

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held at St Andrews Mission on Monday 14th June 2021

21/035 Present:-

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

District Councillors K Arthur and M Topping
Vince Barnes – Boom Power

Four members of the public

21/036 Apologies:-

County Councillor M Jordan

21/037 Declarations of Interest: - None

21/038 Public Session: -

A member of the public expressed concern that two local skip companies are flaunting the 7.5 tonne weight limit on York Road which needs to be addressed.

The member of the public also spoke about recent work carried out on the Playing Fields which has identified an issue with the electrical installations which needs to be rectified.

It was noted that the Playing Fields Association has received a quote totalling £800.00 and they were looking for any financial support that the Parish Council could offer.

It was agreed to put this on the July agenda for consideration and members suggested that the PFA contact County Councillor Mike Jordan about a possible contribution from his Locality Budget.

Presentation by Vinces Barnes (Head of Project Development) – Boom Power

Vince Barnes gave a comprehensive overview of the proposal for a renewable energy scheme (ground mounted solar farm) to be situated on land north east of Osgodby and to the north west of Cliff Common. A lengthy discussion took place and a number of concerns/questions were raised (by both members of the public and Parish/District Councillors) including traffic management during construction, York Road 7.5 tonne weight limit restrictions, screening of the site and the proposed electrical cable underneath Broadlane Wood.

It was noted that Boom Power are hoping to submit the planning application to Selby District Council in August following the public consultation, at which point the Parish Council will be formally consulted. If the application is successful then Boom Power hope that construction of the site could begin as soon as January 2022.

21/039 Parish Council Vacancies/Co-Option (x2)

Four candidates had put their name forward for co-option to the Parish Council; two of the four candidates had applied previously and were not present at the meeting.

The two new candidates who were present were invited to speak to the Parish Council about why they would like to join and what they could offer to the Parish Council and the community (as the two candidates who had previously applied had done in April); all four were considered to be very strong candidates.

Following a vote, John Jewitt and Karen Wedgwood were co-opted and welcomed to the Parish Council; the Chairman also thanked the other two applicants for their interest.

21/040 Listen to reports from County and District Councillors:-

District Councillor K Arthur spoke about the two new planning applications for Birchwood Lodge and the Parish Council had a discussion regarding the history of the site.

District Councillor M Topping gave an update on the Selby District Council Local Plan and advised that the path at the back of William Jacques Drive that links on to the A63 is very overgrown and would be reported to Selby District Council.

Councillor Topping also raised the possibility of putting a plaque on the village green in memory of ex Councillor David McSherry and all his hard work on behalf of the village and it was agreed to put this on the July agenda for further discussion.

Members raised questions concerning the grass cutting schedule for Cliffe and potential sources of funding that may be available to culvert the stretch of dyke up to the village green.

21/041 Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council (17/05): -

The Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Monday 17th May 2021 were proposed by Councillor A Holman, seconded by Councillor A Pulleyne and unanimously agreed.

21/042 Confirmation of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting (17/05): -

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 17th May 2021 were proposed by Councillor A Holman, seconded by Councillor A Pulleyne and unanimously agreed.

21/043 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meeting (action review):-

01 – Update on request for quote from George Fillingham to clear path on the Eastern side of York Road between Yewtree Farm and the Cliffe sign at the end of Jacques Lane

Clerk to meet with George Fillingham next week to obtain quote; to be circulated to members.

02 – Update on request for quote from George Fillingham to cut the grass verge as low as possible (to allow people to use it as a path) on the Eastern side of York Road between Common End Farm and the Southern perimeter of R Finney’s fenced field

Clerk to meet with George Fillingham next week to obtain quote; to be circulated to members.

03 – Report on any formal updates received from Highways on outstanding projects

Pedestrian Warning Signage

The **Chairman** advised that only two of the four agreed “No footway for 500 yards” pedestrian warning signs have been installed between Cliffe and Cliff Common and he has chased this up with NYCC Highways.

