

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5th January 2026 at Cliffe Village Institute

26/001 Present: -

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

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

PCSO Hannah Gaskell was also present accompanied by a new student officer

26/002 Apologies: -

Councillor J Jewitt
Councillor R Woodall

26/003 Declarations of Interest: -

None

26/004 Public Session: -

No members of the public were present.

26/005 Police Report: -

PCSO Hannah Gaskell reiterated that her inspector has decided to no longer produce the monthly newsletters but as the information available on the North Yorkshire police website is out of date, she will continue to provide the monthly crime statistics.

December 2025 (up to 23/12/2025)

2 – Road traffic collisions reported
1 – crime reported
2 – Highway disruption
1 – Animal & wildlife related incident

Members raised concern that the information provided is too generic and Hannah agreed to include more detail (subject to data protection legislation).

It was also noted that three abandoned properties in Osgodby, Brayton & Barby were all broken into on the same evening last week.

Hannah reported that in the new year there will be an increased police presence at Cliffe Primary School during drop-off and pick-up times to remind parents to park safely and in accordance with the highway law and regulations however they can issue fixed penalty notices for unsafe/dangerous parking near the school.

Hannah also advised that she will be speaking to the school about instigating a walk to school campaign to reduce car use and traffic danger.

The **Chairman** advised that the Parish Council have asked Highways to investigate the possibility of providing a small car park as the field immediately North of the school is owned by North Yorkshire Council.

Members raised concern regarding youth anti-social behaviour and littering at the Plantation (Oxen Lane) and Hannah agreed to patrol and investigate further.

It was also noted that youths had been walking across the live railway tracks however Network Rail have now installed a fence to prevent this.

Concern was raised that a very noisy off-road bike is being regularly driven on Oxen Lane by a youth not wearing a helmet and Hannah agreed to investigate.

Hannah advised that she is keen to promote neighbourhood policing in the community and the **Chairman** agreed to speak to the New Inn about organising a police drop-in session.

PCSO Hannah Gaskell and the student officer left the meeting.

26/006 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur gave an update on the following issues:-

Ongoing planning and enforcement issues

Councillor Arthur advised that he is still awaiting a response from **Councillor M Crane** regarding a date for the follow up meeting with the **Chairman**.

Jo Coles (Deputy Mayor of York & North Yorkshire)

Councillor Arthur reported that he has extended an invite to Jo Coles to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

7.5t Weight Limit on York Road

Councillor Arthur advised that he is still awaiting a response from Jo Coles (Deputy Mayor of York & North Yorkshire) regarding the Parish Councils request for assurance that the 7.5t weight limit will be policed.

Local Bus Service

It was noted that **Councillor Arthur** has received a positive response regarding the possibility of resurrecting a local bus service and he is looking to arrange a meeting with all the Parish Councils along the route in the near future.

26/007 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1st December 2025: -

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st December 2025 as an accurate record of the meeting.

26/008 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meeting: -

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

Chairman to purchase two timetable frames which will be installed at the bus stop outside Cherry Tree Stores and opposite the Old Post Office. **Ongoing**

Bench on the grassed area at the entrance to Hemingbrough

Hemingbrough Parish Council to consider Cliffe Parish Council proposal at their next meeting (22/01/2026) **Ongoing**

Drainage Plans Requested

The **clerk** advised that Sharon Fox (North Yorkshire Council Highways) has asked for clarification on the request for a copy of drainage plans for Cliffe.

Councillor A Holman clarified his request (gullies not roadside ditches); **clerk** to reply to Sharon Fox.

26/009 Highways:-

Speed Camera signs on York Road

The **Chairman** advised that despite the signage already being agreed by Jo Coles (Deputy Mayor of York and North Yorkshire and Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner) Highways will only install the signs if permission is granted by a John Hunter.

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur to ask Jo Coles to chase this up with John Hunter.

Speed Limit Reduction

Following the **Chairman's** meeting with Highways, a proposal for a speed limit reduction through Lund (Lund Lane) and Cliffe Common which has been agreed by the Highways Traffic Engineering Team. A map showing the proposed new speed limits is posted at the end of these minutes.

Double Yellow Lines

It was noted that the proposal for double yellow lines at the junction of Oxen Lane and York Road will be added to the list of highway restrictions to be processed in the new year.

26/010 Speeding:-

Community Speedwatch

The **clerk** gave an update on Community Speedwatch and it was noted that she is awaiting a response from North Yorkshire Police with regards to setting up a scheme in Cliffe and the costs involved.

Councillor J Wallinger to forward the details of the four residents who have expressed an interest in volunteering to the **clerk** so she can keep them updated on progress.

Chairman to post an update on social media. **Ongoing**

Speed Monitoring on York Road

It was noted that **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** has asked Jo Coles to pursue the mobile speed monitoring agreed for York Road. **Ongoing**

Councillor J Wallinger & Chairman to arrange for the new battery to be installed in the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) and the dates/data to be reset. **Ongoing**

It was noted that the **Chairman** has replied to correspondence received from a resident raising concern regarding speeding from Cliffe Village to Cliffe Common/Market Weighton Road junction.

