

# **What To Do WCLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at Cliffe Village Institute**

### **23/116 Present: -**

Councillor G Wilson (Chairman)  
Councillor H Cross  
Councillor P Maw  
Councillor A Pulleyne  
Councillor E Yates

North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur  
PC Richard Wood  
PCSO Hannah Price  
Hugh Roberts – Planning Consultant

One member of the public

### **23/117 Apologies: -**

Councillors A Holman, J Jewitt, J Wallinger and R Woodall

**23/118 Declarations of Interest: -** No interests declared.

### **23/119 Public Session: -**

- Query if Highways will provide any funding towards alterations to the speed bumps on York Road – The Chairman confirmed that Highways will not provide any funding for this and reiterated that the Parish Council have not made any decisions yet. The Chairman also advised that Highways are not prepared to install full width speed bumps on York Road.

### **23/120 Report from Police Community Support Officer (PCSO Declan Robinson)**

PC Richard Wood explained that PCSO Declan Robinson has been seconded to York for a while so both himself and PCSO Hannah Price will be covering our area for the time being.

The Chairman thanked the officers for attending the meeting and raised the following issues: -

#### **7.5 tonne weight limit on York Road**

The Chairman advised that there is a no right turn at the exit to Whitemoor Business Park for any vehicle exceeding 7.5t due to the weight limit on York Road however several local companies are continuing to breach the weight limit despite the Parish Council contacting them on a number of occasions.

The Chairman read out a letter drafted by Councillor E Yates which the Parish Council intend to send out to all local haulage companies exceeding the weight limit on York Road which both PC Richard Wood and PCSO Hannah Price were in support of.

The Chairman advised that a resident has been regularly taking photographs of the registration numbers of HGV's that are breaking the weight limit and asked the officers about using these as evidence.

Members discussed policing of the weight limit and PC Wood spoke to the Traffic Police who agreed to look at providing some enforcement (resources permitting).

PC Wood also agreed to spend some time patrolling York Road if there is no improvement after the Parish Council send the letters out.

### Speeding

The Chairman spoke about the Parish Council Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) which is moved around three locations in the Parish and referred to the data obtained from the VAS situated on York Road which indicated that 65% of vehicles were exceeding the speed limit, similar results were also obtained from the speed survey carried out by North Yorkshire County Council.

It was noted that the Parish Council have provided the data to North Yorkshire Police who agreed to send a Safety Camera Enforcement vehicle, but this has still not been deployed. PC Wood agreed to chase this up on behalf of the Parish Council; **clerk** to provide PC Wood with the email trail. **Chairman** to provide PC Wood with the speed survey data obtained from the Parish Council Vehicle Activated Sign.

### Parking

The Chairman advised that due to inconsiderate parking the Parish Council have requested double yellow lines on Badgers Way and near the tennis courts; these are currently with Highways Legal Team.

It was noted that despite the double yellow lines outside school, parking is still an on-going problem and PCSO Hannah Price suggested putting cones on the zig zags and teachers (wearing high visibility clothing) patrol at drop off and pick up times; **Chairman** to speak to the headmaster.

### Monthly Police Reports

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council used to receive a monthly police report detailing any criminal activity/incidents in the Parish and PCSO Price advised that this was stopped due to a lack of staff. PCSO Price recommended signing up to Community Messenger which is a free email alert system to keep you informed on what is happening in your area. **Clerk** to sign up and produce monthly police reports for publication on the Parish Council noticeboard.

The Chairman thanked PC Richard Wood and PCSO Hannah Price and they left the meeting but did agree to look at attending future meetings on a regular basis (shifts permitting).

### **23/121 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -**

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur reported that North Yorkshire Council had informed him that he would have to finance the creation of a new footpath to Cliffe Common from his Locality Budget and as this would cost in the region of £87,000 unfortunately this is not financially viable.

Councillor Arthur advised that funding for any footpath spraying to the north of the A63 between Lund/Railway Bridge and the village would also have to be covered from his Locality Budget. Councillors to monitor the footpath and decide on maintenance as required in future.

Village Green Coronation Project - **Clerk** to liaise with Councillor Arthur on the funding application.

Councillor Arthur advised that he will not be able to attend the next two meetings however he agreed to supply a monthly report.

Councillor Arthur was made aware of an issue which has been brought to the attention of the Parish Council (regarding a matter which was outside of the remit of the Parish Council) which he agreed to investigate and speak to the complainant directly.

