

CLIFFE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 11th December 2023 at Cliffe Village Institute

23/231 Present: -

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

23/232 Apologies: -

Councillor A Holman

23/233 Declarations of Interest: - No interests declared.

23/234 Public Session: - No members of the public were present.

23/235 Police Report: -

It was noted that no alerts for Cliffe parish had been received through the North Yorkshire Community Messaging Service.

The **clerk** advised that PC Richard Wood is happy to arrange a Police Surgery in Cliffe so residents can raise any concerns.

Councillor J Wallinger to put a post on the Cliffe Village Website to gauge interest and preference on best time & day before a suitable date is arranged.

23/236 Listen to reports from North Yorkshire Councillor: -

Councillor K Arthur was not present at the meeting.

23/237 Confirmation of Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 6th November 2023: -

Members **resolved** to accept the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 6th November 2023 as an accurate record of the meeting.

23/238 Matters arising from the minutes of the above meetings: - See below.

23/239 Highways (incl York Road traffic calming measures): -

The **Chairman** advised that he has spoken to Councillor Keane Duncan – North Yorkshire Council Executive Member for Highways and Transportation regarding the lack of response from Highways and he is dismayed at our complaint.

Councillor Keane Duncan will take this up with Highways, but this may not be until the new year due to his heavy workload.

York Road Gateway

The **clerk** advised that as agreed at the November Parish Council meeting, she has asked Stacey Preece – Highways Project Engineer if it was feasible to move the 30mph signs and install the York Road Gateway further back (to the Cliffe village sign) in order to slow the traffic down before entering the village; awaiting response and confirmation of the order.

23/240 Speeding: -

The **clerk** read out the following correspondence received from PC Richard Wood regarding camera enforcement on York Road: -

“I have done some digging into this for you and a form has to be submitted by yourself (or any other concerned member of the public). The more reports the better. If you click on the link below, this will take you to an online form which you can submit. After the report is submitted, a traffic survey maybe carried to assess for number and speed of vehicles. If it is thought to be necessary, a speed camera van will be deployed.”

It was noted that the Parish Council have completed numerous Speed Awareness forms and North Yorkshire Police have already agreed to deploy a speed camera but there has been no sign of any camera enforcement; **clerk** to follow up with PC Wood.

The **Chairman** reiterated that the Vehicle Activated Sign is currently sited on York Road (30mph – facing north) and will be relocated in a couple of months.

23/241 7.5t Weight Limit (York Road): -

The **Chairman** read out the follow up letter drafted by **Councillor E Yates** and a couple of minor amendments were agreed.

Councillor E Yates to forward the amended letter to the clerk; **clerk** to send the letter to the six companies previously identified as ignoring the 7.5t weight limit.

Councillor J Jewitt advised that he had recently spoken to a local skip company regarding their vehicles continuing to use York Road and they were very apologetic. It was noted that this same company were one of the six previously identified as ignoring the 7.5t weight limit and had been sent the letter from the Parish Council.

23/242 Oxen Lane: -

The **Chairman** advised that the tree surgeon has cut back the overgrown trees at school (overhanging Turnham Lane) which the Parish Council agreed to pay for and has done a superb job. The felling of the tree on Oxen Lane will be carried out by the end of January

23/243 Water/Drainage: -

Councillor J Wallinger advised that he had sent further correspondence to Yorkshire Water regarding our ongoing sewage flooding issues (circulated to all members) and is awaiting a response.

23/244 Village Green: -

It was noted that the subsidence of the plinth has still not been resolved; **Chairman** to follow up with the contractor.

The **Chairman** reported that he has details of the floodlight covers, received from the previous Chairman; **Chairman** to liaise with **Councillor J Wallinger** regarding purchasing replacement cover for smashed floodlight.

It was noted that **Councillor A Pulleyne** has sourced the required cables/sockets required for the additional lights and the new Christmas lights agreed for the Village Institute have been purchased and installed.

Members briefly discussed extending the timing of the lights; **Chairman** to liaise with **Councillor J Wallinger**.

Councillor A Pulleyne reported that the culvert requires further attention as the head wall appears to have collapsed again, and he has reported this to Wrights of Crockey Hill who will carry out the remedial work required.

The **Chairman** reported that the daffodil bulbs have been planted by volunteers on either side of the new path.