It was also noted that the **clerk** has written to Keir Mather MP regarding road safety concerns in Cliffe; awaiting response. **Ongoing**

26/011 Water/Drainage:-

Councillor J Wallinger advised that tankers/tractors are regularly using the lane between the institute and preschool to access the pumping station which is causing a lot of mess and damage. A complaint has been sent to Yorkshire Water who are sending out an engineer to assess what remedial work is required.

26/012 Village Green:-

The **Chairman** advised that Meticulous Gardens will be erecting the new fence prior to the start of the grass cutting season. **Ongoing**

Chairman to follow up on the little library with Amy Wilson. **Ongoing**

Councillor J Wallinger reported that two of the spotlights have been smashed; **Councillor Wallinger** to arrange for these to be replaced.

Christmas lights to disconnected and removed.

26/013 Tree stump on Main Street: -

The **Chairman** reported that the tree stump has been felled/ground down and wood removed.

26/014 CCTV at Cliffe Village Institute and Cliffe Playing Field Pavilion:-

Cliffe Village Institute

The **Chairman** reported that CCTV has now been installed at the Village Institute.

Cliffe Playing Field Pavilion

Councillor S Gummerson advised that in order to install CCTV at the pavilion a sim card is required at a cost of @ £6.00 per month as no internet is available.

Members discussed the potential CCTV locations for maximum effectiveness, and it was agreed to cover the annual cost of the sim card; **Councillor S Gummerson** to speak to Cliffe Playing Field Association (CPFA) at their next meeting.

Chairman to speak to the new Headmistress regarding security at Cliffe Primary School.

Concern was raised regarding ongoing bullying and disruption at both Cliffe Primary School and Barlby High School and it was agreed that the **Chairman** would also raise these concerns with the new Headmistress.

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur to investigate further if the problems persist.

26/015 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

It was noted that **Councillor E Yates** is still awaiting a response from North Yorkshire Council regarding the public footpath that has been diverted by the erection of new fencing and the broken kissing gate.

Councillor Yates to forward details onto **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** so he can escalate. **Ongoing**

26/016 Public use of footpaths (to include misuse, trespassing, littering, dog fouling etc): -

Councillor S Gummerson raised concern regarding the amount of dog fouling on Station Lane and littering on York Road (up to Cliffe Common) & public footpaths; **Chairman** to put a post on social media regarding dog fouling and littering to highlight the problems.

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur to make enquiries regarding litter cameras.

It was also agreed that **Councillor E Yates** will liaise with **Councillor A Marshall** and produce/purchase some littering signs to be put up around the village.

26/017 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**

Clerk to follow up on request to Northern Powergrid for more information regarding the wayleave payments. **Ongoing**

26/018 Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive: -

It was noted that **Councillor E Yates** is still awaiting a response from North Yorkshire Council.

Councillor Yates to forward details onto **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** so he can escalate. **Ongoing**

26/019 Path Maintenance: -

Chairman to contact Gary Lumb (North Yorkshire Council Highways) regarding the state of the footpath on Turnham Lane. **Ongoing**

26/020 Broad Lane Wood: -

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

26/021 Parish Paddock: -

Froglife Habitat Action Plan - Ongoing

Chairman to follow up.

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

Chairman to follow up.

26/022 Planning: -

a) Councillors considered the following Planning Applications received: -

i. (ZG2025/1201/S73) Section 73 application to vary condition 02 of approval ZG2024/0864/FUL Removal of existing dwelling and outbuilding and erection of pair of semi-detached and one detached dwellings with integral garages 25 November 2024 at **West View, York Road, Cliffe** **Comment Only**

- This no longer appears to be in keeping as it changes the aesthetics of the full development (three dwellings).

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

c) Note Planning Applications Granted: -

i. (ZG2025/1169/MAN2) Non-material amendment of approval ZG2024/0125/FUL Erection of replacement mower shed at **Birchwood Lodge, Market Weighton Road, Barlby**

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

Councillor A Holman expressed concerns regarding the number of proposed solar farms in the area.

26/023 Finance: -

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

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

ii. HMRC (PAYE) £ 170.94

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

i. Pulleyne Building Contractors Ltd £ 2,160.00
(Work to Oxen Lane – Levelling and grading)

c) To ratify payments made in between meetings: -

i. Abbey Alarms £ 191.25
(Balance on Village Institute CCTV Installation)

ii. Paul Clifton £ 530.00
(Fell and remove tree stump & grind/level on Main Street)

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

e) Finance Report and Precept for 2026/2027: -

Following a review and discussion of the information provided by the clerk it was unanimously agreed that due to increased maintenance costs the precept would be increased to £28,000.00 (+ £1,000) resulting in a Band D Charge increase of £1.45 (annually).

