

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 3rd July 2023 at Cliffe Village Institute

23/088 Present: -

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

One member of the public

23/089 Apologies: -

Councillors A Holman and J Jewitt
North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur

23/090 Declarations of Interest: - No interests declared

23/091 Public Session: - The member of the public did not wish to speak in the public session.

The Chairman reiterated the correct procedure for the public session and managing of the Parish Council meeting.

23/092 Short presentation by planning consultant regarding possible future development within the parish: -

The planning consultant was not present at the meeting, so no presentation was given.

23/093 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: - Not present

It was noted that no report had been received from North Yorkshire Councillor Karl Arthur.

Members raised concern regarding the lack of attendance at Parish Council meetings by our North Yorkshire Councillor and it was noted that the clerk had previously sent an email enquiring if Councillor Arthur would be continuing to attend our meetings following the move to the new North Yorkshire Council; **Chairman** to follow up.

23/094 Confirmation of Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on Monday 15th May 2023:-

With one amendment, members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Council held on 15th May 2023 as an accurate record of the meeting.

23/095 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 12th June 2023): -

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 12th June 2023 as an accurate record of the meeting.

23/096 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings: - See Below

23/097 Highways: -

The Chairman gave a report on the meeting held on Wednesday 14th June with Rob Cook and Mark Lumby – NYC Highways (Chairman and Councillors A Holman & P Maw in attendance on behalf of the Parish Council).

Summary of response received from NYC Highways following the above meeting:-

i) Highways will organise a sign to be placed opposite the exit to Whitemoor Business Park (on the grass verge) for no right turn due to the 7.5t weight restriction.

ii) Bubwith Bridge – all issues relating to Bubwith Bridge need to be dealt with by East Riding of Yorkshire Council.

The Chairman advised that Bubwith Bridge will be completely closed from Monday 10th July until Christmas to enable repairs which will result in a significant traffic increase on York Road.

Chairman to liaise with East Riding of Yorkshire Council regarding steps that can be taken to try and alleviate disruption to York Road residents as much as possible.

iii) Speeding issues are dealt with by North Yorkshire Police

It was noted that the Parish Council have already contacted North Yorkshire Police and provided the data obtained from the Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) and the clerk read out the most recent response received from North Yorkshire Police:-

“I can confirm that following your previous correspondence we contacted our deployment team and requested that our York Road, Cliffe sites be visited again in the near future. Due to the number of available Safety Camera Enforcement vehicles in the area, it appears this has not yet taken place. I have therefore sent the team a further message requesting this be considered as a matter of high importance.

I apologise for this delay and hope you will see our enforcement vehicles on the road very soon.”

Clerk to also follow up on correspondence received from Sergeant Jack Waterton regarding speed enforcement, provided by Councillor J Wallinger.

iv) York Road, speed humps - if you are concerned that HGV drivers are ignoring the weight restrictions, trading standards and planning services officers carry out enforcement work so you might wish to raise your concerns with these bodies. Ghost speed humps do not have an effect for long as once people are aware they are not raised they don't slow down. Other than chicanes, speed humps are the most effective way to slow down traffic.

The Chairman referred to an email received from a resident (03/07) regarding HGV's ignoring the 7.5t weight limit and **Councillor E Yates** agreed to contact Trading Standards about taking enforcement action.

It was also noted that Councillor J Jewitt has been in contact with a local business regarding their HGV's ignoring the York Road weight limit.

Chairman and **Councillor E Yates** to draft a letter to be sent to all local businesses that are breaking the 7.5t weight limit on York Road.

v) York Road build out - please can you send me a plan of where you wish the build outs to be? As a starting quote you are looking at around £10,000 for the build outs to be installed. Build outs are not really suitable for built up areas due to the space required. Build outs also have to be consulted on by residents and from experience residents object to these build outs been outside of their houses.

The Chairman advised that Gary Lumb – NYC Highways had advised him that it is Highways responsibility to decide on the location of the build outs and he also questioned the price quoted; **Chairman** to query with NYC Highways.

Chairman to carry out a survey of the residents on York Road to gauge their opinions prior to the Parish Council making a decision at the next meeting.

vi) I have found the attached plan for the York Road gateway layout, please can you confirm this design is still what you would like? If so I will provide an updated quote it is expected to be around £2000.

It was noted that the 30mph roundel, “Dragons Teeth” markings and silent countdown strips are required however there is already a 30mph sign in place so this is not required; **Chairman** to request a revised quote.

vii) Badgers Way double yellow lines are currently with our legal team as are the double yellow lines for the tennis courts

viii) After looking at the signage west there is a large school sign which we feel sufficient however it has been agreed to make the crossing stand out more by putting down red anti skid either side of the crossing point.

ix) Reduce the speed limit at Cliffe Common to 40mph - the surrounding environment does not meet the criteria to lower the speed limit.

Councillor A Pulleyne reported that a resident had also approached him about reducing the speed limit.

x) Please can you send a plan of where you require the three South Duffield Village signs - I will need to measure verge widths and check locations are suitable

Chairman to clarify that the three signs are broken and require replacing (at their current locations).

xi) Parking on Moor Lane/Hagg Lane - this location has been assessed a few times now with the outcome been no cars present therefore we cannot progress. Residents would also have to be consulted with and most likely object.

xiii) We agree to extending the 30mph past Cliffe Meadows holiday park - this could take up to 18 months due to the legal process

xiii) The signage is sufficient to warn drivers of the weight limit on York Road - if been ignored please contact trading standards/planning service.

23/098 Speeding: - See Item 23/097

Chairman still to relocate the vehicle activated sign (VAS) from its current position on the A63 to York Road.

