

## **CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL**

### **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2025 at Cliffe Village Institute**

#### **25/150 Present: -**

Councillor G Wilson (Chairman)  
Councillor S Gummerson  
Councillor A Marshall  
Councillor J Wallinger  
Councillor E Yates

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

One member of the public was also present

#### **25/151 Apologies: -**

Councillors H Cross, A Holman, J Jewitt and R Woodall

#### **25/152 Declarations of Interest: - None**

#### **25/153 Public Session: -**

A member of the public questioned when the data from the vehicle activated sign (VAS) sited on York Road was last downloaded?

The Chairman advised that due to technical difficulties he had previously been unable to download the data. However, he has managed to do this today albeit the dates and times are incorrect, and he will download the software required to interrogate the data.

Councillor J Wallinger advised that in the past the Parish Council have also paid for an independent speed survey on York Road through North Yorkshire Council as the police will not accept the data from the Parish Council VAS as evidence although it was noted that the data obtained through the independent survey mirrored the Parish Council VAS data.

It was also noted that following the evidence presented to the police they agreed to deploy the mobile speed camera on York Road however this has not been forthcoming despite the Parish Council pursuing it for over four years, so North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur had agreed to pursue this on behalf of the Parish Council.

The Chairman spoke about the recent Selby & Goole Times press reports, and it was noted that although both reports were written by the same reporter the Selby Times report was relatively accurate however the Goole Times report was very sensationalised.

The member of the public also raised concern regarding the Parish Council repairing Oxen Lane and the Chairman explained that the Parish Council have been given permission from North Yorkshire Council Highways to repair the lane as although it is a public highway it is very low priority (category 6) and therefore won't be repaired due to a lack of North Yorkshire Council funding.

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council agreed to sort out the drainage and repair the lane as this is well used by pedestrians but is regularly flooded leaving the lane unwalkable and the work will be carried out by a contractor assisted by Parish Councillor volunteers.

#### **25/154 Police Report: -**

It was noted that the clerk was still awaiting receipt of the May police report/crime figures from PCSO Hannah Gaskell. The clerk advised that she had provided PCSO Hannah Gaskell with the remainder of the 2025 meeting dates and asked her to confirm when she would be available to attend a Cliffe Parish Council meeting.

#### **25/155 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -**

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur confirmed that the Plasmor site visit/meeting is scheduled for 2pm on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September.

Councillor Arthur advised that the next meeting of the Selby and Ainsty Area Committee will be taking place at the Civic Centre, Selby on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 2pm and it was also noted that there are currently five vacancies on the Ouse and Derwent Internal Drainage Board.

It was noted that the York Road Gateway has now finally been installed however the speed camera enforcement signs agreed by both North Yorkshire Police and Stacey Preece (North Yorkshire Council Highways Project Engineer) have still not been put in place due to a change of policy meaning that North Yorkshire Council will no longer install the signs unless there is a fixed camera and any current signs in other locations that are currently up, will not be replaced when damaged.

The Chairman expressed his frustration and stressed that the signs should be installed retrospectively as the signs were part of the York Road Gateway and were approved in writing last year before the change of policy therefore the agreement should still be honoured.

It was agreed that **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** would raise this with North Yorkshire Council and with Jo Coles (Deputy Mayor of York and North Yorkshire and Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner) at his forthcoming meeting and ask them to honour their agreement.

Members discussed the ongoing speeding issue on York Road, and it was noted that the clerk has requested speed monitoring on the A63 in Cliffe -Cum-Lund as agreed at the May Parish Council meeting.

**Councillor Arthur** agreed to raise this with Jo Coles at his forthcoming meeting and ask her to put pressure on the police to follow up on their commitment to carry out mobile speed monitoring on York Road.

**Councillor S Gummerson** mentioned a Community Speed Watch which is a scheme that allows volunteers to monitor the speed of passing vehicles using a hand held speed gun. The **Chairman** advised that this had been considered a few years ago and it was noted that **County Councillor Mike Jordan** had expressed caution as volunteers have been subject to abuse.

It was noted that North Yorkshire Police do not permit the use of fixed speed cameras and **Councillor Arthur** agreed to speak to Jo Coles regarding possible alternatives.

#### Green Bin Collections

**Councillor Arthur** reported that he had enquired if the green bin collections could start up again in February next year instead of March however this is not economically feasible as in the 5 years prior to the introduction of a paid for service in the former Selby Council area, an average of 300 tonnes were collected each month in January and February which is only around 6% in total of all the garden waste collected during the year.

