

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1st December 2025 at Cliffe Village Institute

25/295 Present: -

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

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

One member of the public was also present

25/296 Apologies: -

Councillor H Cross
Councillor E Yates

It was agreed to bring Item 4 forward to the beginning of the meeting.

25/297 Virtual Q & A session with Lighthouse Development Consulting Limited regarding proposed solar farm at Newlands Farm, Turnham Lane, Cliffe (ZG2025/0693/FULM): -

As requested by the member of the public present, Steffan Baker and Peter Grubb (Lighthouse Development Consulting Limited) introduced themselves and it was noted that they are the planning agents for the project on behalf of the developer.

Following on from their virtual presentation at the September Parish Council meeting (01/09) Peter and Steffan answered the questions raised by the member of the public concerning the siting of the sub-station, land ownership and operational & construction noise.

Several questions were raised regarding the land classification of the proposed site, and it was noted that Grade 1 & 2 agricultural land has been excluded from the scheme however concern was raised regarding the practicality of farming the remaining pockets of land surrounding the site.

Additional questions and concerns were also raised regarding the efficiency of the solar farm, accountability, access to the site, the identity of the developer (Newlands Farm Solar Ltd), flooding, cabling/infrastructure and the impact on wildlife.

The Chairman thanked Steffan Baker and Peter Grubb for their attendance.

25/298 Declarations of Interest: -

None

25/299 Public Session: -

No further questions were raised.

25/300 Police Report: -

It was noted that PCSO Hannah Gaskell has advised that her inspector has decided to no longer produce the monthly newsletters as the information is available on the North Yorkshire police website however the clerk has questioned this as the most recent crime statistics available are for September 2025; awaiting reply.

25/301 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur gave an update on the following issues which have the full support of **Councillor Arthur** and Jo Coles (Deputy Mayor of York & North Yorkshire).

20 mph speed limit outside Cliffe Primary School

North Yorkshire Council Highways are now consulting on reducing the speed limit which it is hoped will be implemented in the near future.

Pedestrian Crossing A63 Cliffe

Councillor Arthur advised that North Yorkshire Council Highways will be conducting a feasibility survey in the first instance to establish if the speed limit can be reduced to 30mph to allow for the installation of a pedestrian crossing which would cost in the region of £70,000.

It was noted that if the crossing is permitted Highways would be looking for a contribution from the Mayor's Office.

It was also noted that **Councillor Arthur** is investigating the possibility of resurrecting a local bus service and requesting a contribution from all the Parish Councils along the route which the Parish Council agreed to support in principle.

25/302 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2025: -

With one minor amendment to 25/275 members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 3rd November 2025 as an accurate record of the meeting.

25/303 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings: -

Community Speedwatch

Clerk to follow up on correspondence received regarding setting up a Community Speedwatch scheme in Cliffe for consideration at the January Parish Council meeting. **Ongoing**

Jo Coles (Deputy Mayor of York & North Yorkshire)

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur to extend invite to Jo Coles to attend a future Parish Council meeting.

Ongoing planning and enforcement issues

The **Chairman** advised that he is still waiting for **Councillor M Crane** to confirm a date for their follow up meeting; **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** to chase up.

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**

Parish Council Noticeboards

Parish Council handyman to refurbish the noticeboards as required. **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**

Bus Shelter Roof

Chairman to ask Parish Council handyman to repair the bus shelter roof. **Ongoing**

25/304 Highways:-

The Chairman met with Gary Lumb (Highways) on Friday 28th November 2025 and the following was discussed: -

* Footpath - Highways have applied for a 'Local Transport Grant' to improve the footpaths. There is a good chance that this will be granted and done in 2026. The footpath from Osgodby will be widened to up to 2.5m for a shared footpath & cycleway all the way to Hemingbrough. A new footpath from Cliffe to Cliffe Common is also being considered as a part of this.

* Speed limits - The Chairman requested speed limit reductions be considered in the following three areas:

- * 40mph through Cliffe Common
- * 40 mph through Lund (A63)
- * 30mph through Lund village itself (Lund Lane)

There is a County-wide speed limit review being conducted over the next two years by the traffic engineering team. These areas will definitely be considered as a part of that review. However, as they have been highlighted by the Parish Council, he may be able to get them reviewed independently of the overall review without having to wait. However, just because they will be reviewed does not mean that the speed limits will be reduced - that will depend on the review findings etc.

* Speed Camera signs on York Road - Chairman explained the history and statement made by Jo Coles (Deputy Mayor of York and North Yorkshire and Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner) regarding installation of speed camera

signs on York Road. Highways stated that this would only be possible if permission was granted by a John Hunter. Highways will investigate.

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

* Signage at North end of York Road - Highways confirmed that the size of the village entrance signs were the correct standard for the recently installed gateway.

* Parking at junction of Oxen Lane and York Road. Many photos of this dangerous parking close to the junction were shown, with the chairman explaining the recent history of the issue, and the number of near misses which have occurred due to the vision obstruction caused by these vehicles. Also the obstruction to farm vehicles when the parking is within the narrow entrance to Oxen Lane. Chairman has sent an explanatory email to Highways along with the photographs, which will be included in consideration of double-yellow line markings at the junction.

* Vehicles exceeding 7.5t weight limit along York Road. Highways confirmed that all correct signage is in place at the Southern entrance of York Road, along the A63 in both directions prior to York Road Junction, at Blackwood Crossroads and also opposite the exit of Whitemoor business park. He advised that any official complaints/policing of 7.5t weight limits is done by trading standards, not the police.

