **Councillor E Yates** to also request a comparable quote. **Ongoing**

The **Chairman** advised that the little library will be put back up as soon as possible. **Ongoing**

It was also noted that the spotlights have now been replaced by KCK Electrical Services. **Resolved**

26/176 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 she has still not received an update from North Yorkshire Council following their request to the landowner to install gates in the new fence to allow access to the public footpath or to take the fence down.

It was noted that **Councillor Yates** has followed this up again and included **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** who has agreed to chase it up. **Ongoing**

26/177 Public use of footpaths (to include misuse, trespassing, littering, dog fouling etc): - No issues raised

26/178 Grass Maintenance: -

The **Chairman** advised that after only doing three cuts unfortunately due to illness Meticulous Gardens are unable to carry out the grass cutting for the remainder of the 2026 season.

It was noted that a local grass cutting contractor (ARK Facilities) who have previously tendered for the contract & carry out all the grass cutting at Cliffe Primary School have agreed to carry out the grass cutting for the remainder of the season and the **Chairman** and **Councillor J Wallinger** have met with them to discuss our requirements.

It was unanimously agreed that ARK Facilities will maintain the village as required, both grass and path maintenance, until the end of the year and the Parish Council will continue to monitor. **Resolved**

26/179 Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive: -

Councillor E Yates reported that she has still not received a response from the Flood Risk Officer and has followed this up again and included **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** who has agreed to chase it up. **Ongoing**

26/180 Path Maintenance: - (See Agenda Item 26/178)

26/181 Broad Lane Wood: -

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

26/182 Parish Paddock: - No further update

26/183 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. (ZG2026/0314/HPA) Demolition of existing garage and the construction of a new garage Location at **39 The Shrubberies, Cliffe**

ii. (ZG2026/0418/HPA) Erection of two storey extension to rear of detached dwelling at **Holly House, Moor Lane, South Duffield**

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

g) Changes to North Yorkshire Council Planning Systems (circulated to members): -

The clerk gave a brief overview of the changes to the North Yorkshire Council planning systems.

26/184 Finance: -

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

i. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – July)	£ As Agreed
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ii. HMRC (PAYE)	£ 184.18
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b) To approve payments not listed on the agenda: -

i. Autela (Payrol Expenses)	£ 57.37
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ii. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Expenses inc PC Laptop Repairs/Software)	£ 118.98
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c) To ratify payments made in between meetings: -

i. KCK Electrical Services (Village Green)	£ 86.86
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d) Note receipt of income, as listed below: - NIL

e) Consider Financial Support for the Village Institute Replacement Doors: -

Deferred to the August meeting as awaiting additional quotes.

26/185 Correspondence Received: -

i. North Yorkshire Council – Receipt of Review and Renewal of North Yorkshire Council Subsidised Local Bus Services was noted, and it was agreed that **Councillor A Marshall** who is the Parish Council Public Transport Liaison Group Representative would respond on behalf of the Parish Council.

ii. Clerk & Councils Direct – Receipt of July 2026 newsletter was noted.

26/186 Representatives Report: -

Councillor S Gummerson reported that anti-climb paint has been put on the Playing Field pavilion and advised that Howden Kitchens have kindly agreed to sponsor the forthcoming Beer Festival (£500).

It was noted that Cliffe Playing Fields Association (CPFA) have also asked for financial support from the Parish Council, and it was agreed to put this on the August agenda.

Councillor A Marshall advised that a resident had requested an update on the solar farm application, but it was noted that the Parish Council have received no further information regarding this.

The **Chairman** advised that a resident had raised concern regarding grass verges at Cliffe Common not being cut but it was noted that North Yorkshire Council are responsible for these.

The **Chairman** also advised that the new village handyman is refurbishing the pump at South Duffield and will also be refurbishing all the Parish Council noticeboards in due course.

26/187 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 3rd August 2026 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILAGE INSTITUTE (**Reduced Agenda**)

26/188 Parish Council Owned Land: -

Proposed work and associated fees relating to land registration by Crombie Wilkinson

This item was deferred as further information was required from **Councillor H Cross** who was not present at the meeting.

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