**Councillor Arthur** also advised that bridge repair work on the Selby bypass is expected to be ongoing until early August.

#### **25/156 Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025: -**

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 as an accurate record of the meeting.

#### **25/157 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025: -**

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2025 as an accurate record of the meeting.

#### **25/158 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings: -**

##### Ongoing planning and enforcement issues

The **Chairman** reported that he will be meeting with **Councillor Mark Crane** in the next few weeks to follow up on the issues raised at their meeting in January.

**Councillor S Gummerson** advised that despite correspondence sent by North Yorkshire Council, local estate agents are still incorrectly advertising that lodges at Cliffe Meadows and The Ranch are available for occupation year-round; **Chairman** to raise with **Councillor Mark Crane**.

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

A couple of minor amendments to the timetable produced by **Councillor A Marshall** was agreed; **Councillor E Yates** to laminate ten copies and pass on to the **clerk** to put up.

The **Chairman** advised that he had seen a York Pullman bus on the A63 towards Hemingbrough which was going to Howden; **Chairman** to investigate.

#### Parish Portal

The **clerk** advised that she was still having difficulty accessing the new Parish Portal; **clerk** to follow up with North Yorkshire Council and ask **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** for assistance if this is not resolved.

#### Faulty Streetlight on Badgers Way

**Councillor J Wallinger** advised that more streetlights are now out in Badgers Way, and he is still awaiting confirmation of who is responsible for these despite chasing it up; **Councillor Wallinger** to continue to pursue. **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** also agreed to investigate further with North Yorkshire Council.

#### Parish Council Noticeboard

The **Chairman** advised that a resident has kindly volunteered to sand down and repaint the noticeboard at the junction of Hull Road and Turnham Lane; **Chairman** to liaise with the resident.

#### 25/159 Highways:-

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

#### Cliffe-Cum-Lund Traffic Calming

**Councillor E Yates** advised that she has sent the information/photographs showing the required locations for the village boundary signage and children crossing & bus stopping signs to Stacey Preece – North Yorkshire Council Highways Project Engineer.

#### York Road

The **Chairman** advised that the costs for the removal of the speed bumps and York Road Gateway lining has come in significantly lower than originally quoted; **clerk** to confirm invoice address with Stacey Preece – North Yorkshire Council Highways Project Engineer.

#### 25/160 Speeding:-

The **Chairman** reiterated that has downloaded the data from the Vehicle Activated Sign and will be installing the software required to interrogate the data.

**Councillor J Wallinger** to contact TWM Traffic Control Systems regarding the date and time errors as the sign is still under warranty.

#### 25/161 Oxen Lane:-

The **Chairman** advised that **Councillor J Jewitt** and Andy Pulleyne will be carrying out the lane repairs in the last week of July.

#### 25/162 Water/Drainage:-

**Councillor J Wallinger** advised that Yorkshire Water have put Cliffe on a register for potential improvement but there is no further details or timeframe available at present.

#### 25/163 Village Green:-

It was noted that the **Chairman** had removed the Cliffe Primary School PTA Easter Egg Hunt signage that was left attached to the Village Green fencing following the event.

**Clerk** to remove old community notices and tidy up all three Parish Council noticeboards.

**Chairman** still to obtain a second quote for additional fencing at the back of the Little Library.

#### Electrical quote for lighting/electric socket extension

**Councillor J Wallinger** reported that the quote totalling £695.40 provided by KCK Electrical Services to include the supply and installation of a replacement photocell to the external power box has been accepted.

#### 25/164 Parish Council Documents:- Ongoing

The **Chairman** read out correspondence provided by **Councillor H Cross**.

#### 25/165 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 there is a broken stile on the footpath near the riverbank at the pumping station; **Councillor E Yates** to report to North Yorkshire Council Countryside Access Officer.

**25/166 Public use of footpaths (to include misuse, trespassing, littering, dog fouling etc)**

**Councillor J Wallinger** advised that he has put the “Keep Cliffe Clean” poster on the Cliffe Village Website and social media.

**Councillor E Yates** has also laminated fifteen copies of the poster and passed these on to **Councillor A Holman** to distribute and put up in problem areas around the village.

**Councillor S Gummerson** reported that there was a lot of littering near the railway line which he will report to Network Rail. Members briefly discussed the possibility of installing a surveillance camera to detect any anti-social behaviour near the railway line; to be discussed further at the next meeting.

**Councillor E Yates** advised that a resident had raised concern regarding a public footpath from Lund Lane to Osgodby that has been diverted by new fencing, and it was noted that **Councillor Yates** has reported this to North Yorkshire Council.