23/245 Parish Council Documents: -

It was noted that Amy Wilson is liaising with Mr Blackwood (Headteacher) to arrange a date for members to access the safe at school to go through the Parish Council documents. **Chairman** to liaise with Amy Wilson to arrange a date in the first week of the new year when the school will be closed.

It was noted that several of the folders in the safe are sealed; **Councillor H Cross** to make enquiries with the Parish Councils solicitor with regards to accessing the contents.

23/246 Public Footpaths: - (to include any overgrown public footpaths which have been identified that do not comply with the applicable laws/regulations): -

Councillor P Maw advised that he has spoken to the landowner, and they do not want their hawthorn/blackthorn hedge trimming back at present as it is laden with berries for the wildlife, and it was noted that the landowner has already arranged for it to be cut back in the Spring (correspondence received from the landowner has been circulated to all members).

It was noted that it is a legal requirement for landowners to keep their hedge cut back away from a public footpath.

The **Chairman** reported that he has spoken to a local contractor who is certified to spray weeds and he has recommended delaying any spraying until the end of March/beginning of April when the weather is drier.

Chairman to meet with the contractor in February (contractor returns from holiday on 10th Feb) to discuss the work required and obtain a quote.

23/247 Grass Maintenance: -

It was noted that **Councillors A Pullyene** and **J Wallinger** have reviewed the 2024 Grass Maintenance contract and **Councillor J Wallinger** gave an overview of the additional areas that need to be added to the contract.

It was noted that North Yorkshire Council cut a small number of areas five times a year for safety/visibility reasons however the Parish Council already cut the majority of these and can request a financial contribution from North Yorkshire Council if they take over all the areas that Highways are responsible for.

Chairman and **Councillor J Wallinger** to liaise and provide the clerk with the information required to apply for the funding.

23/248 Flooding of footpath at the back of William Jacques Drive: -

Councillor A Pulleyne advised that he had spoken to **Mark Lumby – North Yorkshire Council Highways Officer** who advised him not to carry out any work until he has spoken to the North Yorkshire Council Public Rights of Way. **Councillor Pulleyne** to contact the Countryside Services Officer for Cliffe for advice on who is responsible for a repair to resolve the flooding.

23/249 Damaged Litter Bin outside Cliffe Village Institute: -

It was noted that **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** had agreed to take this up with North Yorkshire Council on our behalf, but no update has been received; **clerk** to follow up.

23/250 Path Maintenance: - No further update

23/251 Broad Lane Wood: -

The **Chairman** advised that a resident had contacted him to report that the hunt has once again been going over Parish Council land (12/11) despite the Parish Council writing to them previously to advise that Cliffe Parish Council have resolved not to allow any form of hunting on Parish land.

Councillor J Jewitt agreed to speak to the Master of Hounds/Huntsman and reiterate which land is owned by the Parish Council ask them to keep off all Parish Council land in future.

23/252 Parish Paddock: - No further update

23/253 Little Library: -

The **Chairman** advised that the mini library for children has been installed beneath the original mini library but has not been painted the same colour as the current book library as promised.

Amy Wilson to get on to Western Wolds Men In Sheds and in the Spring paint little windows on the mini library to embellish it.

23/254 Planning: -

a) Councillors considered the following Planning Applications received: -

i. (ZG2023/1075/FUL) Erection of a stable at **The Three Arches, Cliffe Common, Cliffe Comment Only**

- Concern regarding any additional connections to the drainage system which is already over capacity causing ongoing flooding issues throughout the village, this is currently being investigated by Yorkshire Water.

Members raised concern that building work is currently being carried out on the site despite the previous planning application being refused (ZG2023/0994/HPA); **clerk** to ask **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** to investigate.

ii. (ZG2023/1165/HPA) Erection of new double garage within front driveway space and siting of a temp container for 3 years to allow garage build at **Northfield, Hull Road, Cliffe Object and Comment**

- At last night's meeting of Cliffe Parish Council it was resolved to raise no objections to the erection of a double garage providing that sufficient surface water drainage measures are in place however the Parish Council **object** to the siting of a temporary container for three years as this is a large container that will be very unsightly and on site for a long period of time.

- Concern was also raised regarding any additional connections to the drainage system which is already over capacity causing ongoing flooding issues throughout the village, this is currently being investigated by Yorkshire Water.

