

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Remote Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 1st March 2021

20/190 Present: - Councillors G Wilson (Chairman), H Cross, C Topping, J Wallinger, A Wilson and R Woodall

County Councillor M Jordan
District Councillor K Arthur

Two members of the public were also present

20/191 Apologies: - Councillor A Holman and P Maw
District Councillor M Topping

20/192 Declarations of Interest: -

Councillor H Cross declared a personal interest in Item 20/196 (10) due to being a trustee of Cliffe Combined Charities.

20/193 Public Session: -

A trustee of Cliffe Combined Charities reported that Councillor H Cross had made them aware of the Parish Councils proposal for a footpath to Cliffe Common but as the Charity have not had a meeting the trustees have been unable to discuss this further. The Chairman gave a brief overview of the Parish Councils footpath proposals.

20/194 Listen to reports from County and District Councillors:-

District Councillor K Arthur reported that North Yorkshire County Council has increased the Council Tax rates for 2021/2022 by 3.49% but Selby District Council has agreed to freeze their rates.

It was also noted that the elections for North Yorkshire County Councillors that had been expected to take place in 2021 have now been deferred until 2022 due to the local Government reorganisation.

County Councillor M Jordan spoke about the Selby District Council Local Plan, NYCC Council Tax rates rise and the postponement of the NYCC elections. Councillor Jordan reported that his Locality Budget for 2021 will be allocated in early May and that District Councillors may also be allocated a Locality Budget but this is still to be agreed by the Selby District Council Executive.

20/195 Confirmation of Minutes of Parish Council Meeting: -

The Minutes of the Remote Meeting held on Monday 1st February 2021 were proposed by Councillor H Cross, seconded by Councillor J Wallinger and unanimously agreed.

20/196 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meeting (action review):-

01 – Speak to Highways (M Lumby) regarding permission to clear path on York Road

The **Chairman** reported that Mark Lumby (Highways) has given permission to clear the existing footpath on York Road; **clerk** to ask George Fillingham for a quote to cut this back from opposite Tythe Farm to Common End Farm.

02 – Speak to Highways (M Lumby) regarding “pedestrian warning” signage between Cliffe and Cliffe Common

The **Chairman** read out the following reply received from NYCC Highways in response to the Parish Councils request for a footway on York Road:-

“To provide a footway to link the two communities’ on York Road would require a large amount of funding, estimated at £87,000, which is not achievable from the local highways budget.

Due to the budget cuts over the years, the County Council is now working under significantly reduced funding for highway improvement works. Such a decision was brought about through the adoption of the new Local Transport Plan 4 which has been recommended for adoption by the North Yorkshire Elected Members, adopting a hierarchy of ‘Manage, Maintain & Improve’. This recognises the fact that NYCC have statutory duties for network ‘Management’ and highway ‘Maintenance’ but generally (excluding some elements of road safety) only powers to ‘Improve’ the network.

The County Council recognise the Parish Council’s desire to extend the footway but unfortunately, due to reduction in capital funding, it is unlikely that any proposals for highway improvements will come to fruition in the foreseeable future. However, my colleague has arranged to install warning signs of ‘pedestrians in the road ahead’ on York Road. Warning signs can play an important part in improving road safety. I have attached a plan showing the proposed sign locations.”

The **Chairman** advised that four “no footway for 500 yards” warning signs will be installed imminently.

03 – Enquire when the neighbourhood police officer will be returning

Councillor J Wallinger advised that PC Nigel Collins is now back in Selby but is now the Safeguarding and Partnership Hub Sergeant so PC Neil Morris has replaced him as the Neighbourhood Police Officer for the area.

It was noted that Councillor Wallinger has contacted PC Morris twice but not had any response and it was agreed to follow this up through PC Collins.

04 – Report overgrown/narrow path between Cliffe and Lund to Highways (M Lumby)

The **Chairman** advised that Mark Lumby (NYCC Highways) has previously submitted a full plan to clear the A63 footpath from Osgodby all the way through to Spuds and Berries.

Following a site visit it has been agreed to upgrade the priority of the stretch of path between Cliffe and Lund as the remaining path is very narrow and right up to the kerb edge so very dangerous for pedestrians.

Chairman to follow up with NYCC Highways.

05 – Liaise with Councillor Topping regarding extending the village green lights and updating the Village Plan

It was noted that information regarding extending the village green lights and updating the Village Plan had recently been received from Councillor M Topping.

Chairman and Councillor J Wallinger to liaise with Councillor Topping.

06 – Obtain written confirmation from contractors that Japanese Knotweed no longer exists within the Parish Paddock

It was noted that following repeated emails and telephone calls the **clerk** had received the following response from DTMS:-

“From repeated treatments and inspections last year, it appears the Japanese Knotweed has been removed.

As far as we are concerned, the fencing can be removed and the area flailed”

The **Chairman** reported that the new tenant has now started to clear the area.

07 – Monitor ongoing work by Yorkshire Water at pre-school (flooding)

No update given as Councillor A Holman who is tasked with monitoring was not present at the meeting.