**25/167 Grass Maintenance: -**

It was noted that the **clerk** had written to North Yorkshire Council Parks and Grounds Department to advise them that the Parish Council already cut the grass verge opposite Chapelfields on York Road and request a financial contribution from them to take over the grass cutting but is still awaiting a response; **clerk** to follow up.

The **Chairman** advised that the grass around the village has been cut this week, this had been delayed for a couple of weeks due to the contractor sustaining an injury.

**25/168 Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive: - Ongoing**

**25/169 Path Maintenance: -**

**Councillor S Gummerson** reported an overgrown hedge along the A63 from Glenrose Cattery towards Cliffe-Cum-Lund forcing pedestrians to walk on the road; **clerk** to report to North Yorkshire Council Highways.

**25/170 Broad Lane Wood: -**

Ongoing; **Chairman** to arrange site visit.

**25/171 Parish Paddock: -**

The **clerk** advised that she had received a cheque totalling £113.65 from Northern Powergrid for this year's wayleaves payment and it was noted that the last payment received prior to this was in May 2019; **clerk** to chase up the missing wayleaves payments.

It was also noted that Helen Borthwick (Northern Powergrid) has passed our request for a donation towards the nature reserve project to a colleague for consideration.

It was noted that **Councillor J Jewitt** had confirmed (via written communication) that the boundary fence recently erected at the Parish Paddock was in the correct location.

**25/172 Cliffe Parish Council Policies: - Ongoing**

**25/173 Planning: -**

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

i. (ZG2025/0484/FUL) Conversion of ground floor double garage and workshop with first floor storage area to a self contained two bedroom residential annex with single storey rear extension to provide living accommodation and garden area at **The Farmstead , Lund Lane, Cliffe** **No Objections**

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

**c) Note Planning Applications Granted: - NIL**

**d) Note Planning Applications Refused: -**

i. (ZG2025/0349/HPA) Erection of a single storey rear extension at **Chantry House, Hull Road, Cliffe**

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

**25/174 Finance: -**

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

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

i. Meticulous Gardens (Grass Cutting & Spraying)	£ 1068.00
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ii. North Yorkshire Council (Streetlighting Maintenance)	£ 1279.86
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iii. A.S. Walls & Son (Hedge Cutting at Parish Paddock)	£ 168.00
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iv. Cliffe Village Institute (Hire of Hall – 12 Meetings, Electric for Village Green & Broadband 12 Months)	£ 612.80
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v. HMRC (PAYE)	£ 170.94
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c) To ratify payments made in between meetings: - NIL

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

i. North Yorkshire Council (1 <sup>st</sup> Half of Precept 2025/26)	£13,500.00
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e) Cliffe Parish Council Insurance Renewal

The renewal premium of £331.81 was unanimously agreed.

f) Consider Financial Support for the Village Institute New Heating System Project

The **Chairman** advised that the quote for the new heating system totals £21,000 and through fundraising and applying for the grants the Village Institute have so far raised £8,250 towards the project.

Members discussed the work required, a lot of which will be carried out by volunteers to keep costs to a minimum and it was unanimously agreed to contribute £4,000 towards the costs.

g) To receive Cliffe Parish Council Accounts 2024/2025

The accounts for the year ending 31st March 2025 were distributed and accepted.

h) To receive Internal Auditors Report 2024/2025

Deferred to the July meeting.

i) To approve Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2024/2025 for Cliffe Parish Council

**Resolved** to approve Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2024/25 for Cliffe Parish Council on page 4 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25.

j) To approve Section 2 – Accounting Statement 2024/2025 for Cliffe Parish Council

**Resolved** to approve Section 2 Accounting Statement 2024/25 for Cliffe Parish Council on page 5 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2024/25.

k) To approve the publication of documents required by Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Local Audit (Smaller Authorities) Regulations 2015 and the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities

**Resolved** that, in accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, Cliffe Parish Council will publish the documents required on the Parish Councils website.

25/175 Correspondence Received: -

i. Resident – Receipt of correspondence received regarding speeding on York Road was noted; **Chairman** to meet with the resident to discuss the history and future plans.

25/176 Representatives Report: -

**Councillor J Wallinger** advised that Cliffe Pre-School are holding a Scarecrow Festival in September to raise funds; **Councillor Wallinger** to request more information to enable the Parish Council to consider supporting them financially if required.

The **Chairman** read out an update regarding South Duffield Charity provided by **Councillor H Cross**.

**25/177 Confirm date of next meeting:** - Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE

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