

NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT

FERNHILL HEATH BAPTIST CHURCH

On Monday 2018 at 7.30 pm

PRESENT:

Cllr M Farmer (MF)
Cllr M Drinkwater (MD)
Cllr P Philips (PP)
Cllr B Hollis (BH)
Cllr J Carter (JC)
Cty Cllr A Miller
Dst Cllr L Duffy

- 1. To receive apologies for absence and to approve reasons for absence.**
Cllr T Butler (TB) and Cllr T Widdows (TW) sent their apologies for the meeting.
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
 - a) Register of interests; Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
 - b) To declare any other Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. None received.
 - c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature. None received.
 - d) Written requests for the council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011) are to be with the clerk at least four clear days prior to a meeting. Councillors who have declared an interest must leave the room for the relevant items as per the code of conduct and the North Claines Parish Council standing orders. Failure to register or declare a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest may be a criminal offence. There were no declarations received.
- 3. To consider the approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting that was held on Monday 5th November 2018.**
The minutes were signed as an accurate record of the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned for public question time

There were no questions raised during the public question time.

4. Progress reports from the previous minutes and any matters arising for information

AMM noted that there was no “No organized ball games” on the new signs at the Recreation Ground. It was agreed that if organized ball games went ahead, then the Council would write to the groups involved.

5. The Brum

Opportunity for Councillors to raise matters with regard to the Brum and report on actions from the previous minutes.

It was noted that the locking mechanisms on the gates of the recreation ground were broken. Clerk is to ask Top Cut to replace them with an antitheft type of closure to avoid them being broken in the future, also it was agreed that soft closing mechanisms are to be put on each gate.

It was noted that the electricity box on the Brum was in need of replacing. Cty Cllr AM agreed to provide a quote for the replacement of the box.

5.1 Quote received from Top cut re the hedging along the A38 and additional trees on the Recreation ground. The Council agreed to this work to go ahead.

5.2 Exercise equipment on the Recreation Ground was agreed in principle, subject to quotes and design. Cllr MD is to visit the ones at Ghulvelt Park in Worcester and AMM agreed to look into these items. The Clerk is to ask WCC if the Council can install further equipment on the Recreation Ground.

5.3 Benches on the recreation ground – refurbishment suggested by AM/MF and to use refurbished benches elsewhere.

5.4 Scarecrow event in Fernhill Heath – update from Cllr MF.

The event was a great success; there were 55 scarecrows – up from 37 last year. Many thanks were given to Meg and her team for organizing this local event.

It was noted that the Christmas event was scheduled for 15 December 2-4pm. A grotto was to be erected by Sheds R us and Father Christmas was to arrive in a motorbike and side car!

6 Highways, Footpaths and Lighting. Appendix B

6.1 Update on any ongoing highways actions from or since the last meeting.

Dilmore Lane – ongoing pinchpoint issue;

This was noted as still under legal review despite residents moving in 12 months earlier. Taylor Wimpey has been made aware that homes should not be sold until the road modifications have been undertaken and Adrien Tuck at WCC is taking action on the matter. Cty Cllr AM agreed to arrange for BH, AMM and A Tuck to meet to discuss this issue.

The Council noted that there was great concern that if there is no resolution on this matter, then the Parish will end up with a substandard road. The Council feel that Taylor Wimpey initially failed to purchase the land to increase the width of the road in question, then planning at Wychavon failed to enforce this and now highways were failing to ensure resolution.

Traffic light at Hurst lane Junction – ongoing queries

AMM noted that traffic data had been taken into account when determining the necessity of these lights. He also noted that the work will take place when the motorway junction work is commencing.

AMM noted that the proposed lights will be “mover” lights – programmed to deal with the main flow of traffic, but they will be influenced by the traffic in Hurst lane. They are the same sort as at Martin Hussingtree junction.

Cllr AMM asked for evidence that the traffic will not build up like the temporary traffic lights and an assurance that if the traffic was affected adversely, that they will be changed. County Cllr AM noted that the lights would be changed if that was the case.

- 6.2 Opportunity for Councillors to raise any matters with regard to highways, footpaths or lighting.
Pot holes in Post Office Lane were noted.

Bevere Fish Pass

It was noted that there had been a public enquiry on the Bevere fish pass and no one knew any details of the event. Clerk to email the Canal Trust to ask for further information on this matter.

Eastfield Close

Despite writing to the landowners, 2 houses have still not cut back their hedges – numbers 7 and 9 – Westfield Road.

Fortis Living

It was noted that the houses that back on to the Recreation Ground have garage doors as part of their fencing. Clerk to contact to see if these can be replaced.

Railtrack was noted as working on the bridge – cutting hedges back. Remedial work on the bridge also noted.

7. Correspondence for information only.

WCC – Members update

Countryside Voice magazine

South Worcestershire Development Plan Review

Calc updates for September and October

St Johns Church – Claines

Returned notice of application from B Butler re PROW.

