

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 8th January 2024 at Cliffe Village Institute

24/001 Present: -

Councillor G Wilson (Chairman)
Councillor H Cross
Councillor A Holman
Councillor J Jewitt
Councillor P Maw
Councillor J Wallinger
Councillor R Woodall
Councillor E Yates

One member of the public was also present

24/002 Apologies: -

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

The Chairman advised that Councillor A Pulleyne has resigned from the Parish Council due to personal/work commitments.

24/003 Declarations of Interest: - No interests declared.

24/004 Public Session: - The member of the public present did not raise any issues.

24/005 Police Report: -

A recent break into a garden shed on Oxen Lane was noted, the intruders were disturbed by an alarm and left without taking anything. CCTV images were captured but not clear enough to identify. Police commented that the alarm likely scared them off and saved other properties in the same area from being targeted later through the night.

Councillor J Wallinger provided feedback received from the post on Cliffe Village Website to gauge interest in a Police Surgery and it was agreed to ask PC Richard Wood to hold a police surgery prior to the April Parish Council meeting (Monday 8th April 2024).

Councillor J Jewitt volunteered to speak to Rural Watch to see if they can arrange a bike marking event at the same time as the Police Surgery.

24/006 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -

Councillor K Arthur was not present at the meeting; **Chairman** to follow up with Councillor Arthur on his outstanding actions.

Members raised concern regarding Councillor Arthurs lack of attendance at Parish Council meetings.

24/007 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11th December 2023: -

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 11th December 2023 as an accurate record of the meeting.

24/008 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings: -

The Three Arches, Cliffe Common

It was noted that the structure erected on site which had been raised at the December Parish Council meeting has now been removed.

High Bottom Farm, Market Weighton Road

It was noted that the Parish Council had asked **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** to investigate the planning status regarding the touring caravans that have been observed being sited at High Bottom Farm, Market Weighton Road.

Members agreed they were happy with the response received (below) and no further action is required:-

“The planning section is aware that the property is operating a touring caravan site for the maximum of 5 caravans, this permitted under the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 (as amended). Therefore, formal planning permission is not required.

If there are more than 5 caravans on site or other development has been undertaken to facilitate the use of the site for touring caravans, this may require planning permission. If you or the parish would like this element investigating let us know and the matter can be logged.”

Streetlight outside the Village Institute

Councillor J Wallinger reported that North Yorkshire Council Streetlighting have confirmed that work on the streetlight outside the Village Institute is scheduled for January.

Tree stump outside school

It was agreed to pursue quotes for getting the tree stump left outside school professionally carved and to get the school involved with the design.

Clerk to enquire with **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** if any grants are available for the project.

24/009 Highways (incl York Road traffic calming measures): -

The **Chairman** advised that he is waiting to hear back from Councillor Keane Duncan – North Yorkshire Council Executive Member for Highways and Transportation regarding the lack of response from Highways; **Chairman** to follow up.

York Road Gateway

It was noted that the **clerk** had chased Stacey Preece – Highways Project Engineer for confirmation of the order both before Christmas and in the new year but no response has been received.

Councillor J Wallinger spoke briefly about other ongoing Highway issues including blocked drains on York Road and it was noted that the **Chairman** is chasing up on all outstanding actions with Highways.

Lund Lane

The **Chairman** reported that a resident has requested passing places on Lund Lane; **clerk** to submit a formal request to North Yorkshire Council Highways.

24/010 Speeding: -

The **clerk** read out the following reply received from PC Richard Wood (Friday 15th December 2023) regarding camera enforcement on York Road: -

“I’ve just had a reply from the staff member who overlooks the speed camera vans. He states that they have regular deployments on Hull Road through the village to the west of the crossroads and then another couple on Main Street/York Road, just to the north of the crossroads.

He is asking if the speeding takes place at any particular times of the day, for example commuting times to or from work. If you could get back to me on that I will pass on the information.”

It was noted that the **clerk** has replied as below and is awaiting a further response: -

“The speed camera van is regularly deployed on the A63/Hull Road but it is York Road that the PC is concerned with as despite requesting it on numerous occasions no speed camera deployment has ever happened to our knowledge? Please could you supply details on when it has been deployed on York Road so I can pass this on to members?