It was noted that a resident had reported that drain covers have been lifted at the Village Institute; **clerk** to update **Councillor Holman**.

08 – Contact The Consumer Council for Water (CCWater) regarding the lack of response from Yorkshire Water

Clerk still awaiting response from CCWater.

Members had a brief discussion regarding recent additional communications with Yorkshire Water and it was agreed that **Councillor J Wallinger** would put a post on the Cliffe Village website in order to gauge how widespread the drainage issue is affecting the village.

09 – Contact land owner (D Deer) regarding willingness to sell a 1.5m strip of land to facilitate the creation of a footpath

Councillor R Woodhall reported that he had spoken to the land owner and he is not willing to sell a strip of land.

10 – Contact land owner (Cliffe Combined Charities) regarding willingness to sell a 1.5m strip of land to facilitate the creation of a footpath – Refer to Item 20/193

11 – Contact land owner (P Andrews) regarding willingness to sell a 1.5m strip of land to facilitate the creation of a footpath

The **Chairman** reported that he had spoken to the land owner and he is not willing to sell a strip of land.

12 - Produce a more detailed plan, including estimated costs to culvert the stretch of dyke up to the village green

Chairman and Councillor J Wallinger to obtain quotes for culverting the dyke; to be discussed further at the next meeting.

13 – Produce a list of overgrown public footpaths, identify the landowners and draft a courtesy letter

Chairman and **Councillor J Wallinger** to map out the unmarked and uncut footpaths throughout the Parish and report back at the next meeting.

Councillor J Wallinger to provide **clerk** with link detailing the Parish Councils responsibilities in relation to public footpaths.

14 – Request that the new Vehicle Activated Sign is installed first on York Road

Councillor J Wallinger reported that the Vehicle Activated Sign has now been installed on York Road and a lot of positive comments have been received from residents.

It was noted that the sign will rotate between York Road and two locations on the A63 approx. every 6-8 weeks.

15 – Mark possible passing place locations on a map and provide photographs for the clerk to forward to NYCC Highways

No update given as Councillor A Holman who is tasked with identifying the locations was not present at the meeting.

20/197 Membership of the Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA) and the National Association of Local Councils (NALC):-

Members briefly discussed the benefits of YLCA membership which is an advisory body for local Councils (Town and Parish) and works closely with the National Association of Local Councils (NALC); **clerk** to chase up information regarding cost to enable members to make a decision at the next meeting.

One Subscription provides membership for both associations.

All Councillors to review information contained in the following two websites for discussion at the next meeting.

[Yorkshire Local Councils Associations \(yorkshirelca.gov.uk\)](http://yorkshirelca.gov.uk)

[National Association of Local Councils \(nalc.gov.uk\)](http://nalc.gov.uk)

20/198 Footpath to Cliffe Common: -

The **Chairman** reported that following the reply received from NYCC Highways he has contacted the Road Safety Trust to seek advice.

It was noted that a trodden path has been created on the grass verge so if the grass is kept cut very short this could be used by pedestrians so prevent them having to walk on the road.

Clerk to ask George Fillingham for a quote to keep this cut back on the eastern side from the crossroads to Common End Farm.

20/199 Village Green Dyke:- Refer to Item 20/196

20/200 Keeping Public Footpaths Clear and Accessible:- Refer to Item 20/196

20/201 Newhay Ferry Cottages:-

The following reply received in response to the Parish Councils request for assistance in way marking the correct path by placing markers outside the landowners boundary was noted:-

“I think the difficulty is that the fencing outside the gardens belongs to the properties and they would need to give permission for the waymarks to be added, there is nowhere else to add any waymark discs and waymark posts would not be suitable because of cattle and would need permission from the Environment Agency.

There is a stile or a gate at each of the footpath so although not waymarked it there is a way through when flooded.”

RESOLVED not to pursue the matter any further provided that the legal footpath is kept clear, maintained and pedestrians are not obstructed from using the footpath.

20/202 Planning: -

a) Consider Planning Applications Received:-

i. (2021/0152/HPA) Installation of new vehicular access to the front of property to provide vehicle access to proposed drive (surfaced using permeable materials) at **Withburga, 3 Moor Lane, South Duffield** Fully Support

The Parish Council fully support the application as this will result in cars not having to park on the road which is on a bad bend and at a junction.

ii. (2021/0107/FUL) Erection of new workshop to replace temporary workshop at **Birchwood Lodge, Market Weighton Road, Barlby** Comment Only

A limited hours of use stipulation should remain in place and a form of sound proofing should be installed to reduce noise so as not to disturb nearby residents.

Members also requested an estimation of noise levels.

