

## CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at Cliffe Village Institute

***\*\*Note: Due to the unforeseen absence of the clerk, these minutes were recorded and written by the Chairman***

#### **25/235 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

One member of the public was also present

#### **25/236 Apologies: -**

Councillor S Gummerson  
Clerk J Eshelby

#### **25/237 Declarations of Interest: -**

None.

#### **25/238 Virtual presentation by Lighthouse Development Consulting Limited regarding proposed solar farm at Newlands Farm, Turnham Lane, Cliffe (ZG2025/0693/EIA): -**

It was noted that following last month's presentation, further information had been received from Lighthouse Development Consulting Ltd which has been posted on the village website and social media by **Councillor Wallinger**. As no further questions had been raised by either the public or any councillors, then the chairman had not invited Lighthouse Development Consulting Ltd to join the meeting virtually. However, if there was a need for further involvement at a future date, then an invite could be made for a meeting in the future. One councillor then declared thoughts for further discussion next month. Lighthouse Developments to be invited by the **Chairman** to a Q&A session next month

#### **25/239 Public Session: -**

No comments or requests were made by the member of the public who was present, but they did confirm that they had read the proposed solar farm documents which had been made available to the public on the village website, as per the last meeting.

#### **25/240 Police Report: -**

The latest police report has been received and has been circulated by the clerk. It was read during the meeting, with no comments made.

#### **25/241 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -**

Cllr Arthur had been contacted by a resident of South Duffield regarding the minutes of meetings not being displayed on the South Duffield noticeboard. **Councillor Wallinger** responded, stating that the decision was taken a few years ago to only publish the minutes in the large notice board on the village green - just the agendas were to be published in the other notice boards. The reason was that it was difficult to fit the full minutes in those smaller boards, there are often 6 to 8 pages of minutes to fit in and it was impossible with the space available. Instead, a laminated note was put in the notice boards stating that the minutes were available to read online on the Cliffe Village website, with the web address printed on the notice.

Decision not yet been made regarding the proposed County council boundary changes.

The 20mph speed restriction for the whole of the village on the South Side of the A63 (proposed by NY Council) was discussed (proposed plan attached). Highways are now reviewing these plans, including consulting the Parish Council for comment, ahead of implementation. It was noted that as of now the Parish Council have not yet been contacted for comment.

Councillors discussed the proposal and had the following observations (**Clerk** to forward on to Highways):

- Could a 'drop off' point be created using NYC land in the field just North of the school?
- Why isn't the 20mph zone just outside the school – why does the entire half of the village South of the A63 have to be 20mph?
- Why are speed bumps being proposed?

Pedestrian Crossing of A63 – NY Cllr Arthur & Jo Coles (Deputy Mayor of York & North Yorkshire) have discussed and both agree to support a pedestrian crossing. They believe if this is implemented then more people would use the route to the school on foot rather than driving. If the (pelican?) crossing is implemented, then the A63 speed limit would need reducing to 30mph

**25/242 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025: -**

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025 as an accurate record of the meeting.

**25/243 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings: -**

Damage caused by youths on the Playing Fields

**Councillor S Gummerson** to obtain the police report number from the CPFA and forward on to the **Chairman** so he can follow this up with PCSO Hannah Gaskell. **Ongoing**

Ongoing planning and enforcement issues

The **Chairman** advised that a date is still to be confirmed for his meeting with **Councillor Mark Crane**. **Ongoing**.

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

**Chairman** to arrange for installation of the timetable at the bus stop. **Ongoing**.

Parish Portal – Ongoing

**North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** to clarify if planning comments can be submitted on the portal. **NY Councillor Arthur** does not believe that official PC comments can be made via the portal.

Parish Council Noticeboard – Ongoing

**Chairman** to ask the Parish Council handyman to replace the Perspex on the Parish Council noticeboards at the junction of Hull Road and Turnham Lane, York Road (next to Cherry Tree Stores) and South Duffield. Also, to conduct a health check on all notice boards in the parish, as reports have been received from residents stating that at least one of them has suffered from weather damage. **Ongoing**: Handyman has been tasked – awaiting appraisal of noticeboards.

