

## CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 at Cliffe Village Institute

#### 26/027 Present: -

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

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

Darren Starkey (Operations Manager) – The Froglife Trust

One member of the public was also present

#### 26/028 Apologies: -

Councillor S Gummerson

#### 26/029 Declarations of Interest: -

Councillor A Marshall declared a personal interest in Item 25/048(f) Note receipt of planning appeal against refusal of an application (i) ZG2025/0629/HPA due to being a neighbour of the appellant.

#### 26/030 Public Session: -

A resident raised concerns regarding the increase of traffic on York Road, HGV's ignoring the 7.5 tonne weight limit and speeding; the resident has also raised her concerns with Keir Mather MP  
It was also noted that the residents front window had recently shattered as a lorry passed by her property at approximately 7am.

#### 7.5t Weight Limit on York Road

The **Chairman** advised that the Parish Council is actively pursuing Jo Coles (Deputy Mayor of York & North Yorkshire) for assurance that the 7.5t weight limit will be policed however it was noted that there are some exemptions within the restricted zone.

**Councillor J Wallinger** also advised that the Parish Council have written to local businesses asking them not to use York Road and North Yorkshire Highways have erected additional 7.5t weight limit signage opposite Whitemoor Business Park and on the A63.

#### Speeding

The **Chairman** reported that the speed bumps were removed from York Road and replaced with painted ghost humps at the request of residents due to noise, vibration and structural damage. NY Highways also deemed the existing type of speed bumps ineffective, and that all speed surveys conducted on York Road which show speeding issues were conducted whilst the bumps were still in place. He also explained that North Yorkshire Highways have deemed York Road unsuitable for a traffic build-out or chicanes.

The **Chairman** and **Councillor J Wallinger** gave an update on the Parish Councils request for speed monitoring and speed camera signs on York Road.

It was noted that the **clerk** had already written to Keir Mather MP at the start of the year to make him aware of the ongoing actions that Cliffe Parish Council are undertaking regarding road safety in our Parish and he has offered his support; **clerk** to request a meeting with the **Chairman**.

It was agreed to move Item 20 Parish Paddock forward to allow Darren Starkey (Operations Manager) – The Froglife Trust to speak.

### **26/031 Parish Paddock: -**

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

The **Chairman** advised that the Draft Memorandum of Understanding allows Askham Bryan College access to the Parish Paddock to enable staff and students to carry out ecological surveys, however the surveys are only for the purpose of training the students and to provide the Parish Council with information and are not to be regarded or treated as a certified or professional assessment.

On the understanding that this does not preclude the Parish Council from working with other ecological charities/groups it was unanimously agreed that the **Chairman** would sign the documentation on behalf of the Parish Council.

#### **Froglife Habitat Action Plan**

Darren Starkey (Operations Manager) advised that Froglife is a national wildlife conservation charity concerned with the conservation of the UK's reptile and amphibian species.

It was noted that Froglife is actively involved in restoring former mining areas through its "Coalface to Wildspace" project which focuses on transforming derelict, post-industrial landscapes into thriving habitats for amphibians and reptiles with support from the National Lottery Heritage Fund.

Darren gave a very informative overview of the proposed habitat action plan for the Parish Paddock which would be at no financial cost to the Parish Council and will also include ongoing maintenance advice.

Darren confirmed that they are happy to work in conjunction with Askham Bryan College and involve Cliffe Primary School.

Members discussed the project at length, and it was unanimously agreed to go ahead with the habitat action plan subject to Froglife securing funding from the National Lottery Heritage Fund; **Chairman** to sign the documentation on behalf of the Parish Council.

### **26/032 Police Report: -**

Receipt of January 2026 police report from PCSO Hannah Gaskell was acknowledged and it was noted that there were no reports of any crimes or anti-social behaviour in Cliffe.

### **26/033 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -**

**North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** reported that a consultation on the Proposed Local Planning Enforcement Plan is now ongoing until Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March (**clerk** has circulated to all members).

Councillor Arthur also spoke about North Yorkshire Council budgets and advised that over the next three years it is likely that council tax will increase by 4.99% per year (2.99% general & 2% adult social care) however this is still to be formally approved by full council.

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

#### **Speed Camera signs on York Road**

**Councillor Arthur** advised that he has received a response from Jo Coles (Deputy Mayor of York and North Yorkshire and Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner) advising that the request has been forwarded to the relevant department who will respond in due course; **Councillor Arthur** will continue to chase.

