

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 5th February 2024 at Cliffe Village Institute

24/030 Present: -

Councillor G Wilson (Chairman)
Councillor H Cross
Councillor J Jewitt
Councillor P Maw
Councillor J Wallinger
Councillor R Woodall
Councillor E Yates

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

One member of the public was also present

24/031 Apologies: -

Councillor A Holman

24/032 Declarations of Interest: - No interests declared.

24/033 Public Session: - The member of the public present did not raise any issues.

24/034 Police Report: -

The clerk advised that she has asked PC Richard Wood to arrange a police surgery prior to the April Parish Council meeting (Monday 8th April 2024) as agreed; awaiting confirmation.

24/035 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur spoke about a recent North Yorkshire Highways proposal for Main Street, Cliffe (west side) to extend the double yellow lines south for 11m to join up to the existing lines and it was noted that this had already been implemented over a year ago.

Councillor P Maw raised concern that the proposal for double yellow lines on Badgers Way will only exacerbate the car parking problems on York Road. It was however noted that the proposed double yellow lines are necessary in order to keep the entrance to Badger's way clear, especially for emergency vehicles.

Councillor Arthur reported that there is a proposed reduction to the North Yorkshire Councillors Locality Budget from £10,000 to £5,000 but this is still to be formally agreed. It was noted however that a lot of members have objected to the reduction so it is hoped that this may be reversed.

North Yorkshire Councillor Arthur to follow up on outstanding issues including the damaged litter bin outside Cliffe Village Institute and ongoing planning concerns at Cliffe Meadows Holiday Park.

The Chairman spoke about the new Unitary Council (from 1st April 2023) and the indication that Parish Councils would be given an additional budget to take on more responsibility for local issues. It was noted that no information had been received regarding this except for recent correspondence received regarding arrangements for urban highway grass cutting and **North Yorkshire Councillor Arthur** agreed to investigate further.

Councillor Arthur reported that the proposed council tax increase is 4.99% (2.99% general council tax & 2% adult social care) but in order to unify all council tax bills across North Yorkshire the overall increase may be nearer 6.5% but this is still to be confirmed within the next few weeks.

24/036 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 8th January 2024: -

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 8th January 2024 as an accurate record of the meeting.

24/037 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings: -

Bike Marking Event

Once the police surgery date has been confirmed (Monday 8th April 2024) **Councillor J Jewitt** will speak to Rural Watch to see if they can arrange a bike marking event at the same time.

Tree stump outside school

North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur to speak to a Community Officer at North Yorkshire Council regarding any potential grants that may be available for the wood carving project.

North Yorkshire Councillor attendance at meetings

The Chairman stressed how beneficial it is to have a North Yorkshire Councillor in attendance at our Parish Council meetings and asked if **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** could send a deputy if he is not able to attend. It was noted that unfortunately no deputy is available however **North Yorkshire Councillor Arthur** agreed to forward a report in his absence.

Fly tipping alongside the A63 at the back of the garages on William Jacques Drive

It was noted that the **clerk** has reported the fly tipping to North Yorkshire Council; awaiting response. Members discussed a recent general increase in fly tipping within the Parish.

Installing internet at the Village Institute

The Chairman advised he had made enquiries and the Village Institute Chairman and Treasurer have said that they do not want internet installing at the Village Institute.

24/038 Highways (incl York Road traffic calming measures): -

The **Chairman** advised that he is waiting to hear back from Councillor Keane Duncan – North Yorkshire Council Executive Member for Highways and Transportation regarding the lack of response from Highways.

York Road Gateway

It was noted that Stacey Preece – Highways Project Engineer has advised that moving the speed limit back to the Cliffe Village sign is not viable as the surrounding area between the sign and the current location of the speed limit is just fields with no streetlighting and therefore does not meet the criteria. Additionally, the legal process to move the speed limit could take up to two years and therefore the gateway order has been placed as previously agreed with silent rumble strips due to the proximity of houses nearby.

Lund Lane

In response to a request from a resident, the **clerk** confirmed that she has submitted a formal request to Sharon Fox – North Yorkshire Council Highways for passing places on Lund Lane; awaiting response.