* Road surfaces

* A63 through the village - this is on the schemes list which has had funding requested.
* Menthorpe Lane from North Duffield to Woodhall Lane - this was resurfaced a couple of years ago, but it has faults and all needs re-doing. This will be done beginning the 15th January 2026.

* Double yellow lines opposite Cherry Tree Stores - this has been considered by Highways and not viewed as an issue but will keep monitoring.

* Highways confirmed that they will be conducting a speed survey along the A63 through the village as part of the study for feasibility of a pedestrian crossing.

7.5t Weight Limit on York Road

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur still to speak to Jo Coles (Deputy Mayor of York & North Yorkshire) and ask her to ensure that the 7.5t weight limit is policed. **Ongoing**

25/305 Speeding:-

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**

Clerk to contact Keir Mather MP regarding road safety concerns in Cliffe. **Ongoing**

25/306 Water/Drainage:-

Councillor J Wallinger spoke about the recent flooding at Preschool and the mess & damage caused by the Yorkshire Water tanker; **Councillor Wallinger** has sent a complaint to Yorkshire Water which is being investigated. **Ongoing**

25/307 Village Green:-

It was noted that the new fence has not been erected; **Chairman** to follow up with Meticulous Gardens.

The **Chairman** advised that Amy Wilson is embellishing the bottom section of the little library prior to it being reinstalled by the Parish Council handyman. **Ongoing**

25/308 Tree stump on Main Street: -

It was noted that Treetops will be carrying out the tree felling and stump grinding on Tuesday 16th December and **Councillor J Jewitt** volunteered to tidy up the area by putting some soil down once the tree has been felled.

25/309 CCTV at Cliffe Village Institute and Cliffe Playing Field Pavilion:-

Cliffe Village Institute

The **Chairman** gave an overview of the information and quote received (£765.00) to install CCTV at the Village Institute and this was unanimously agreed.

Cliffe Playing Field Pavilion

Councillor S Gummerson to raise the possibility of installing CCTV at the pavilion at the next Cliffe Playing Field Association meeting (02/12).

Concerns were raised regarding security at Cliffe Primary School and Cliffe Preschool and it was agreed that the **Chairman** would speak to the new Headmistress and the preschool.

25/310 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**

25/311 Public use of footpaths (to include misuse, trespassing, littering, dog fouling etc): -

Councillor S Gummerson reported that Network Rail have installed a fence to stop youths walking across the railway tracks.

It was noted that PCSO Hannah Gaskell is aiming to attend the January Parish Council meeting (05/01); **Chairman** to raise anti-social behaviour concerns with PCSO Gaskell,

25/312 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**

25/313 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**

25/314 Path Maintenance: -

Chairman to speak to Gary Lumb (North Yorkshire Council Highways) regarding the state of the footpaths on Turnham Lane and York Road. **Ongoing**

25/315 Broad Lane Wood: -

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

Wayleave:-

The **Chairman** gave an update on the Boom Power extension request and it was noted that Boom Power have now agreed to keep to the wording of the original agreement.

25/316 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.

25/317 Cliffe Parish Council Policies: - Ongoing

25/318 Planning: -

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

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

(ZG2025/0693/FULM) Installation of a solar farm comprising ground mounted solar PV panels with an installed capacity of 49.99MW AC including mounting system, inverters, underground cabling, stock proof fence, CCTV, internal tracks and associated infrastructure, landscaping, biodiversity net gain and environmental enhancements for a temporary period of 50 years and a permanent substation at **Newlands Farm, Turnham Lane, Cliffe**

It was noted that the strong objections previously submitted for ZG2025/0693/EIA have been reaffirmed and it was agreed to add the following:-

- Concern regarding the impact the pile driving and construction will have on the abundance of protected wildlife that is present on the northern limits of the site, adjacent to the railway.

c) Note Planning Applications Granted: - NIL

d) Note Planning Applications Refused: - NIL

e) Note Planning Application Withdrawn:

i. (ZG2025/0484/FUL) Conversion of ground floor double garage and workshop with first floor storage area to a self contained two bedroom residential annex with single storey rear extension to provide living accommodation and garden area at **The Farmstead , Lund Lane, Cliffe**

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

i. (ZG2025/0028/COU) Change of use of land for siting of 3 lodges at **Cliffe Country Lodges, Cliffe Common, Cliffe**

25/319 Finance: -

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

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

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

i. Autela (Payroll Services)	£ 105.60
ii. KCK Electrical Services (Village Green Work)	£ 695.40
iii. Clerks Expenses (Christmas lights reimbursement & printer ink/paper/stationary)	£ 83.76
iv. Crombie Wilkinson (Legal Fees)	£ 696.00
v. J Wallinger (Electric box/extension lead/cable reimbursement)	£ 35.11
vi. G Wilson (Christmas lights reimbursement)	£ 37.99

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

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

e) Agree payment due for Parish Council streetlight on Station Lane: -

Based on the current electricity tariff it was unanimously agreed to make a payment of £20 to the homeowner.

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

Councillor J Wallinger advised that he is still awaiting a quote to upgrade the remaining streetlights (18) to LED's.

g) Discuss quote received to repaint the bus shelter (Main Street): -

Chairman to obtain a quote for repainting the bus shelter. **Ongoing**

25/320 Correspondence Received: -

i. Resident – Correspondence received raising concern regarding speeding from Cliffe Village to Cliffe Common/Market Weighton Road junction was noted; **clerk** to respond to resident.

25/321 Representatives Report: -

Councillor A Holman requested a copy of the plans of the drainage off the roads in Cliffe; **clerk** to follow up with North Yorkshire Council Highways.

25/322 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 5th January 2026 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE

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