Councillor J Wallinger advised that when NYCC carried out an assessment of the A63 Cliffe Crossroads it was noted that the existing 'Children' warning signs on the approaches to the junction are smaller than is recommended in national guidelines for the vehicle approach speeds, so Highways had agreed to replace these; **Chairman** to chase up with NYCC Highways.

04 – Progress report on extending the village green lights and updating the Village Plan

It was noted that District Councillor M Topping had passed on the information to the **Chairman** and **Councillor J Wallinger**; to be investigated further.

05 – Monitor work agreed by Yorkshire Water at pre-school (flooding)

Councillor A Holman to continue to monitor.

06 – Provide Clerk & Councillor A Holman consolidated responses received from post on the Cliffe Village Website and other sources to try and establish how widespread the flooding problem is and identify problem areas within the village (COMPLETED)

Councillor J Wallinger has provided the clerk and Councillor A Holman with a list of the affected households.

07 – Communicate the consolidated responses received from post on the Cliffe Village Website and other sources to The Consumer Council for Water (CCWater) (COMPLETED)

Clerk has forwarded the list of affected households to CCWater.

08 - Update on response from The Consumer Council for Water (CCWater) regarding the lack of response from Yorkshire Water.

It was noted that the clerk had received an update advising that they are receiving high levels of customer contacts and as a number of companies currently have backlogs this is also impacting CCWater. However they are working closely with them to ensure information is processed as quickly as possible; **Clerk** to continue to monitor.

09 - Update on options, quotes received and potential grant funding to culvert the stretch of dyke up to the village green.

Councillor A Pulleyne advised that Plasmor have agreed to provide the materials required free of charge and he has received a quote (from Wrights of Crockey Hill) to carry out the work required. However, **Councillor A Pulleyne** to obtain an update to the quote following information received such as re-use of the concreted end section etc.

10 - Review the overgrown public footpaths on a monthly basis, with individual fields identified which do not comply with the applicable laws/regulations.

It was noted that the **Chairman** and **Councillors A Pulleyne & J Wallinger** are continuing to review the overgrown public footpaths.

11 - Update on request for quote to spray path on Turnham Lane & path on the Village Green

Clerk to meet with George Fillingham next week to obtain quote; to be circulated to members.

12 - Update on path identified as being incorrectly marked on the NYCC pathways map.

It was noted that the **clerk** has forwarded the maps provided by the Chairman to Mike Guerne (NYCC Public Rights of Way Officer) and asked him to investigate and rectify if required.

13 - Passing place locations on Hagg Lane (photographs received). Mark possible passing place locations on a map for the Clerk to forward to Highways.

It was noted that **Councillor A Holman** has marked the locations on a map which the clerk has sent to Sharon Fox (NYCC Highways).

14 - Cliffe to Cliff Common Footpath – Chase up advice from recommended charitable organisations.

It was noted that the **Chairman** has spoken to a local landowner regarding willingness to sell a 1.5m strip of land to facilitate the creation of a footpath and this is being considered; **Chairman** to continue to follow up.

15 - Arrange site visit with the contractor to discuss the outstanding work.

It was noted that the clerk has requested a site visit on Thursday 17/06 and is was awaiting confirmation from the contractor; once confirmed all members and District Councillor M Topping to be informed.

16 - Arc Sign to fit posts & sign at Broad Lane wood in June.

Clerk awaiting confirmation of installation date.

17 - Quotes from Handyman for repair/replacement of bridges (4) at Broad Lane Wood.

The **Chairman** advised that the handyman had provided a quote but unfortunately he is now retiring due to ill health therefore the Parish Council will have to reconsider their options.

It was noted that a semi-retired local handyman may be interested in doing work for the Parish Council; **clerk** to take seek employment advice from the Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA).

18 - Dog & litter bins – update on orders.

It was noted that the bins are on order with Selby District Council; **clerk** to continue to monitor

19 - Provide update on the book library on the village green (deferred from May meeting).

The **Chairman** advised that Motley Makers have nearly finished building the book library but no update had been received regarding the installation; **Chairman** to liaise with Mrs A Wilson to follow up.