24/039 Speeding: -

The **clerk** read out the following update received from PC Richard Wood:-

"I have voiced your concerns to the department that manages the speed camera vans and this is the reply I have had from them:

We currently do have a van site on Hull Road through the village to the West of the crossroads and then another couple on Main Street / York Road, just to the north of the crossroads.

From looking at the reply, it would appear that they do deploy the speed camera van on York Road just north of the cross roads. As stated, I have voiced your concerns, particularly in relation to commuter times, so hopefully you should see a speed camera van there more often.

I will also park my vehicle up on York Road when I have downtime. I can't enforce speeding offences but the presence of a police vehicle does tend to slow people down."

Clerk to forward email on to the **Chairman** so he can respond to PC Wood.

24/040 7.5t Weight Limit (York Road): -

The **clerk** read out two very positive responses received from two of the six companies identified and it was noted that an acknowledgement had been received from a third company. It was noted that the **clerk** had sent a follow up email to the three companies who have not replied, and it was agreed to also follow up on the acknowledgement and request feedback.

24/041 Oxen Lane: -

The **Chairman** advised that he needs to confirm with the landowner that all the metalwork has been removed from the tree before it can be felled. **Councillor J Jewitt** confirmed that the tree work needs to be done by the end of February as the field will no longer be available after that time; **Chairman** to follow up.

24/042 Water/Drainage: -

Councillor J Wallinger advised that he had sent a follow up email to Yorkshire Water due to a lack of response; awaiting reply.

24/043 Village Green: -

It was noted that the plinth has now been repaired and is solid.

Councillor J Jewitt to chase up the contractor as the incorrect fence panel has still not been replaced.

The **Chairman** reported that Wrights of Crockey Hill have repaired the headwall but **Councillor R Woodall** raised concern regarding the work that has been carried out.

It was noted that the **Chairman** had reported the land slip on the southern bank of Oldmill Field Drain to Nathan Culpan – Ouse and Derwent Internal Drainage Board over a month ago but received no response.

Councillor R Woodhall advised that the Ouse and Derwent Drainage Board are currently working at Oldways, Hemingbrough and **Councillor Woodhall** agreed to speak to a contact to make him aware of the land slip.

The **Chairman** advised that a plaque to commemorate the Village Green opening has been ordered and will be fitted by the Parish Council handyman.

It was agreed to purchase a new stainless steel Queens Green Canopy Plaque (Platinum Jubilee 2022) from The Workshop Aberfeldy at a cost of £42.00 plus a steel spike to replace the one that has badly rusted.

Councillor H Cross to order the plaque; **clerk** to reimburse on receipt of invoice.

Councillor H Cross to speak to the Royal British Legion about a refund for the original plaque that is now unreadable.

It was noted that **Councillor J Jewitt** has replanted a tree on Main Street that had previously been removed due to its poor condition.

Councillor J Wallinger reported that the new floodlight has been ordered and is due to be delivered at the end of February.

The **Chairman** reported a mole infestation on the Village Green and it was noted that this has been reported to a local pest control company who will humanely remove them.

24/044 Parish Council Documents: -

It was noted that members had been unable to meet on Monday 15th January to go through the Parish Council documents in the safe at school as the caretaker was not available to allow access; **Chairman** to confirm new date with the school.

24/045 Public Footpaths: - (to include any overgrown public footpaths which have been identified that do not comply with the applicable laws/regulations): -

Chairman to arrange a meeting with a local contractor who is certified to spray weeds in February (contractor returns from holiday on 10th February) to discuss the work required and obtain a quote.

A resident reported that the footpath at the entrance to Shrubberies is frequently overgrown by hedgerow and is regularly obstructing the footpath during the growing season. It was noted that the footpath is passable at present but if it becomes overgrown it will be reported to North Yorkshire Council.

24/046 Grass Maintenance: -

It was noted that the 2024 Grass Maintenance contract has now been finalised and has been put out for tender; all tenders received by midnight on Friday 1st March 2024 will be considered at the March Parish Council meeting (Monday 4th March 2024).

North Yorkshire Council Urban Highway Grass Cutting 2024/25

Correspondence received regarding arrangements for urban highway grass cutting in 2024/25 was discussed and it was noted that should the Parish Council wish to carry out the urban grass cutting North Yorkshire Council will make payment of 8p per m2 (£150.87).