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

Councillor J Wallinger awaiting quote. **Ongoing**

g) Discuss quote to repaint and reroof the Bus Shelter (Main Street) :-

Chairman to ask local handyman to repaint and reroof the bus shelter. **Ongoing**

26/024 Correspondence Received: - None Received

26/025 Representatives Report: -

Councillor A Marshall reported that positive feedback had been received from residents regarding the Village Green Christmas lights.

Councillor S Gummerson advised that he is now a member of Cliffe Playing Field Association (CPFA) Committee in addition to being the Parish Council representative. It was also noted that a new Chairman has been appointed.

Cliffe Parish Charity

Councillor H Cross gave an update on Cliffe Parish Charity.

Mary Waud Foundation

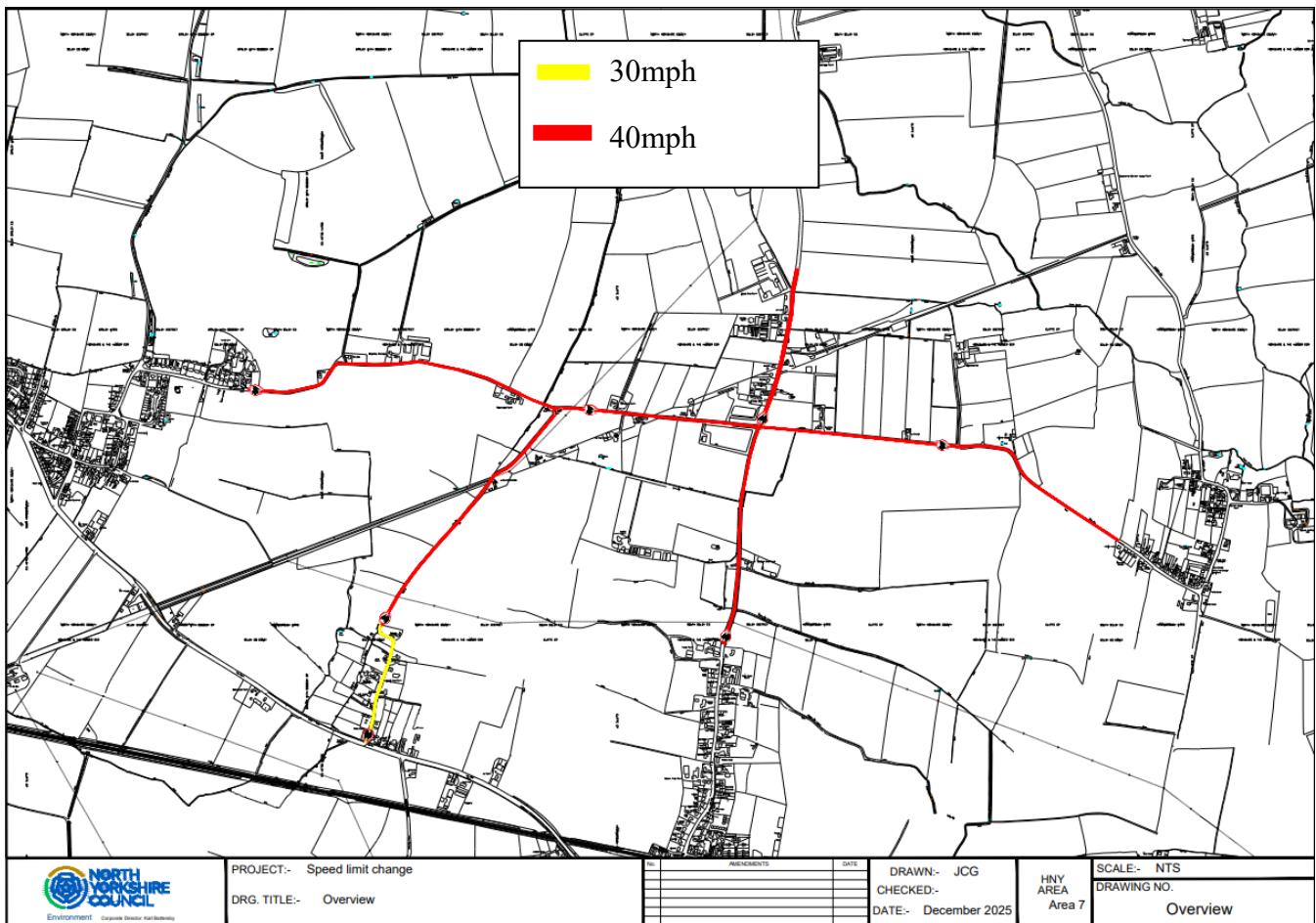
Cliffe Primary School request for a donation towards new IT equipment

Following concerns previously raised by the Parish Council, **Councillor H Cross** read out correspondence received clarifying that any funds received for a specific project will only be used for the benefit of Cliffe Primary School & the purpose it was requested for and there will be no direct or indirect benefit to any of the other schools within the Selby Educational Trust.

Members briefly discussed Cliffe Village Institute insurance and maintenance.

26/026 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 2nd February 2026 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE

Proposed new speed limits within the Parish:



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