20- Print copies of the ‘village walks’ leaflet and place copies in Cherry Tree Stores for distribution. Also place one in the village notice board(s) for information (deferred from May meeting).

It was noted that the village walk leaflets are now available in Cherry Tree Stores; **Chairman** to place on the village notice board(s).

21 - Monitor hole near river bank style at the end of Turnham Lane to clarify if repairs have been made. Chase up with the landowner.

It was noted that the hole is still uncovered and could pose a health and safety risk as grass has now grown over the hole so it is not clearly visible; **Councillor A Pulleyne** volunteered to look into this.

22 - Confirm membership of YLCA & NALC for the Parish Council.

It was noted that the clerk has received the welcome information from the YLCA including access advice/information; to be circulated to all members.

23 - Update on meeting with the South Duffield resident to discuss his proposal for village sign planters

Councillor J Wallinger is continuing to liaise with the resident of South Duffield regarding their preferred type/style of village sign.

24 - Make enquiries regarding the village sign options (deferred from May meeting)

It was noted that Mrs A Wilson has provided the **Chairman** with a sketch of the preferred type/style of village sign.

25 - Update on enquiry with Highways regarding erecting new village signs & what are the procedures/rules to follow.

Chairman to follow up with Mark Lumby at NYCC Highways to seek advice/agreement regarding permitted siting and construction.

26 - Update on the defective bridge at the end of Jacques' Lane reported to NYCC Highways/Byways.

Councillor J Wallinger advised that the defective bridge has been reported to NYCC Highways/Byways and he has received an acknowledgement; **Councillor Wallinger** to continue to monitor.

27 - Discuss any action arising from speed survey results (York Road)

Members discussed the data collected from both the NYCC speed survey and the Parish Council vehicle activated sign (VAS) and it was agreed that the Parish Council will continue to monitor the data received from the three agreed VAS locations.

It was also agreed that at the end of the current deployment the VAS will be put back on York Road.

28 - Publishing Speed sign survey results (York Road) on social media

It was noted that the **Chairman** has published the survey results on social media.

29 - Update on public footpath not clear – West of Kisima Farm to Lund Lane

Councillor R Woodhall advised that the landowner has now cleared the public footpath.

30 - Monitor the inconsiderate Parking on York Road (by a single car) & discuss with Councillor M Jordan if there is anything which can be done regarding this issue.

The **Chairman** advised that he had raised this issue with both **County Councillor M Jordan** and local Community Officer PC Neil Morris and was awaiting an update.

31 - Request to Highways for Deer Warning Signage (Lowmoor Road)

It was noted that the **Chairman** has submitted a request (Highways ref number: 101008318870) to NYCC Highways for two signs to be located at the north boundary near Just Paper Tubes and Fir Tree Farm.

32 - Provide information regarding procedure for moving 7.5t weight limit

(Deferred as County Councillor M Jordan was not present to provide the information)

33 - Talk with the management at Just Paper Tubes, to request that they take their HGVs onto the main roads rather than using the village as a short cut.

(See agenda item 21/044)

34 - Request for police patrols on the Playing Fields

Councillor J Wallinger advised that he has asked local Community Officer PC Neil Morris to add the Playing Fields to his patrol round.

It was noted that the Playing Fields Association has now painted the pavilion roof with anti-vandalism paint and residents were requested to report any issues to the police.

35 - Request quote from George Fillingham to spray path on Turnham Lane and also the path on the village green This was a duplication of previously discussed item, so is now null (See Item 11).

36 - Investigate potential signage (Trespass on footpaths/fields and general misuse of public footpaths)
37 - Draft educational leaflet & investigate distribution (Trespass on footpaths/fields and general misuse of public footpaths)

(Items 36 & 37 were discussed together)

Members had a discussion regarding the huge variety of signage that is available and **Councillor R Woodall** volunteered to contact the National Farmers Union (NFU) to try and obtain some signage and dog walking code leaflets from them.

