

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2nd March 2026 at Cliffe Village Institute

26/054 Present: -

Councillor G Wilson (Chairman)
Councillor H Cross
Councillor S Gummerson
Councillor A Holman
Councillor J Jewitt
Councillor A Marshall
Councillor J Wallinger
Councillor R Woodall
Councillor E Yates

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

26/055 Apologies: - All members present

26/056 Declarations of Interest: - None

26/057 Public Session: - No members of the public were present

26/058 Police Report: - No police report received

26/059 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur advised that he has contacted Tom Jenkinson – North Yorkshire Council regarding litter cameras for problem areas in the Parish and he is awaiting a response.

Jo Coles (Deputy Mayor of York & North Yorkshire)

Councillor Arthur confirmed that Jo Coles will be attending the April Parish Council meeting (Monday 13th April).
Councillor Arthur to follow up on all the outstanding issues and ask her to provide responses at the above meeting.

Local Bus Service

Councillor Arthur reiterated that he is in the process of arranging a meeting for all the Parish Councils along the route and **Councillor A Marshall** volunteered to attend on behalf of Cliffe Parish Council.

Councillor Arthur reported that North Yorkshire Council have agreed a 4.99% council tax increase (2.99% general & 2% adult social care levy) for 2026-27 and it is likely that this will continue over the next three years.

Councillor Arthur advised that he has received complaints from South Duffield residents regarding the poor state of the roads into the village and he has referred this onto North Yorkshire Council Highways.

26/060 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2026: -

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2026 as an accurate record of the meeting.

26/061 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meeting: -

Meeting with Keir Mather MP

It was noted that Keir Mather has been holding regular 'Tea with your MP' events across the constituency and is hoping to arrange an event in Cliffe however the **Chairman** has requested a dedicated meeting for Cliffe Parish Council to discuss all the ongoing issues in the Parish; **clerk** to follow up. **Ongoing**

Froglife Habitat Action Plan

The **Chairman** reported that he has signed the documentation on behalf of Cliffe Parish Council as agreed at the February meeting. **Resolved**

Ongoing planning and enforcement issues

It was noted that the **Chairman** is in the process of arranging a follow up meeting with **Councillor M Crane**; **Councillor J Wallinger** will also attend the meeting. **Ongoing**

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

It was noted that the **clerk** has purchased two timetable frames as requested which will be installed at the bus stop outside Cherry Tree Stores and opposite the Old Post Office; awaiting delivery. **Ongoing**

Cliffe V.C Primary School

The **Chairman** advised that he will be meeting with the Headteacher and the Chair of Governors within the next few weeks. **Ongoing**

Drainage Plans Requested

Councillor A Holman reported on the gully drainage plans received from Sharon Fox (North Yorkshire Council Highways) as requested. **Resolved**

Keir Mather MP - Power Cuts Roundtable Meeting

Councillor A Holman gave an overview of the meeting held on Friday 6th February for Parish Councils who represent areas most badly affected by power cuts.

Repaint and reroof of the Bus Shelter (Main Street):-

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur to enquire if any financial assistance is available from North Yorkshire Council towards the bus shelter repairs. **Ongoing**

Noticeboards sited at St Andrews Mission

The **clerk** advised that she has contacted the Parochial Church Council regarding the noticeboards that were previously offered to the Parish Council; awaiting reply. **Ongoing**

26/062 Highways: -

The **clerk** advised that she had reported all the highway issues raised at the February meeting to Sharon Fox (North Yorkshire Council Highways); awaiting response. **Ongoing**

26/063 Speeding:-

Community Speedwatch

The **clerk** advised that she would be liaising with a Police Support Volunteer (PSV) later in the week with regards to setting up the scheme and provided an update on the residents who have previously expressed an interest in volunteering. **Ongoing**

It was also noted that the **Chairman** has posted an update on social media. **Resolved**

Speed Monitoring on York Road

It was noted that speed monitoring sensors have recently been put down on York Road, and it was noted that **Councillor J Wallinger** has contacted Darren Griffiths (North Yorkshire Council) to request a copy of the data recorded albeit that Cliffe Parish Council did not commission this survey. **Ongoing**

The **Chairman** reported that the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) has been turned around and is now facing south; data to be downloaded prior to the April Parish Council meeting.

26/064 Water/Drainage:-

Councillor J Wallinger reported that he has chased Yorkshire Water for a response regarding the mess and damage caused by the tankers/tractors and the complaint raised regarding inappropriate behaviour outside the preschool. It was noted that these have now been escalated however **Councillor Wallinger** is still awaiting a reply. **Ongoing**

26/065 Village Green:-

The **Chairman** provided an update on the new fence which will be erected by Meticulous Gardens prior to the start of the grass cutting season. **Ongoing**

It was noted that the little library will be painted by Amy Wilson and put back up prior to the Easter school holidays. **Ongoing**

Councillor J Wallinger reported that a local contractor has replaced the two spotlights that had been smashed. **Resolved**

The **Chairman** advised that Andy Pulleyne has spoken to Wrights of Crockey Hill, and they have agreed to carry out any remedial work required under warranty once the weather improves. **Ongoing**

It was noted that the Christmas lights need to be removed prior to the start of the grass cutting season; **Chairman** to speak to Pru Topping about removing the lights. **Ongoing**

Following receipt of correspondence regarding tree health it was agreed that the **Chairman** has asked Paul Clifton to look at the trees on the village green within the next couple of months.
It was also noted that Askham Bryan College are going to look at Broadlane Wood and Whitemoor Ponds.