Comments from resident re application 18/01975/FUL

Scarecrow location details

Bus scrutiny task group – feedback form

Wychavon - Precept and council tax 2019-20

Letter to G Williams and Planning department re the NP sent 9/10/18

Ongoing correspondence with regard to the traffic lights at the Hurst lane Junction

8 Planning

8.1 Neighbourhood Plan Committee

It was noted that no reply had been received by G Williams on the neighbourhood plan 12 month review.

The Clerk is to resend the letter.

- 8.1.2 A quote has been received by Peter Hamilton for preparing and submitting representations on the issues and Options SWDPR consultation document.
£962.50

It was noted that this was an important part of the planning process and the NCPC needed professional advice on this document in particular with regard to the green belt.

AMM agreed to discuss this with Peter Hamilton to examine what the Parish Council wanted to highlight.

It was agreed to proceed with this project and the Council accepted the above quotation.

- 8.2 Planning applications for decision

18/02198/HP
3 Rosewood Close
Fernhill Heath
Worcester
WE3 7SH

Conversion and extension of garage to create ancillary living accommodation.
The Parish Council recommended deferral until the parking issue is agreed.

18/01975/FUL
Bull Inn
152 Droitwich Road
Fernhill Heath
Worcester
WR3 8RS

4no one bedroom apartments and 2 two bedroomed apartments with drive, parking and amenity space.

The Parish Council recommended refusal under the neighbourhood plan sections 2 and 3.

18/01817/HP
Vigornia Cottages
83 Droitwich Road
Fernhill Heath
Worcester
WR3 8RJ

New vehicular access

The Parish Council recommended approval.

18/0215/S106
Chatley House
Ombersley Road
Hawford
WR3 7SE

Application to modify requirements related to planning re 12/02423

The Parish Council recommended approval.

18/01264/HP

22 Dilmore Lane

Fernhill Heath

WR3 7TE

Two storey side extension and rear dormer window.

The Parish Council recommended the supporting of Highways suggested deferral.

18/01968/HP

2 Stoneycroft Close

Fernhill Heath

Worcester

WR3 8AZ

Conversion and extension of garage to create annexe accommodation.

The Parish Council recommended approval.

18/01985/OUT

Land between Sling Lane and The old drive,

Droitwich Road,

Fernhill Heath.

Erection of up to 40 dwellings, a new access and other infrastructure.

It was agreed to ask P Hamilton to comment on this application in relation to the neighbourhood plan at the agreed cost.

8.3 Planning application decisions by Wychavon.

8.3.1 Approved

18/01443/FUL – Fernhill House care home.

Non compliance to conditions 6 and 10.

9 Report from District and County Councillor.

9.1 Report from A Miller

- AM noted that a LGA governor for Hindlip and Tibberton School was needed – to advertise in the Parish Focus magazine.
- The grit bin at Windmill Cottages has been added onto the list.
- There is to be a County Council realignment of staff and voluntary redundancies made.
- As part of the above cuts, there will be greater responsibilities and roles for parish lengthsman and Parish Councils.
- AM agreed to look into the appearance of two small cameras near the Grange School – that were allegedly for traffic control.

9.2 L Duffy has sent her apologies that she is unable to continue as the District Councillor for the Parish Council. The Parish Council sent their thanks to Lynne for all her hard work on behalf of the Council.

10. Newsletter and website

10.1 Update on the newsletter. Contributions requested for inclusion in the next newsletter.

10.2 Update on the website. Progress on the website was ongoing.

11 Finance.

- 11.1 Invoices for consideration and payment at the Council meeting – (see appendix D)
- 11.2 Monies received.
Worcestershire County Council Parish Lengthsman to May 18 **£1540**
- 11.3 Finance meeting.
A date is to be arranged to review the past quarter of expenditure and examine the proposed budget for 2019-2020.

12 Parish Maintenance

- 12.1 There were no further parish maintenance requests to consider.

13 Co-option

- 13.1 There are still 2 more spaces available for co-option to North Claines Parish Council.

14 Councillors items for consideration.

Remembrance Day events –

Claines Church – 10.40 and 11 remembrance service. Councillor J Carter is to represent the Council.

Fernhill Heath War Memorial Hall – Friday 19th November 8pm.

15 Dates of the next Parish Council meetings.

December 3rd 2018 and January 14th 2019

Abbreviations

AM – County and District Cllr A Miller

AMM - Cllr A McManus

BH – Bob Hollis

Cllr – Councillor

JC – Cllr John Carter

LD - County and District Cllr L Duffy

MD - Cllr Margaret Drinkwater

MF - Cllr Meg Farmer

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

NPC – Neighbourhood planning committee

PP - Cllr P Philips

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

WDC – Wychavon District Council

FOTB – Fun on the Brum