38 - Investigate potential signage for 'dogs on lead' at footpath through Paddock in Lund.

It was noted that the **Chairman** and **Councillor J Wallinger** had visited the site and observed the current unofficial signage in place, but were unable to contact the resident who had raised the enquiry. **Chairman** to provide the clerk with photos of existing unofficial signage; **clerk** to contact Mike Guerny (NYCC Public Rights of Way Officer) to enquire if he can supply any suitable official signage.

39 - Contact Arboricultural Surveyor and grant permission from the Parish Council to trim back branches near power lines at the northern end of Clay Lane on the condition that the contractors respect nesting birds, don't leave the lane in a poor condition from their vehicles and don't leave large branches in the verges or hedgerows (COMPLETED)

The **clerk** confirmed that the Arboricultural Surveyor has been granted permission to carry out the work required.

40 - Contact the interested party regarding wayleave for cables beneath Broad Lane Wood & invite them to the June meeting (DONE)

41 - Contact the interested party regarding proposed solar farm north west of Cliffe Common & invite them to the June meeting (DONE)

42 – (2021/0288/COU) Request clarification from SDC planning for identified questions/clarifications.

(See item 21/051 (d) Planning Updates)

43 - (2021/0349/FUL) Request clarification from SDC planning for identified questions/clarifications.

(See item 21/051 (d) Planning Updates)

44 - (2021/0400/FULM) Provide Parish Council comments to SDC planning (COMPLETED)

The **clerk** confirmed that the Parish Councils comments had been submitted to SDC.

21/044 Review of HGV Traffic on York Road following discussions with local businesses: -

Councillor A Holman advised that he had spoken to Just Paper Tubes regarding their planning application and the ongoing problems with HGV's on York Road. He informed the meeting that the planning application is for additional storage capacity, not production.

It was noted that the Parish Council have contacted a number of other companies concerning their HGV's using York Road and the Parish Council will continue to monitor the situation.

21/045 Station Lane grass cutting: -

It was noted that a resident used to cut this area but that it had become too overgrown and unmanageable for them to continue.

Councillor A Pulleyne volunteered to cut this back and **Councillor K Wedgwood** will speak to the resident to see if they are happy to maintain it following the initial cut.

Members also raised concern that cars are regularly parked up on the grass verge.

21/046 Relocation of weight limit sign (7.5 tonne) for the Northern boundary from its current location (near the old Whitemoor Mine) to Cliffe Common Crossroads:-

The **Chairman** reported that he was awaiting an update from **County Councillor M Jordan**.

21/047 Police Community Officer's Report:-

It was noted that no police report had been received since April; **Councillor J Wallinger** to follow up with PC Neil Morris (Community Officer).

21/048 Cliffe Bus Service/Route status:-

The **clerk** reported that Councillor J Strelczenie (Chairman of Hemingbrough Parish Council) is still in the process of arranging a meeting with Arriva (to include all three Parish Councils along the route) to discuss the future of the bus service.

21/049 Posterngate Surgery – Proposed closure of branch surgery at Hemingbrough:-

The **Chairman** read out a letter received from the Practice Manager concerning the proposed closure of the branch surgery and their reasoning for this.

It was unanimously agreed that the Parish Council are against the closure and will work with Hemingbrough Parish Council to try and get the decision reversed.

21/050 Plasmor site visit:-

It was noted that both the **Chairman** and **Councillor J Wallinger** had attended the site visit on Wednesday 9th June and they gave an overview of the future plans for a nature reserve with public access on the site once the workings have finished.

21/051 Planning: -

a) Consider Planning Applications Received:-

i. (2021/0524/HPA) Installation of a standard open sided garden gazebo to cover a Jacuzzi hot tub, this standard size building is 15 cm higher than the 2.5 m permitted as a result of the concrete base it rests upon, this structure is 1m from the boundary fence (retrospective) at **Copley Dene, Hull Road, Cliffe**
No Objections

ii. (2021/0480/FUL) Erection of single storey building to form cattery at **Foxhills Boarding Kennels, Market Weighton Road, Barlby** No Objections

iii. (2021/0420/COU) Change of use of land to domestic curtilage at **Hall Farm, Lund Lane, Cliffe**
No Objections

iv. (2021/0385/FUL) Reconfiguration of the internal road and installation of lights associated with the previously permitted siting of 5 lodges, tourers, tents and motor homes at **Cliffe Meadows Holiday Park, Turnham Lane, Cliffe** No Objections although members question the accuracy of the plan.