#### **Jo Coles (Deputy Mayor of York & North Yorkshire)**

**Councillor Arthur** confirmed that he has extended an invite to Jo Coles to attend a future Parish Council meeting and provided a list of our 2026 meeting dates.

#### **Local Bus Service**

**Councillor Arthur** advised that he has received a positive response from all the Parish Councils along the route and he is in the process of arranging a meeting.

### **26/034 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026: -**

The **Chairman** read out correspondence received from the Headteacher of Cliffe VC Primary School requesting that the January minutes be amended and redacted.

The **Chairman** repeated his response, and it was agreed that the comments were made in a public meeting with parents of pupils in attendance and therefore the minutes accurately reflect what was discussed. It was also noted that the **Chairman** has requested a meeting with the Headteacher to discuss if there is anything the Parish Council can help the school with especially in the area of security/CCTV etc. but he is still awaiting a reply.

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 as an accurate record of the meeting.

### **26/035 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meeting: -**

#### Ongoing planning and enforcement issues

It was noted that **Councillor M Crane** has contacted the **Chairman** directly and they are in the process of arranging a follow up meeting; **Councillor J Wallinger** will also attend the meeting.

#### 7.5t Weight Limit on York Road

**Councillor Arthur** reported 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; **Councillor Arthur** to chase up.

The **Chairman** reiterated that he will be raising this issue at his meeting with Keir Mather MP.

#### 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. **Ongoing**

#### Drainage Plans Requested

It was noted that the **clerk** had received the gully drainage plans from Sharon Fox (North Yorkshire Council Highways) as requested and passed these on to **Councillor A Holman** who will review and report back at the March meeting.

### **26/036 Highways: -**

The **Chairman** advised that he had received two complaints concerning the white lines which are worn out between the railway crossing and York Road/A63 crossroads; **clerk** to report to North Yorkshire Council Highways and ask them to reinstate the road markings.

The **Chairman** also reported that a number of South Duffield residents have raised concern regarding the increasing flooding on Moor Lane (west of South Duffield) meaning it is impassable by car 2-3 times a year. **clerk** to report to North Yorkshire Council Highways.

In addition, concerns were raised regarding the state of the road surface at Cliffe crossroads (York Road/A63 junction) and the traffic islands in the middle of the A63 which need cleaning along with the gullies (particularly at the children's crossing point); **clerk** to report all concerns to North Yorkshire Council Highways.

The **clerk** advised that North Yorkshire Council Highways are in the process of arranging several Parish Workshops in March; dates to be confirmed.

### **26/037 Speeding:-**

#### Community Speedwatch

The **clerk** advised that she is still awaiting a response from North Yorkshire Police with regards to setting up a scheme in Cliffe and has chased this up again via PCSO Hannah Gaskell.

It was also noted that the **clerk** has contacted three residents who have previously expressed an interest in volunteering to keep them updated. Members suggested the name of another resident who may be interested; **clerk** to approach the resident.

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

#### Speed Monitoring on York Road

**North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** reported that he is still awaiting a response from Jo Coles (Deputy Mayor of York & North Yorkshire) regarding the mobile speed monitoring agreed for York Road. **Ongoing Chairman** to raise at his meeting with Keir Mather MP.

The **Chairman** advised that a new battery has been installed in the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) and the dates/data has been reset; data to be downloaded monthly.

**26/038 Water/Drainage:-**

**Councillor J Wallinger** reported that Yorkshire Water are investigating the mess and damage caused by the tankers/tractors as a priority.

**Councillor Wallinger** to also pursue Yorkshire Water for a response to the complaint raised regarding inappropriate behaviour outside the preschool.

**26/039 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 a local contractor will be replacing the two spotlights that have been smashed.

**Councillor R Woodall** raised concerns regarding the culvert wall, and it was agreed that he would forward photographs on to the **Chairman**; **Chairman** to ask Andy Pulleyne to speak to Wrights of Crockey Hill with any remedial work required to be carried out under warranty.

The clerk reported that the flagpole servicing is due however **Councillor R Woodhall** (Flag Master) had no concerns, therefore it was agreed that a service is not required this year.

