

**NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT**

**FERNHILL HEATH BAPTIST CHURCH**

**On Monday June 17<sup>th</sup> 2019 at 7.30 pm**

**PRESENT:**

Cllr M Farmer (MF)  
Cllr M Drinkwater (MD)  
Cllr B Hollis (BH)  
Cllr J Carter (JC)  
Cllr P Philips (PP)  
Cllr T Butler (TB)  
Cty Cllr A Miller (AM)  
Dst Cllr N Wright (NW)  
6 members of the public.

1. **To receive apologies for absence and to approve reasons for absence.**
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.
  - c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
  - 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.
3. **To consider the approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting that was held on Monday 13 May 2019.**

The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record of the meeting.

**Meeting Adjourned for public question time**

The Parish Council was closed for public question time and re-opened afterwards. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes are appended to the minutes as an aide memoire.

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

Public Open Space on Cherry Tree Park

The parish council has drafted a letter to Wychavon to support the parishioners in this case and the Clerk will send a copy to the residents.

5. **The Brum**

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

- The goal posts are loose and Top Cut are to re-cement them in place.

Progress on actions

- An engineer from Proludic has serviced the roundabout and hopefully this will solve the issue of the roundabout "sticking."
- The official lease for the Brum has been received and is to be circulated to the Council before signing at the July meeting of the Council.
- The oak tree opposite the Brum was identified as being on Fortis housing land and responsibility for maintenance is theirs.
- The new signs on the rec have not yet been put up.

6 **Highways, Footpaths and Lighting. Appendix B**

6.1 Update on any highway's actions from or since the last meeting.

Cllrs AMM, BH and MD attended a meeting with A Tuck from Highways and AM.

The following issues were discussed;

- Parking on Grange Lane. It was noted that nothing could be done in regard to this issue with the exception of yellow lines. Single yellow lines with a 45 minute maximum waiting time was being investigated as was a possible park and ride service to the residential home.
- Speeding in Bever. The speed of traffic was to be monitored and the hedge was to be cut back by the private owner.
- Speeding in Lower Town. Cty Cllr AM noted that speed monitoring had been performed over two days and that the speed of vehicles was not found to be excessive. Speeding vehicles had been noted to be residents. AM has asked for a 30mph zone to be imposed from Kennels Lane to Dilmore Lane and also a sign noting that the road was not suitable for heavy goods vehicles as it was a single-track road.
- Traffic lights on the A38/Hurst Lane. The traffic lights are to be installed and they will be 4 way which will allow users of the car park to exit at the lights. Priority will be given to the A38 and Hurst Road. The installation will take 6 weeks and is scheduled over August, there will be one definite weekend closure on 25/8/19 and another weekend closure on 2/9/19 is scheduled if there are any issues. Highways will advertise the works but do not have to notify residents. The Parish Council expressed their extreme concern about the lights and the impact of them on the businesses in Fernhill Heath and the effect on the residents.
- Widening of the narrow section of Dilmore Lane. The land ownership issue had been resolved, but Taylor Wimpey have to apply to do the works necessary to widen the road. AM is to apply pressure to ensure this is performed before the development is totally inhabited, otherwise it is understood that the responsibility to do this rests with the residents.

6.2 Opportunity for Councillors to raise any matters with regard to highways, footpaths or lighting.

- Various hedges need cutting back – Councillors to send addresses to Clerk and a standard letter will be sent to the households in question.
- Potholes reported in Vicarage Lane and Bevere lane on the bend
- VAS sign – saying 30 all the time.

6.3 Dog bin at back of 71 Station Road.

The Clerk has asked top Cut to remove this bin as it is situated on a privately owned footpath and the owner has asked for its removal.

7. **Correspondence for information only**

**Warwickshire and West Mercia Police** update

**Shane Cusack** – information re traffic in Lower Town and information re accident in Lower Town October 2017

**Clerk** notes re meeting at MFG solicitors

**Calc** updates

**St John Baptist** magazine

**Parishioner** feedback re land purchase x 3

**Clerk** letter of support for Cherry Tree Park POS

8 **Planning**

8.1 Neighbourhood Plan Committee

8.2 Planning applications for decision

19/01212/s106

Martinbrook Farmhouse

Lower Town

Claines

WR3 7RY

Application under s106 to discharge requirements associated with 07/00501/CU.

NCPC to make *no comment* as the Wychavon legal department are dealing with this application.