### **23/122 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023: -**

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2023 as an accurate record of the meeting.

### **23/123 Short presentation by planning consultant regarding possible future development within the parish: -**

Hugh Roberts (Planning Consultant) advised that he has been instructed by a landowner to look at a piece of land on Moor Lane, South Duffield with regards to a small-scale bungalow scheme.

Mr Roberts spoke about the land, planning policy and possible open space provision and advised that he will continue to engage with the Parish Council.

It was also agreed that Mr Roberts will attend a future Parish Council meeting to discuss the scheme in more detail once a planning application has been submitted.

Councillor A Pulleyne arrived late due to a prior engagement.

### **23/124 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings: - See Below**

#### **23/125 Highways: -**

The Chairman advised that he had spoken to East Riding of Yorkshire Council Highways before the Bubwith Bridge closure, and he had been assured that plenty of diversion signs would be going up to try and alleviate disruption as much as possible.

The general consensus seems to be that less HGV's are using York Road during the bridge closure.

The Chairman read out the following correspondence sent to Stacey Preece – North Yorkshire Council; awaiting response:-

*“Please can you give me a definitive quote for removal of all of the speed bumps on York Road (3 pairs) and replacing them with Ghost humps - to include also the one which was removed a few years ago near to the junction with Station View – as per the attached layout plan? This will mean a total of 3 pairs removed and 3 ghost pairs + 1 triple painted?”*

*York Road gateway layout – Can you confirm that the signage etc for this is different to the signage already there? (e.g. are the 30mph signs larger than existing etc) – if so, then yes please can you provide us with an updated quote. Please note – as this is near to residential buildings the 3-2-1 countdown strips will need to be the SILENT type?*

*The three South Duffield signs are already in place. They are old/worn and broken – we simply need a quote from you for replacement of the old signs with new ones in the same locations please?*

*Can you please confirm the build-out costs, as I know the price you quoted is higher than what you charged North Duffield PC for their build-out installation?”*

#### **Survey of residents living near the speed bumps on York Road (both sides)**

The Chairman advised that he carried out the survey on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> August, speaking to the residents of 18 properties (some residents did not answer the door) and taking five hours to complete.

The results are summarised below: -

- 8 strongly want the speed bumps removed
- 2 support removal of the speed bumps as long as an alternative is found
- 6 did not express a preference but would be happy to go with the majority
- 2 strongly want the speed bumps to remain

Therefore, the survey shows that the majority of affected households along the stretch of York Road where the speed bumps are located wish them to be removed and replaced with 'silent' ones. It was agreed to discuss further at the September meeting once the quotes from Highways have been received.

#### **23/126 Speeding: - See Item 23/120**

The Chairman advised that he has tried to download the data from the vehicle activated sign (VAS) this afternoon (currently located on the A63 facing West) and unfortunately due to an unknown technical issue

the sign has reset, meaning that no data is available since November last year. **Chairman** will reset the sign and move to York Road (facing North) prior to the next meeting.

Councillor A Pulleyne spoke about the possibility of the Parish Council purchasing additional, smaller, vehicle activated signs as part of the new traffic calming measures on York Road and this was briefly discussed by members.

**Councillor A Pulleyne** to obtain quotes for additional signs.

**23/127 7.5t Weight Limit (York Road): -**

Members unanimously agreed to send the letter drafted by Councillor E Yates and read out by the Chairman earlier in the meeting to local haulage companies that are not adhering to the weight limit restrictions.

**Councillor E Yates** to finalise the letter.

**Chairman** to send the final version to the clerk along with a list of local companies that require a letter in the first instance.

**Clerk** to send the letters as requested.

**23/128 Oxen Lane: -**

The Chairman reported that the landowner will be harvesting their crop within the next ten days and the local residents can then cut down the unhealthy tree and take it away.

**23/129 Water/Drainage: -**

No further update; **Councillor J Wallinger** still awaiting a response from Yorkshire Water.

**23/130 Village Green: -**

**Councillor J Jewitt** is arranging for the contractor to replace one of the Highways fencing panels that is not required (as originally agreed); **Chairman** to follow up.

The Chairman confirmed that the electrical contractor has now put an extra socket in as requested (arranged by Councillor A Pulleyne).

**Councillor P Maw** reported that the Village Institute Committee have agreed that the Parish Council will purchase and fit the additional Christmas lights, in line with the ones on the village green.