**26/040 Tree stump on Main Street: -**

It was noted that tree stump has now been felled/ground down; **Councillor J Jewitt** to plant replacement tree. **Ongoing**

**26/041 CCTV at Cliffe Village Institute and Cliffe Playing Field Pavilion:-**

Cliffe Village Institute (Installation completed)

Cliffe Playing Field Pavilion -

No update available as **Councillor S Gummerson** was not present. **Ongoing**

**26/042 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** has forwarded the details onto **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** and he will escalate. **Ongoing**

**26/043 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**

**Chairman** to put a post on social media regarding dog fouling and littering.

**Clerk** to contact North Yorkshire Council to request some dog fouling signs that can be put up in problem areas around the Parish.

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

**26/044 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**

The **clerk** advised that North Yorkshire Council have requested confirmation that the Parish Council will continue to carry out the urban grass cutting for 2026/2027 (£473.78 to be reimbursed) and this was unanimously agreed; **clerk** to inform North Yorkshire Council.

It was noted that last year the **clerk** informed North Yorkshire Council that our grass cutting contractor already cuts the grass verge opposite Chapelfields on York Road as part of his contract and requested that the Parish Council completely take over the cutting of this area and receive an additional financial contribution however this was refused.

The **clerk** was asked to question again the reasoning behind the Parks and Grounds Operational Team undertaking the grass cutting when the Parish Council grass cutting contractor also cuts this area.

The **clerk** reported that Northern Powergrid Wayleaves Support has agreed to provide a copy of all six wayleave agreements; awaiting receipt. **Ongoing**

**26/045 Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive: -**

**Councillor E Yates** advised that Catherine Inman – North Yorkshire Council Public Rights of Way Officer has provided some available dates for a meeting with the Flood Risk Officer/Engineer; **Councillor Yates** to confirm date and advise all members.

**26/046 Path Maintenance: -**

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

**26/047 Broad Lane Wood: -**

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

**26/048 Planning: -**

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

i. (ZG2025/1127/COU) Change of use of land for siting of 9 static caravans in place of tourers at **Four Acres Caravan, Cliffe Common, Cliffe** **Strongly Object**

- The Parish Council objected to the original planning application (2021/0925/FUL) for the change of use of land to form a holiday touring caravan & camping site for up to 30 touring caravans and strongly object to any more lodges/static caravans in Cliffe.

ii. (ZG2025/1172/FUL) Replacement of two buildings (Use Class B2/B8) with new (part retrospective) at **Birchwood Lodge, Market Weighton Road, Barlby** **No Objections**

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

i. (ZG2026/0041/FUL) Conversion of existing garage/workshop and first floor storage area to create a self-contained double bedroom dwelling including parking area and garden area at **The Farmstead, Lund Lane, Cliffe** **No Objections**

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

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

i. (ZG2025/0696/CPE) Lawful development certificate for existing unfettered use of 3 residential lodge units at **Cliffe Country Lodges, Cliffe Common, Cliffe**

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

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

i. (ZG2025/0629/HPA) Erection of new double garage within front driveway space (part retrospective) at **Northfield, Hull Road, Cliffe**

**26/049 Finance: -**

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

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| i. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – February) | £ As Agreed |
| ii. HMRC (PAYE)                                  | £ 170.94    |

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

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

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

**e) Discuss quote to upgrade the remaining streetlights (18) to LED's:-**  
**Councillor J Wallinger** still awaiting quote. **Ongoing**

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

The **Chairman** reported that a local handyman has quoted @ £ 400 for materials plus labour to repair & repaint the bus shelter and put on a new roof and this was unanimously agreed.

The **Chairman** asked **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** to enquire if any financial assistance is available from North Yorkshire Council towards the bus shelter repairs and he agreed to investigate further.

**26/050 Correspondence Received: -**

Keir Mather MP – Receipt of correspondence received advising that Keir is hosting a “power cuts roundtable” on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February for Parish Councils who represent areas most badly affected by power cuts was noted and **Councillor A Holman** volunteered to attend on behalf of Cliffe Parish Council.

**26/051 Representatives Report: -**

**Councillor H Cross** gave an update on both Cliffe Parish Charity and the Mary Waud Foundation. It was also noted that **Councillor Cross** has encouraged the Headmistress of Cliffe VC to meet with the Parish Council.

**Councillor R Woodall** noted that the Parish Council were previously offered the noticeboards sited at St Andrews Mission; **clerk** to follow up.

**26/052 Confirm date of next meeting: -** Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2026 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE

**26/053 Parish Council Owned Land**

**Councillor H Cross** provided an update and it was unanimously agreed to pay Pepperells land management legal fees.

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