23/099 7.5t Weight Limit (York Road): - See Item 23/097

23/100 Oxen Lane: -

The Chairman reported that a local resident has volunteered to cut down the unhealthy tree and take it away.

Once the tree has been removed the **Chairman** and **Councillor R Woodall** will speak to the landowner about installing drainage channels and look at improving the surface.

23/101 Water/Drainage: -

Councillor J Wallinger referred to recent correspondence received from Yorkshire Water advising that they have exhausted all avenues available regarding the misconnections in the village given the sheer volume of them.

It was noted that Councillor Wallinger has written back to Yorkshire Water and questioned why they cannot increase the pump capacity or once the pumping station is full and overflowing not divert to the next pumping station.

Concern has also been raised that 2-4 year old children are walking through raw sewage when they go to their pre-school.

Councillor Wallinger is awaiting a response from Yorkshire Water and if this is not satisfactory, he will escalate further and also contact the Environment Agency.

23/102 Village Green: -

It was noted that the condition of the Christmas tree is improving and the fencing work has been completed with just minor alterations to one of the fencing panels still required; **Councillor J Jewitt** is arranging for the contractor to carry out the work in the near future.

Councillor A Pulleyne reported that he has arranged for the electrical contractor to put another socket in.

Councillor P Maw to put forward the Parish Councils proposals regarding the Christmas lights to the Village Institute Committee at their next meeting on Tuesday 4th July.

23/103 Parish Council Documents: -

Chairman to arrange a convenient date for members to access the safe at school to go through the Parish Council documents once the school closes for the summer holidays.

23/104 Public Footpaths: - (to include any overgrown public footpaths which have been identified that do not comply with the applicable laws/regulations): -

The Chairman reported that **Councillor A Holman** had identified the landowner and the public footpath off Moor Lane, South Duffield that was overgrown with rape seed has now been cleared.

Councillor R Woodall advised that he has asked a local landowner to spray their overgrown footpath.

The **Chairman** reported that the overgrown footpath near the railway crossing has been reported to Network Rail.

23/105 Grass Maintenance 2023: - No further update

Councillor Pulleyne raised concern that the dead tree outside school could rot at the bottom and come down and it was noted that Councillor Pulleyne has obtained a quote to remove the tree and grind the stump.

Councillor Pulleyne to forward the quote to the Chairman & clerk; **Chairman** to obtain further quotes.

Councillor Pulleyne also raised concern regarding an overgrown hedge on Turnham Lane; **Councillor Pulleyne** to speak to the landowner and ask them to cut this back.

23/106 Path Maintenance: -

J Wedgwood still to carry out the path maintenance on four footpaths identified as needing cutting back and/or spraying; **Councillor A Pulleyne** to follow up.

23/107 Broad Lane Wood: - No issues raised

23/108 Parish Paddock: -

Councillor A Pulleyne reported that Askham Bryan College came out to look at the paddock on Thursday 29th June and are keen to get involved.

Members also discussed the possibility of creating a small parking area at the paddock; site visit to be arranged to discuss further.

23/109 Village Green Coronation Project Update: -

It was noted that the Chairman and Councillor J Wallinger had met with the contractors and the wooden bench and planters incorporating the mosaics should be installed on the Village Green in early July.

23/110 Planning: -

a) Councillors considered the following Planning Applications received: -

i. (ZG2023/0511/FULM) Installation and operation of Battery Energy Storage Facility on **Land at The Magazine, Hull Road, Osgodby** No Objections

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

c) Note Planning Applications Granted: - NIL

d) Note Planning Applications Refused: -

i. (2023/0254/HPA) Erection of two storey extension between existing buildings at **Barrack Row, York Road, Cliffe**. Noted

e) Note Planning Applications Withdrawn: NIL

23/111 Finance: -

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

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

ii. J Wedgwood (Grass Cutting) £ 1200.00

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

i. Mr C Phillipson (Internal Audit) £ 95.00
£ 48.32 (Net)

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

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

e) Receive Internal Auditors Report – Cliffe Parish Council Accounts 2022/2023
(To be circulated to members and ratified at the next meeting)

23/112 Correspondence Received:-

The Chairman read out correspondence received from a resident regarding the York Road traffic and his response. Noted

The Chairman referred to email correspondence received from the Yorkshire Local Councils Association (YLCA) regarding Standing Orders, Parish Council policies and the Transparency Code for smaller authorities; **clerk** to follow up.

23/113 Representatives Report: -

Councillor P Maw reported that the defibrillator at the New Inn was not working so it had been taken off the standby list however it was noted that the Playing Field Association had recently confirmed on social media that it had now been repaired and is back in service.

Members discussed the monthly checks required on the defibrillator and the **Chairman** agreed to speak to the landlord.

Members also spoke about installing a defibrillator at the Village Institute and one at the other side of the railway crossing in order to cover both sides of the village.

Councillor H Cross advised that the school Governors have asked the Mary Waud Foundation for permission to apply for academy status and it was noted the trustees are taking legal advice on this.

Councillor R Woodall proposed donating the Coronation flag to the school; **Chairman** to liaise with the school.

The **Chairman** spoke about the pond at Whitemoor Mine which is owned by the Parish Council and it was noted that the fencing around the pond is being pushed over by the trees.

The new landowner has provided the Parish Council with a substantial quote to repair the fence and it was agreed that the **Chairman** and **Councillor A Pulleyne** would carry out a site visit with a local contractor to get a second opinion/quote.

23/114 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 7th August 2023 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE.

23/115 Parish Council owned land: - Ongoing.

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