Commuting times are always a problem but speeding on York Road seems to be a problem at all times so any help would be greatly appreciated.”

Clerk to forward email trail on to the **Chairman** so he can respond to PC Wood.

It was noted that PC Jamie Smith - Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator has also previously promised to deploy the speed camera bike to York Road; **Chairman** to also follow this up with PC Wood.

Councillor J Wallinger noted that The Safety Camera Data Log is a record of all North Yorkshire Police’s Safety Camera Vehicle deployment and is available at <https://www.northyorkshire.police.uk/police-forces/north-yorkshire-police/areas/stats-and-data/stats-and-data/safety-camera-deployment/#:~:text=The%20Safety%20Camera%20Data%20Log,Police's%20Safety%20Camera%20Vehicle%20deployment>.

24/011 7.5t Weight Limit (York Road): -

It was noted that the **clerk** has sent a follow up letter to the six companies identified and is awaiting their response; **Chairman** to follow up with any of the companies that do not respond before the next Parish Council meeting (Monday 5th February 2024).

Members had a brief discussion regarding HGV's that are continuing to ignore the 7.5t weight limit.

24/012 Oxen Lane: -

It was noted that the tree surgeon will be felling the tree on Oxen Lane by the end of January; **Chairman** to follow up.

24/013 Water/Drainage: -

Councillor J Wallinger advised that he is still awaiting a response from Yorkshire Water regarding our ongoing sewage flooding issues and it was noted that sewage has come up through the toilets at Preschool again this week.

24/014 Village Green: -

It was noted that the subsidence of the plinth has still not been resolved despite the **Chairman** chasing this up with the contractor; **Chairman** to follow up.

The **Chairman** and **Councillor J Wallinger** gave an update and costings on the floodlights sourced and it was agreed to replace the broken floodlight like for like at a cost of £278.47 (including VAT and delivery).

Members also discussed extending the floodlights and it was agreed to defer any decision regarding extending until a quote for the installation and the additional cabling required has been received.

The **Chairman** advised that he has reported the land slip on the southern bank of Oldmill Field Drain to Nathan Culpan – Ouse and Derwent Internal Drainage Board.

It was noted that Wrights of Crockey Hill will speak to Nathan Culpan tomorrow morning (Tuesday 9th January) as they are coming to repair the headwall.

Councillor J Jewitt reported that the contractor will be replacing the incorrect fence panel imminently.

Chairman to order plaque to commemorate the Village Green opening and arrange for it to be fitted by the Parish Council handyman.

Councillor H Cross to contact the Royal British Legion regarding the Queens Green Canopy Plaque (Platinum Jubilee 2022) which has badly rusted.

Councillor J Jewitt to replant a tree on the Village Green that had previously been removed due to its poor condition.

24/015 Parish Council Documents: -

Councillor H Cross advised that he has been asked by the Parish Councils solicitor to take photographs of the sealed folders so they can establish what type of seal has been used and advise accordingly with regards to accessing the contents.

It was agreed that members would meet on Monday 15th January to go through the Parish Council documents in the safe at school; **Chairman** to confirm date with Amy Wilson.

24/016 Public Footpaths: - (to include any overgrown public footpaths which have been identified that do not comply with the applicable laws/regulations): -

Chairman to arrange a meeting with a local contractor who is certified to spray weeds in February (contractor returns from holiday on 10th February) to discuss the work required and obtain a quote.

The spraying will be done at the end of March/beginning of April when the weather is drier.

24/017 Grass Maintenance: -

Chairman and **Councillor J Wallinger** to finalise the 2024 Grass Maintenance contract before putting it out for tender.

24/018 Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive: -

It was noted that **Councillor A Pulleyne** has reported the flooding to **North Yorkshire Council** and received an acknowledgement but no response.

Councillor E Yates volunteered to follow this up and find out who the North Yorkshire Council Public Rights of Way Officer is for Cliffe Parish.

24/019 Damaged Litter Bin outside Cliffe Village Institute: -

It was noted that **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** had agreed to take this up with North Yorkshire Council on our behalf, but no update has been received; **clerk** to chase up.

The **Chairman** reported that someone leaving the Village Institute recently had tripped over the remaining plinth which is a trip hazard.