19/00805/HP

Fernhill Heath Cottage

60 Droitwich Road

Fernhill Heath

WR3 8RQ

Proposed new vehicular and pedestrian entrance gates, new porch and two storey rear extension.

*No objections received from NCPC.*

19/01312/HP

Birds House

Danes Green,

Claines, Worcester

WR3 7RU

Retrospective car port.

*No objections received from NCPC.*

19/00118/FUL amendment to planning application.

Land rear of 35 and 37 Station Road

Change in house type and changes in fenestration.

NCPC note that this does not change the response *and objection* from the Council as submitted earlier in the application process.

19/01324/HP  
Claremont  
Danes Green  
Claines  
WR3 7RU  
Single storey rear extension  
There were *no objections* to this application.

19/01059/HP  
65 Suffolk Drive  
Fernhill Heath  
WR3 7RJ  
Conversion of garage to snug.  
NCPC *objected* to this application as it is in contravention to County Council Transport Policies that state 3 car spaces must be available for a 4 bedroom house.

19/01066/RM  
Sling Lane  
Fernhill Heath  
Reserved matters for 40 houses, access and infrastructure.  
This application does not alter the comments of NCPC as previously submitted under 18/01985/OUT.

8.3 Planning application decisions by Wychavon.

8.3.1 Approved

19/00261/ADV Fernhill Heath Care Home, Grange Lane, Fernhill Heath, Worcester  
WR3 7UR.

19/00775/HP 31 Shrawley Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7TL. Single storey rear extension.

**9 Report from County and District Councillors.**

9.1 Report from A. Miller.

AM noted an invitation to attend the NALC event for Parish Councils at the Chateau Impney on Friday 21 June.

9.2 Report from N. Wright.

NW noted that he was acquainting himself with Wychavon and would be happy to provide assistance where necessary.

**10. Newsletter and website**

10.1 Update on the newsletter. The newsletter has been distributed and positive responses had been received by the Clerk on the land purchase.

10.2 Update on the website. The Clerk is awaiting a few final pieces of information before the website can go live.

**11 Finance.**

11.1 Invoices for consideration and payment at the Council meeting were approved as per the attached list.

11.2 Monies received.

**Worcestershire County Council** lengthsman scheme

**£599.53**

- 11.3 The internal audit by Diane Malley has been returned and there is nothing of concern within her report –her letter is available to the Parish Council for inspection.
- 11.4 Annual Governance Statement 2018-19 for NCPC was approved and signed as correct.
- 11.5 Accounting Statements 2018-19 for NCPC were approved and signed as correct.
- 11.6 The minutes of the finance committee meetings 2018-19 were approved and signed as correct.

**12 Purchase of land**

The Parish Council met with Alexandra Philips of MFG Solicitors to discuss the report with regards to the sale.

The questions that arose re the purchase were answered to the satisfaction of the Councillors present and the purchase is proceeding.

It was noted that the monies available from the new homes bonus scheme would be applied for in the next few weeks and provided that the Council spend no more than £10,000 per month until the end of this financial year then the finances were in place for the purchase.

There would be no monies available for the enhancement of the land until grants were received. Once the land is secured, then grant applications will be made.

**13 Parish Maintenance**

This is an opportunity for Councillors to raise matters re parish maintenance. An accident was noted on Station Road.

**14 Councillors additional items for consideration.**

There is a litter pick on Thursday 20 June.

An oak tree on Hurst Lane needs the ivy removing.

Open gardens day is Sunday 23 June and there are 8 gardens open this year from 11-4. Details available in the local shops.

**15 Dates of the next Parish Council meetings.**

July 1st and September 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019

Abbreviations

AM – County and District Cllr A Miller

NW – Nicholas Wright

AMM - Cllr A McManus

BH – Bob Hollis

Cllr – Councillor

JC – Cllr John Carter

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

### Public question time

#### Kennels Lane

A parishioner asked if the Kennels development had been approved as per the Parish Focus magazine. It was noted that the development had been refused by Wychavon initially and then passed on appeal. Because there had been no work started, the permission had subsequently lapsed. The application had then been resubmitted and refused again. It was noted that there had been confusion about the issue.

#### Shire Development – Dilmore Lane

A parishioner from the Shire development noted that the play area at the Shire was unfinished/unmaintained and unsafe. There were also paths unbuilt and trees unmaintained. It was noted that this was still the responsibility of Taylor Wimpey Homes as the development was unfinished and AM agreed to speak to the Company with regard to this. AM also noted that when the development was fully occupied then responsibility to complete roadworks would pass to the residents.