District Councillor K Arthur advised that he has requested that the application is determined by the Planning Committee due to previous concerns that planning conditions regarding hours of working are not being met.

iii. (2021/0097/S73) Section 73 application to vary condition 02 (approved plans) of planning permission reference number 2018/0571/HPA. Proposed demolition of existing conservatory and erection of a two storey extension and one storey side in-fill extension granted on 13 July 2018 at **Hill Farm, Road from Hull Road to Green Lane, Cliffe** No Objections

iv. (2021/0118/COU) Use of land to form horse arena (manege) at **Hill Farm, Road from Hull Road to Green Lane, Cliffe** No Objections

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

b) Note Planning Applications Granted: - NIL

c) Note Planning Applications Refused: - NIL

d) Note Planning Applications Withdrawn: - NIL

f) Selby District Council Local Plan Preferred Options Consultation

e) Selby District Council Local Plan

Members briefly discussed the proposed “preferred” sites in Cliffe and it was agreed that due to the importance of the Local Plan which will set a framework for future development in the district up to 2040 the Parish Council would hold a remote Extraordinary Meeting on Monday 8th March to agree a full response to the consultation (ending 12th March 2021).

Chairman to call Extraordinary Meeting for Monday 8th March.

20/203 Finance: -

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

i. J Leighton-Eshelby (March Salary)	£ As Agreed
ii. TWM Traffic Control Systems Ltd (Vehicle Activated Sign)	£ 5368.50 (Gross) £ 894.75 (VAT) £ 4473.75 (Net)

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

i. HMRC (PAYE)	£ 3.60
ii. Arriva (Final Invoice 1 st – 24 th December 2020) (A third share of the invoice balance of £1354.70)	£ 451.57

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

i. Parish Paddock (Rent)	£ 50.00
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20/204 Correspondence Received:-

1. Selby District Council – Receipt of invitation to webinar on the ongoing delivery of Selby Districts Visitor Economy Strategy was noted and it was agreed that the **Chairman** will attend on behalf of the Parish Council.

20/205 Review/Update Parish Projects List:-

Traffic on York Road

The **Chairman** advised that the weight limit sign is faded and not very visible when turning into York Road (from Hemingbrough) and it was noted that Mark Lumby – NYCC Highways will be replacing all the weight limit signs and ensure that the placement is correct.

The **Chairman** reported that he has spoken to the transport manager of Vanburgen UK who were very supportive and have volunteered to liaise with Ecoplas and to put signage at the exit to the industrial estate telling HGV drivers not to turn right into the centre of the village.

It was also noted that Just Paper Tubes have also been very positive in helping to assist the Parish Council.

Chairman to continue to monitor over the next few months and hope the situation improves.

Tree work along Main Street

Clerk to confirm date that the contractor is planning on completing the work.

Broadlane Wood

Clerk to contact Arc- Sign to ask them to fit the sign and posts at their earliest convenience (weather permitting).

Chairman to ask local handyman for a quote to repair the bridge at Broadlane Wood and **Councillor R Woodhall** to ask the land owner for permission for vehicle access to the site to enable the repairs to be carried out.

Dog Poo Bins (3)

Clerk to chase Selby District Council for order confirmation; if no response received it was agreed to expedite to the Chief Executive.

Councillor R Woodhall reported that the dog bin in the Shrubberies snicket is not in the correct place and needs moving; **Chairman** to provide **clerk** with a photo/map showing the correct position, to be sent to Selby District Council.

Book Library (Village Green)

It was noted that Carol Perry (Selby District Council CIL & Section 106 Officer) has confirmed that Section 106 funding cannot be used for this project.

Clerk/Councillor A Wilson to place order with Motley Makers to construct the book library, to be installed on the Village Green.

20/206 Representative Reports

Councillor R Woodhall requested a dog bin for Turnham Lane which is a well-used dog walk and this was unanimously agreed.

It was also agreed to purchase a dog bin for the Village Green ; **Chairman** to forward photos/map showing the required locations, **clerk** to forward to Selby District Council.

Councillor Woodhall also reported that a 4 x 4 vehicle has been driving up and down Oxen Lane and disturbing the track at the Eastern end, near Hagg Lane.

Members had a brief discussion regarding the track and it was agreed that the **Chairman** will contact Mark Lumby – NYCC Highways to establish if this is a permissible road for such vehicles.

Councillor J Wallinger reported that a street light in Badgers Way is on all day and night which he has reported to NYCC who are looking at adopting these lights, to be added to their mapping system.

Councillor C Topping reported a large dip on the A63 which is causing a noise nuisance for surrounding residents when larger vehicles drive over it.

Councillor J Wallinger advised that Mark Lumby – NYCC Highways is aware of the problem which will be rectified when the crossroads are resurfaced; **Chairman** to speak to Mark Lumby to ask if this can be prioritised.

Councillor Topping also requested that copies of the village walks are made available in the local shop as walkers are trespassing on private land and not following the permitted routes.

Councillor A Wilson agreed to get some more leaflets printed off to put in the shop and new book library and to also put one on the noticeboard on the Village Green.

Councillor Topping raised concern regarding the potential for a piece of land on Turnham Lane being used for holiday lodges; Parish Council to continue to monitor.

Councillor A Wilson gave an update on the uncovered drain hole on the Trans Pennine trail (top of Turnham Lane) and it was noted that the land owner is looking into this but in the meantime the hole has temporarily been made safe.

Councillor J Wallinger also gave an update on the broken stile.

20/207 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 12th April 2021

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