The clerk was also asked to contact Selby District Council regarding the site notice which was removed the day after being posted and to clarify the situation regarding occupancy.

(It was noted that correspondence received from a resident concerning the planning applications for Birchwood Lodge had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting)

v. (2021/0638/FUL) Single storey storage unit at **Birchwood Lodge, Market Weighton Road, Barlby**
No Objections

vi. (2021/0641/S73) Section 73 application to vary conditions 08 (hours) and 09 (flights) of planning permission reference number 2018/1387/FUL Proposed Forming of new storage area, forming of new workshop and use of runway for any day of the week granted on 15 October 2019 at **Birchwood Lodge, Market Weighton Road, Barlby** No Objections

vii. (2021/0241/FUL) Conversion and extension to existing barn to form dwelling (retrospective) at **The Farmstead, Lund Lane, Cliffe** No Objections

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

c) Note Planning Applications Granted: -

i (2020/1104/COU) Change of use of land for the siting of 3 lodge style caravans at **Cliffe Country Lodges, Cliffe Common, Cliffe**

ii (2021/0263/HPA) Single storey extension to the side to form an annexe at **Redwood House, York Road, Cliffe**

d) Planning Updates: -

(2021/0288/COU) Change of use of land for temporary siting of a static caravan at **Willow Cottage, Mill Lane, South Duffield** Object

1) The Parish Council object to the application on the grounds that no response has been received to the questions initially raised with Selby District Council following the April Parish Council Meeting:-

- Why does the applicant require temporary siting of a static caravan and what will this be used for?
- The application states temporary use but gives no indication of a timeframe, how long will the caravan be sited for?

(2021/0349/FUL) Erection of new workshops following demolition of existing building at **Birchwood Lodge, Market Weighton Road, Barlby**

It was agreed to refer this to District Councillor K Arthur as no response has been received to the questions initially raised with Selby District Council following the April Parish Council Meeting:-

- What is the workshop going to be used for?

- What noise level will be generated from the workshop?

16e) Proposed Solar Farm on land north west of Cliff Common

See Item 21/038

16f) Proposed wayleave Agreement – Broadlane Wood

Deferred due to a lack of information

21/052 Finance: -

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

i. J Leighton-Eshelby (June Salary) £ As Agreed

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

i. Keith Walls (Hedge Cutting at Cliff Common) £ 69.60 (Gross)
£ 11.60 (VAT)
£ 58.00 (Net)

ii. NYCC (Speed Survey - York Road) £ 132.00 (Gross)
£ 22.00 (VAT)
£ 110.00 (Net)

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

i. Rent (Parish Paddock) £ 50.00

21/053 Correspondence Received:-

Clerk & Councils Direct – Receipt of newsletter was noted

21/054 Review/Update Parish Projects List:-

(Already covered elsewhere on the agenda)

21/055 Representatives Report

Councillor P Maw raised concern that NYCC Highways have not cut the grass verge at the crossroads; **Chairman** and **Councillor J Wallinger** to liaise and report any uncut road verges to NYCC.

The **Chairman** advised that unfortunately the Parish Paddock tenant had given her two months' notice due to a change in circumstances; the tenant will remove any personal items before the end of the notice period.

It was also noted that the Village Institute have appointed a new booking secretary.

Councillor R Woodall raised concern regarding the impassable footpath that runs down the side of the new house to the South of the A63 as it rises upwards towards the railway bridge.

Chairman and **Councillors A Pulleyne & J Wallinger** to look into further.

21/056 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 12th July 2021

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