Bench on the grassed area at the entrance to Hemingbrough – Ongoing

**Clerk** to raise with Hemingbrough Parish Council at their next meeting (18/09). **Ongoing**.

**25/244 Highways:-**

The **Chairman** advised that a date is still to be confirmed for his site meeting with Gary Lumb (North Yorkshire Council Highways Engineer). **Ongoing**.

**25/245 Speeding:-**

Community Speedwatch

It was noted that following the post on the Cliffe Village Website and social media page, four volunteers have now come forward.

**Clerk** to contact North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur to enquire if four volunteers is sufficient to set up the scheme and how to progress with this. **Ongoing**.

**Councillor J Wallinger** advised that the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) requires a new battery and he is arranging this with TWM Traffic Control Systems as it is still under warranty. New battery obtained. **Councillor Wallinger & Chairman** to arrange for installation of new battery and resetting of dates and data on the VAS.

**25/246 Oxen Lane:-**

All planned works are now complete. It was agreed to review again in the spring.

#### **5/247 Water/Drainage:-**

Councillor Wallinger reported another Pre-school flooding incident approx. 2 weeks ago, which reached inside the classroom. However, the Yorkshire Water cleanup team came. **Councillor Walinge**r has emailed MP Kier Mather's team again regarding this to see if they can help as they did before.

#### **25/248 Village Green:-**

Meticulous Gardens have been tasked with erecting the new fence. **Chairman** to monitor. Ongoing.

Chairman informed the meeting that the bottom section of the little library has been powder coated by RAW Wheel coatings. **Chairman** to liaise with handyman to have it reinstalled.

**Chairman** has reported that over the last couple of months he had been asked by three organisations (village institute, Macmillan coffee morning, Pre-school scarecrow festival) if they could place signage on the village green fencing. He had granted this permission as long as the rules were followed (within 2 weeks of the event, removed immediately afterwards etc).

#### **Lighting/electric socket extension:-**

**Councillor S Gummerson** has contacted the contractor (KCK Electrical) and arranged for this to be done in the next couple of weeks. Ongoing.

#### **25/249 Tree stump on Main Street: -**

**Chairman** has received updated quote from Treetops of £530 for both tree felling and stump grinding. all agreed to go ahead. **Chairman** to arrange for work to be done.

Upon further investigation, only one Amelanchier tree is needed to replace this tree, which will be planted in the tree planting season (November to March) to match others planted along Main St in recent years. **Councillor H Cross** has already purchased the Amelanchier tree, which is now being stored by **Councillor Jewitt**, who will plant at the appropriate time.

#### **25/250 Parish Council Documents:-** Ongoing

#### **25/251 Public Footpaths: - (to include any overgrown public footpaths which have been identified that do not comply with the applicable laws/regulations): -**

**Councillor Yates** informed the meeting that an email has been received from NY Council paths stating that the broken stile on the footpath near the riverbank at the Newhay pumping station has now been repaired. **Resolved.**

#### **25/252 Public use of footpaths (to include misuse, trespassing, littering, dog fouling etc): -** Ongoing

Resident reported on social media regarding electric fencing to the left of the footpath going to Newhay (as you cross the bridge at the bottom of the hill). Dogs have received a bolt from this – and resident complained that there are no notices warning of the electric fence. **Cllr Holman** to contact landowner and request warning signage for the electric fence be erected.

The **Chairman** reported a social media post from a resident regarding littering at the plantation. Local children have been gathering at the Plantation on Oxen Lane for at least 45 years, cycling up and down the dips and jumping on bikes etc. However, recently there has been a very high increase in the amount of litter left behind, which has now made the place into an eyesore and is affecting farmers crops in the adjacent field. Many have suggested removing the children from this area by the landowner putting up fencing and/or digging trenches preventing its use etc. However, before such measures may be taken by the landowner, it has been suggested to contact the local police community officer to see if they can do anything regarding the illegal practice of littering. All agreed we want the children to enjoy this space, as many have for years before, but the littering cannot continue. **Chairman** to discuss with PC Hannah Gaskill.