24/020 Path Maintenance: -

It was noted that any path maintenance required will be carried out when the weather is drier.

24/021 Broad Lane Wood: -

Councillor J Jewitt advised that he has spoken to the Master of Hounds/Huntsman and reiterated that the Parish Council have resolved not to allow any form of hunting on Parish land so the hunt should not be going over Parish land in the future.

24/022 Parish Paddock: - No further update

24/023 Little Library: -

The **Chairman** advised that Amy Wilson will paint and embellish the little library in the spring to reflect that this is for children's books.

24/024 Planning: -

a) Councillors considered the following Planning Applications received: -

i. (ZG2023/1289/REM) Reserved matters application of approval 2020/1211/OUT Outline application for demolition of existing dwelling and redevelopment of site for up to 2 dwellings with all matters reserved (Amended Plans) at **The Laurels, York Road, Cliffe** [Comment Only](#)

- Concern regarding any additional connections to the drainage system which is already over capacity causing ongoing flooding issues throughout the village, this is currently being investigated by Yorkshire Water.

ii. (ZG2023/1272/FULM) Development of up to 10,800sqm open storage (Use Class B8) together with associated highways works, site-wide hard and soft landscaping works, boundary treatment and associated works at **Biofuel Power Station, Selby Energy Park, Cliffe Common, Cliffe**

Clerk to compile the Parish Councils comments and send draft to the **Chairman** to review before being circulated to members. Once the comments have been agreed by members, **clerk** to forward on to North Yorkshire Council.

The **Chairman** raised concern regarding a crash barrier that has been erected at Selby Energy Park in front of our gate restricting access to the Parish Councils pond and **Councillor J Jewitt** volunteered to contact Charterhouse Property Group (owners of the site) regarding this.

iii. (ZG2023/1280/HPA) Garage conversion with single storey rear extension with a flat roof with crown at **Sunnyside, York Road, 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: - NIL

e) Note Planning Applications Withdrawn: - NIL

24/025 Finance: -

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

i. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – January)	£ As Agreed
ii. Autela (Payroll Services)	£ 57.98 (Gross)
	£ 9.66 (VAT)
	£ 48.32 (Net)

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

c) To ratify payments made in between meetings: -

i. S.B Cook (Electrical Work)	£ 229.09 (Gross)
	£ 38.18 (VAT)
	£ 190.91 (Net)

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

e) National Joint Council Cost of Living Increase: -

Noted by Councillors. Clerks' salary to be adjusted and back pay to be paid from April 2023. **Clerk** to contact Autela Payroll Services with adjustment details.

f) Finance Report and Precept for 2024/2025:-

Following a review and discussion of the information provided by the clerk it was unanimously agreed that the Band D Charge would be kept the same (0% increase) resulting in a precept amount of £25,090.00.

24/026 Correspondence Received: -

i. Clerk & Councils Direct – Receipt of the January 2024 newsletter was noted.

24/027 Representatives Report: -

Councillor A Holman supported the request for passing places on Lund Lane in the interests of health and safety particularly for pedestrians.

Councillor Holman also stressed that signage for the level crossing closures is sited too close to the crossing and should be put further away to give warning to motorists.

Councillor J Wallinger raised concern regarding fly tipping alongside the A63 at the back of the garages on William Jacques Drive; **clerk** to report to North Yorkshire Council.

Councillor E Yates expressed concern regarding speeding and a recent road traffic accident on the A63 between Cliffe and Lund. It was noted that the Parish Council have previously requested a reduction in the speed limit and asked for the 40mph speed limit to be moved further back over the bridge but have received a negative response from North Yorkshire Council Highways.

Councillor H Cross gave an update on the Mary Waud Foundation and the current status of the school's academy application. It was noted that the next meeting of the Mary Waud Foundation will be held on Tuesday 16th January.

The **Chairman** gave an update on the possibility of installing internet at the Village Institute and this was discussed by members. **Chairman** to make enquiries with the Village Institute Committee in the first instance.

Cliffe Playing Field Association

The Parish Council believe that the Playing Field Association has new Committee members which can only be seen as a good thing.

24/028 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 5th February 2024 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE.

24/029 Parish Council owned land: - Ongoing.

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