The Chairman reported that the commemorative plaque (Queen's Platinum Jubilee) under the weeping willow tree has badly rusted; **Councillor H Cross** volunteered to try and clean it up in the first instance.

**23/131 Parish Council Documents: -**

**Chairman** to arrange a convenient date for members to access the safe at school to go through the Parish Council documents.

**23/132 Public Footpaths: - (to include any overgrown public footpaths which have been identified that do not comply with the applicable laws/regulations): - No issues raised**

**23/133 Grass Maintenance 2023: -**

It was agreed to review the grass maintenance contract for next year; **Chairman** and **Councillor A Pulleyne** to liaise.

**Councillor A Pulleyne** advised that the placement of daffodils is causing difficulties with the grass cutting and it was agreed that this should be reviewed; **clerk** to add to the September agenda.

It was noted that two quotes had been received to remove the dead tree outside school & grind the stump and these were discussed by members.

It was agreed to accept the quote of £400 received from Tree Tops to remove the dead tree, grind the stump and clear the site.

**Councillor A Pulleyne** volunteered to remove the soil around the base of the tree.

**Councillor Pulleyne** to ask the landowner to cut back their overgrown hedge on Turnham Lane; ongoing.

**23/134 Path Maintenance: - Ongoing**

**23/135 Broad Lane Wood: -**

**Pond at Whitemoor Mine**

The **Chairman** reported that both himself and **Councillor A Pulleyne** had met with a local contractor on site to get a second opinion/quote.

The quote received of £1,100 to chop the trees back that are pushing over the fence and to carry out a repair was unanimously agreed as this is substantially less than the quote provided by the new landowner.

**Chairman** to liaise with **Councillor J Jewitt** to obtain permission from the landowner to carry out the work.

**Chairman** to liaise with the contractor.

**23/136 Parish Paddock: -** No further update

**23/137 Village Green Coronation Project: -**

**Chairman** to liaise with Amy Wilson regarding commemorative plaques for the new Coronation bench. It was also noted that the school is to be given the Coronation flag that was flown on the village green.

**23/138 Little Library: -**

The Chairman advised that Amy Wilson is going to contact Western Wolds Men In Sheds regarding the creation of a smaller mini library for children to be sited underneath the current book library as agreed at the June Parish Council meeting.

**23/139 Planning: -**

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

i. (ZG2023/0612/OUT) Outline application for demolition of former coal-yard building and outline erection of bungalow and garage store at rear of including access (all other matters reserved) at **Sunnydene Farm, 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.

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

i. (ZG2023/0738/HPA) Erection of single storey extension between existing buildings at **Barrack Row, York Road, Cliffe** No Objections

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

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

**e) Note Planning Applications Withdrawn: -** NIL

**23/140 Finance: -**

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

i. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – August)	£ As Agreed
ii. J Wedgwood (Grass Cutting)	£ 800.00
iii. Information Commissioner (Data Protection Fee Renewal)	£ 40.00
iv. Compost/plants for Coronation Project	£ 183.86

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

i. S.B.Cook (Electrical work on Village Green)	£ 111.32 (Gross)
	£ 18.55 (VAT)
	£ 92.77 (Net)

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

i. Stephen Greenwood Limited (Supply & fitting of sleepers, stone and steelwork for plinth and supply of steel frames for mosaics – Village Green Kings Coronation Bench and Planters)	£ 1800.00
ii. AJ Kyle (Village Green Kings Coronation Bench and Planters)	£ 700.00

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

**23/141 Correspondence Received: - None**

**23/142 Representatives Report: -**

**Councillor P Maw** spoke about the double yellow lines planned for Badgers Way and asked if these could be extended onto York Road. The Chairman advised that the issue was discussed with Highways and ultimately, they will decide on appropriate markings if necessary. This is with Highways Legal Team but it will be a lengthy process.

**Councillor A Pulleyne** reported that he will be attending the Plasmor Liaison Group Meeting being held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August.

The **Chairman** reported that concern had been raised that new residents on York Road are parking illegally within 10 metres of the junction with Oxen Lane and on the footpath causing an obstruction; **Chairman** to speak to the residents.

**Councillor H Cross** reported that the Mary Waud Foundation are meeting next week to discuss the school's application for academy status.

**23/141 Confirm date of next meeting: -** Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE.

**23/142 Parish Council owned land: -** Ongoing.

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