Clerk to forward a copy of the letter on to **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** who will seek clarification if this is a one off payment or per cut (5 cuts per year for visibility grass areas).

24/047 Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive: -

The **Chairman** reported that Andy Pulleyne has received a response from Catherine Inman – Public Rights of Way Officer (Southern Area) agreeing to a site meeting to discuss the flooding. Andy Pulleyne to arrange the meeting and confirm the date/time with all members.

24/048 Damaged Litter Bin outside Cliffe Village Institute: -

It was noted that the damaged bin belonged to Selby District Council but North Yorkshire Council have stated that they do not own any litter/dog waste bins and their limited budget only covers the cost of emptying. The Parish Council have questioned this but as no further response has been received it was agreed to replace the bin at the Parish Councils expense. The **Chairman** reiterated that the bin had been knocked over by a skip lorry and members discussed relocating the bin further away from the corner to prevent this from happening again.

Clerk to obtain updated price/options list and circulate to all members to agree.

Chairman to send photograph of the agreed new location to the **clerk** who will forward to North Yorkshire Council when placing the order.

Chairman to ask Andy Pulleyne to dig out the remaining plinth/debris which is a trip hazard and fill in the hole.

24/049 Path Maintenance: -

It was noted that any path maintenance required will be carried out when the weather is drier.

24/050 Broad Lane Wood: -

Councillor J Wallinger reported that a new wooden telegraph pole has been laid down at the side of Clay Lane for the last two years however this has recently been moved and is now blocking the lane. It was also noted the wooden telegraph pole that is supporting the electricity wires is split and damaged.

Councillor J Jewitt volunteered to move the pole that is blocking Clay Lane and he will also chop up a tree that has fallen across the path in Broadlane Wood and leave the branches for residents to pick up.

24/051 Parish Paddock: -

No further update; members to discuss future use of the Parish Paddock at next months meeting.

24/052 Little Library: -

The **Chairman** advised that Amy Wilson will paint and embellish the little library in the spring when the weather improves. It was noted that Western Wolds Men in Sheds were meant to be coming out to secure the slab underneath the little library but this has not appear to have been done.

Chairman to ask the village handyman to secure the slab.

24/053 Planning: -

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

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

c) Note Planning Applications Granted: -

i. (ZG2023/0992/HPA) Re-organising of existing side construction and creation of first floor side extension. New front porch at **33 Hull Road, Cliffe.**

ii. (ZG2023/1280/HPA) Garage conversion with single storey rear extension with a flat roof with crown at **Sunnyside, York Road, Cliffe.**

d) Note Planning Applications Refused: - NIL

e) Note Planning Applications Withdrawn: - NIL

24/054 Finance: -

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

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

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

i. G Wilson (Reimbursement for plaque) £ 33.90

c) To ratify payments made in between meetings: -

i. iGuzzini (Village Green Spotlight) £ 278.47 (Gross)
£ 46.41 (VAT)
£ 232.06 (Net)

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

24/055 Correspondence Received: - NIL

24/056 Representatives Report: -

Councillor J Wallinger reported that the streetlight outside the Village Institute is now connected and working but the barriers have been left and the ground is still uneven however Highways have issued an order for the area to be cleared up.

The **Chairman** also advised that Highways will be replacing a broken sign at Cliffe Crossroads.

Councillor R Woodall also spoke about a streetlight that used to be in the layby at the bottom of the bridge that was removed sometime ago and never replaced.

Councillor H Cross reported that the South Duffield Charity have now set up a new bank account and advised that the Mary Waud Foundation are continuing to support the school with their academy status application.

Members briefly discussed the schools funding request to update the Reception/Year One toilet and cloakroom area; **clerk** to forward email communications to both the **Chairman** and **Councillor H Cross**.

Councillor J Jewitt spoke about the crash barrier that has been erected at Selby Energy Park in front of our gate restricting access to the Parish Council pond and advised that a trench has also been dug out and trees have been planted. It was noted that **Councillor J Jewitt** has spoken to Howarth Estates and they are arranging a site meeting to discuss further.

Cliffe Village Institute

It was noted that the next Committee meeting is being held on Tuesday 6th February 2024.

24/057 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 4th March 2024 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE.

24/058 Parish Council owned land: - Ongoing.

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