26/066 Tree planting on Main Street: -

It was noted that **Councillor J Jewitt** has now planted the replacement tree. **Resolved**

26/067 CCTV at Cliffe Playing Field Pavilion:-

It was noted that the Parish Council have offered free CCTV to the Playing Field Association and they have declined the offer as they don't feel that they need it. **Resolved**

26/068 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 provided an update regarding the public footpath that has been diverted by the erection of new fencing and the broken kissing gate. **Ongoing**

26/069 Public use of footpaths (to include misuse, trespassing, littering, dog fouling etc): -

Councillor E Yates to liaise with **Councillor A Marshall** and produce/purchase some littering signs to be put up around the village. **Ongoing**

Councillor J Jewitt reported that dog fouling is terrible on Oxen Lane and members discussed how this can be policed. **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** volunteered to contact Tom Jenkinson – North Yorkshire Council with regards to getting dog/community warden patrols in the Parish. **Ongoing**

It was noted that the **Chairman** has put a post on social media regarding dog fouling and littering and the **clerk** has requested some dog fouling signs from North Yorkshire Council that can be put up in problem areas around the Parish.

26/070 Grass Maintenance:-

Chairman and **Councillor J Wallinger** to review all the grassed areas around the parish and consider any additions required prior to the start of the 2026 grass cutting season. **Ongoing**

It was noted that the **clerk** has confirmed with North Yorkshire Council (NYC) that the Parish Council will continue to carry out the urban grass cutting for 2026/2027; awaiting receipt of £473.78 to be reimbursed.

The **clerk** has also enquired again about the Parish Council completely taking over the cutting of the grass verge opposite Chapelfields on York Road and receiving an additional financial contribution from NYC. Jennifer Smallwood (NYC Business Support Officer) to follow up with the Parks and Countryside Operational Team and provide update as soon as possible. **Ongoing**

26/071 Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive: -

Councillor E Yates to confirm date for a meeting with the Flood Risk Officer/Engineer. **Ongoing**

26/072 Path Maintenance: -

The **Chairman** reported that he has contacted Gary Lumb (North Yorkshire Council Highways) regarding the poor state of the footpaths on the eastern side of York Road between the village and Jacques Lane & the southern side of Turnham Lane to the west of Cliffe Meadows Holiday Park and asked Highways to level & repair to make them safe again. **Ongoing**

Councillor S Gummerson raised concern regarding the overgrown footpath along the A63 (both sides going into Cliffe) and it was agreed that the **Chairman** and **Councillor J Wallinger** would speak to Meticulous Gardens.
Ongoing

26/073 Broad Lane Wood: -

A site visit/walkaround will be arranged in the spring. **Ongoing**

26/074 Parish Paddock: -

Draft Memorandum of Understanding – Cliffe Parish Council and Askham Bryan College

The **Chairman** reported that he has signed the documentation on behalf of Cliffe Parish Council as agreed at the February meeting.

26/075 Planning: -

a) Councillors considered the following Planning Applications received: -

i. (ZG2025/1295/FULM) 4. No Additional lodges at **Oakwood Lodges, Greengate Lane, South Duffield**
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 Application Withdrawn: - NIL

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

26/076 Finance: -

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

i. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – March) £ As Agreed

ii. HMRC (PAYE) £ 170.94

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

i. J Leighton-Eshelby £ 78.72
(Expenses reimbursement including bus timetable frames)

ii. Cliffe Village Institute £ 585.60
(Meeting Hire & Broadband – 12 Months)

c) To ratify payments made in between meetings: -

i. KCK Electrical Services (Supply and install two replacement floodlights on Village Green) £ 167.02

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

e) Discuss quote to upgrade the remaining streetlights (18) to LED's:-

It was noted that **Councillor J Wallinger** is still awaiting a quote despite continuing to chase up; **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** agreed to follow this up on behalf of the Parish Council. **Ongoing**

The **Chairman** advised that a local resident is setting up a Community Café at the Village Institute (self funded) to be held once a month initially and it was unanimously agreed to donate £100 towards start up costs.

26/077 Correspondence Received: -

i. Resident – Receipt of correspondence received regarding Parish Council minutes not being displayed on the noticeboard in South Duffield was noted.

It was noted that the Parish Council have previously agreed that the minutes will only be displayed on the noticeboard on the village green as there is not enough space on the other Parish notice boards as half is made available for community notices, the minutes are also available on the Cliffe Village Website <https://www.cliffevillage.com/>

26/078 Representatives Report: -

Councillor A Holman provided an overview of the Drax Parish Council Liaison Meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2026.

Councillor S Gummerson advised that Cliffe Playing Field Association (CPFA) have asked the Parish Council to take ownership of the defibrillators sited outside the New Inn and on Cliffe Playing Fields.

Members discussed the ongoing maintenance obligations, and it was agreed that **Councillor Gummerson** would speak to the CPFA to seek clarification on several questions raised. **Ongoing**

Councillor Jewitt also agreed to make further enquiries regarding the defibrillator at South Duffield. **Ongoing**

Councillor R Woodall reported that residents had raised concern that there are more lodges on Cliffe Country Meadows Holiday Park than they have permission for.

Cliffe Village Institute

The **Chairman** reported that the fire exit door has been repaired and the Committee are looking to replace three additional doors.

26/079 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 13th April 2026 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE

26/080 Parish Council Owned Land - Ongoing

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