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

- Concern regarding any additional connections to the drainage system which is already over capacity causing ongoing flooding issues throughout the village, this is currently being investigated by Yorkshire Water.

iv. (ZG2023/1237/FUL) Replace 5 of the approved tourer pitches with static lodges at **Cliffe Meadows Holiday Park, Turnham Lane, Cliffe** Object

- This is a retrospective application as some of the static lodges are already sited, the existing site plan only shows five lodges already in situ (including the reception) however there are currently seven lodges on site.
- The Parish Council is aware that a lodge has already been built in the north-east corner and a resident is living there.
- The Parish Council is aware of at least three lodges that are being permanently lived in.
- The acoustic fencing and screening shown on the existing plan is not present.
- The Parish Council is unable to comment further as the plans provided are not correct.

It was noted that some of the Parish Councils comments submitted to North Yorkshire Council are not showing on their planning portal and the **clerk** was asked to copy in the **Chairman** on any comments submitted moving forward.

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

c) Note Planning Applications Granted: - NIL

d) Note Planning Applications Refused: -

i. (ZG2023/0994/HPA) Erection of single storey glazed link to existing house at **The Three Arches, Cliffe Common, Cliffe**

e) Note Planning Applications Withdrawn: - NIL

f) Note Planning Appeal Notification Following Refusal:

i. (2022/0417/OUT) Outline application for demolition of former coal-yard building and erection of 2 No dwellings and garages to include access (all other matters reserved) at **Sunnydene Farm, York Road, Cliffe**

It was noted that the Parish Council is in full support of the above application and the **clerk** was asked to make the Planning Inspector aware of this.

The **clerk** reported that she has asked **North Yorkshire Councillor K Arthur** to investigate the touring caravans that have been observed being sited at High Bottom Farm, Market Weighton Road as requested and enquire about the planning status; awaiting response.

23/255 Finance: -

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

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| i. J Leighton-Eshelby (Clerks Salary – December) | £ As Agreed |
| ii. Mr G Wilson (Reimbursement Village Green/Institute Christmas lights, fixings and timers) | £ 112.96 |

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

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| i. HMRC (PAYE) | £ 279.00 |
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c) To ratify payments made in between meetings: - NIL

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

e) Cliffe VC Primary School Funding Request Update

It was noted that the **clerk** had written to Mr Blackwood (Headteacher) to enquire what funding the school are doing themselves towards the project, if they have approached any other bodies and how much they are seeking and although a response had been received it did not answer the questions raised.

Councillor H Cross also advised that the school have not approached the Mary Waud Foundation (Cliffe School Charity) for any funding.

23/256 Correspondence Received: - (Already dealt with under 23/246)

23/257 Representatives Report: -

Councillor J Jewitt raised concern regarding the increase in thefts of motorbikes/quads and horseboxes.

Councillor P Maw requested an update on the streetlight outside the Village Institute which has still not been connected and it was noted that **Councillor J Wallinger** has already followed this up with North Yorkshire Council Streetlighting.

Councillor H Cross gave an overview of the recent Mary Waud Foundation meeting with the school governors, and it was noted that the Mary Waud Foundation have now given their permission in principle for the school to apply for academy status.

Councillor Cross also advised that at a meeting of Cliffe Relief in Need/Cliffe Parish Charity held on Friday 17th November the following donations were agreed:-

Cliffe Relief in Need Charity donated £25 to each of 32 recipients

Cliffe Parish Charity donated £150 each to the Cliffe Village Institute, Cliffe Playing Fields and Cliffe Community Fundraising Group.

The **Chairman** advised that the Cliffe Community Fundraising Group have decided to delay the social event (by invitation only) for eligible pensioners within the Parish until later next year.

Councillor A Pulleyne spoke about getting the tree stump left outside school which is @ 5m tall professionally carved and adding a unique monument instead of paying for the stump to be removed. All were in favour of pursuing this idea, but it was noted that initial design received was too ornate and the quote excessive.

Councillor Pulleyne to investigate further and request further quotes for a more simplified design.

It was also agreed to see if there any suitable grants available for the project.

23/258 Confirm date of next meeting: - Monday 8th January 2024 commencing at 7.00pm in CLIFFE VILLAGE INSTITUTE.

23/259 Parish Council owned land: - Ongoing.

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