

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at Cliffe Village Institute on Tuesday 4th August 2026

26/189 Present: -

Councillor G Wilson (Chairman)
Councillor H Cross
Councillor S Gummerson
Councillor E Yates

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

26/190 Apologies: -

Councillor A Holman
Councillor J Jewitt
Councillor A Marshall
Councillor J Wallinger
Councillor R Woodall

26/191 Declarations of Interest: - None

26/192 Public Session: - No members of the public were present

26/193 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur reported that at the North Yorkshire Council Selby Area Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 22nd July it was agreed to support a bid for funding for the replacement of both the Selby Toll Bridge and Selby Swing Bridge.

Ongoing planning and enforcement issues

Councillor Arthur advised that he had spoken to **Councillor M Crane** regarding the ongoing issues however it was noted that the **Chairman** had not received any correspondence from **Councillor Crane** since 09/03; **Councillor K Arthur** to follow up.

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

26/194 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026: -

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026 as an accurate record of the meeting.

26/195 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. (ZG2025/1295/FULM) Erection of 5no. one-bed lodges and 1no. four-bed lodge at **Oakwood Lodges, Greengate 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e) Note Planning Application Withdrawn: - NIL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

Members spoke about major ongoing building work at The Three Arches, Cliffe Common and it was suggested that a helicopter pad is currently under construction and that all the hedging/trees have been removed from around one side of the property.

It was also noted that there have been several concerns raised on Cliffe Community Board regarding a low flying helicopter/helicopter movements around this location.

Members discussed the planning permissions that have previously been granted for this property and questioned if planning permission is required for a helicopter pad; **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** to investigate with NYC Planning.

26/196 Finance: -

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

i. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – August)	£ As Agreed
ii. HMRC (PAYE)	£ 184.38
iii. Information Commissioner (Data Protection Annual Renewal)	£ 52.00

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

i. Parish Council Handyman (Refurbishment of the water pump at South Duffield)	£ 134.98
ii. Parish Council Handyman (Refurbishment of metal bench adjacent to the bus stop on Main Street)	£ 138.98

c) To ratify payments made in between meetings: - NIL

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

i. HMRC (VAT Refund)	£ 2,133.83
ii. Crombie Wilkinson on behalf of Boom Power (Extension of wayleave date)	£ 2,500.00

e) Cliffe Playing Field Association (CPFA) Insurance: -

Members briefly discussed the financial statement provided and it was unanimously agreed to cover the cost of the Cliffe Playing Field Association insurance renewal in full (£771.60).

It was also noted that the **Chairman** has spoken to the CPFA Chairman and clarified the Parish Councils offer of free CCTV for the pavilion; CPFA Chairman to raise this again with the Committee at a future CPFA meeting.

f) Consider Financial Support for the Cliffe Playing Field Association (CPFA) Beer Festival: -

Members unanimously agreed to donate £300 towards the set up costs for the forthcoming Cliffe Playing Field Association (CPFA) Beer Festival.

Grass Cutting Contract 2026

The **Chairman** reported that ARK Facilities will honour their previous tender with an additional £500 for spraying (as discussed); **Chairman** to liaise with ARK Facilities regarding the remainder of the 2026 grass cutting season.

The **Chairman** proposed that from next year the Parish Council change the grass cutting schedule to allow the contractor more flexibility to decide when the grass cutting should be carried out in order to keep the village looking tidy depending on the growing season.

This was unanimously agreed by members; **Chairman** to negotiate with ARK Facilities with regards to the 2027 grass cutting contract/schedule.

Village Green Fencing

It was noted that three quotes had been received to clear the brambles & erect a new post and rail fence on the village green and these were discussed by members.

Members agreed to engage Stephen Greenwood (£2400 Non-VAT) due to his local connections and competitive quote, to be ratified at the September meeting.

Representatives Report: -

Councillor E Yates gave a progress report on the diverted public footpath from Lund Lane to Osgodby.

It was noted that **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** has agreed to follow up with the Flood Risk Officer with regards to the ongoing flooding issue on the footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive

Councillor H Cross provided an update on both the South Duffield and Mary Waud charities.

The **Chairman** reported that a resident has complained about the overgrown vegetation on Station Lane; **Councillor S Gummerson** to follow up with Network Rail.

It was noted that poor temporary repairs have been carried out on the numerous potholes on both Station Lane and Lund Lane; **clerk** to contact NYC Highways to clarify that these temporary repairs are in anticipation of appropriate permanent repairs in the near future.

The **Chairman** also gave an update on the Village Institute CCTV and advised that the bus stop on Main Street will be refurbished soon.

It was also noted that Alan Parker will be installing the new Little Library as his last job for Cliffe Parish Council before he retires and a flagstone will also be put underneath.

26/197 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 7th September 2026 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILAGE INSTITUTE (**Reduced Agenda**)

26/198 Parish Council Owned Land: -

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

Following an update provided by **Councillor H Cross**, members discussed and unanimously agreed the proposed work & associated fees relating to land registration by Crombie Wilkinson.

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