#### **25/253 Grass Maintenance: -**

#### **25/254 Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive: -**

**Councillor E Yates** still awaiting a response. **Councillor Yates** to forward most recent emails to **NY Councillor Arthur**, who will apply pressure to get this done.

**25/255 Path Maintenance: -**

**Councillor J Wallinger** has asked Meticulous Gardens to spray the overgrown paths (Turnham Lane – full length of the footpath, York Road - from the end of the beck up to the end of the footpath and the A63 - Lund over the bridge into the village) up to a maximum of three sprays a year as required to keep the footpath clear. **Ongoing.**

**25/256 Broad Lane Wood: -**

A site visit/walkaround was arranged for Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September (6.30pm start). This did not take place. New dates to be proposed by **Chairman**.

**Wayleave:-**

Boom Power have requested an 18-month extension on this in return for payment of an additional Option Fee of £2500 and this was unanimously agreed at the September meeting. Comments received from Crombie Wilkinson regarding Boom Power's proposed documentation – **Councillor Cross** to respond to Boom Power conveying advice received from solicitor.

**25/257 Parish Paddock: -**

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

**Chairman** to contact Askham Bryan College to clarify the document/wording. **Ongoing.**

Councillor Woodall to contact Keith Walls and ask to clip the hedge **ROADSIDE ONLY – NOT INSIDE THE Paddock.**

**25/258 Cliffe Parish Council Policies: - Ongoing**

**25/259 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. (ZG2025/0754/CPE) Lawful development certificate for existing workshop structure and associated foundations at **Birchwood Lodge, Market Weighton Road, Barlby**

ii. (ZG2025/0604/FUL) Church conversion (use class f1(f)) to a single storey 2 bed dwelling (use class c3) with associated landscaping and on-site parking at **St Andrews Church, Main Street, Cliffe**

iii. (ZG2025/0437/FUL) Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of replacement dwelling at **Viola Gardens, York Road, Cliffe**

d) Note Planning Applications Refused: -

i. (ZG2025/0747/PIP) Permission in principle for up to 9 residential dwellings on **north part of land at E467866 N432931, Moor Lane, South Duffield**

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

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

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

### **25/260 Finance: -**

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

i. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – October)	£ As Agreed
ii. HMRC (PAYE)	£ TBC
iii. H Cross (Tree Reimbursement)	£ 105.00

#### **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: -**

i. North Yorkshire Council (2 <sup>nd</sup> Half of Precept)	£ 13,500.00
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### **25/261 Correspondence Received: -**

i. Chairman received an email from resident of York Road complaining that there appears to be an increase in HGV usage again. This time mentions an additional company of Hartley's from Thorganby. The resident claims that Surface water drain covers are now becoming more embedded into road surface and the road surface along York Rd is becoming more and more uneven and in some places there is the start of a rippling effect. **Councillor Yates** to contact Hartleys for a chat regarding the 7.5t limit. **Chairman** to discuss road surface issues during upcoming meeting with Highways.

### **Barlby & Osgodby Town Council – Allotment Waiting List :-**

**Clerk** not present so no details available. Deferred to November meeting.

### **25/262 Parish Ponds Conservation –**

No updates – deferred to the November meeting.

### **25/263 Representatives Report: -**

**Chairman** reported that Village Institute heating system installation is almost complete.

### **Parish Council Land**

Redundant access road to the north of the A163. **Councillor H Cross** would make further enquiries with Crombie Wilkinson on behalf of the Parish Council. Ongoing.

**Chairman** to contact Condor Engineering would be put on hold any renting of this land until this matter is resolved.

### **25/264 Confirm date of next meeting: -** Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE

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