

**NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD AT**

FERNHILL HEATH BAPTIST CHURCH

On Monday July 1st 2019 at 7.30 pm

**PRESENT:**

Cllr M Farmer (MF)  
Cllr M Drinkwater (MD)  
Cllr B Hollis (BH)  
Cllr J Carter (JC)  
Cllr T Butler (TB)  
Cty Cllr A Miller (AM)  
Dst Cllr N Wright (NW)

1. **To receive apologies for absence and to approve reasons for absence.**  
Cllr P Philips (PP)
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.  
There were no declarations of interest received.
3. **To consider the approval of the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting that was held on Monday 17 June 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.**  
The dog bin at the back of 71 Station Road is to be removed. The signs on the Recreation ground are also still to be put up by Top Cut.

**5. The Brum**

- 5.1 Opportunity for Councillors to raise matters with regard to the Brum and report on actions from the previous minutes.
- 5.2 Fernhill Heath Baptist Church asks the Parish Council if they could hold a "Songs of Praise" event on the Brum on Sunday 4th August starting at 4pm. This was agreed by the Parish Council.
- 5.3 The lease for the Brum from Worcestershire County Council had been viewed by all the Councillors and it was agreed that the documents should be signed and returned. The documents were duly signed by Meg Farmer and Bob Hollis on behalf of the Parish Council.

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

- 6.1 Update on any highways actions from or since the last meeting.
- AM noted that the pinch point at Dilmore was to be rectified at some point in the future.
  - JC noted that he had received information that the work on the new 4 way traffic lights was to commence at the end of July. AM noted that it was to be started in August and there would be at least one weekend closure. AMM is to send a letter to AM with regard to the roadworks planned.
  - Parking at Grange Lane. Further to the last meeting it was again noted that there was no easy solution to this issue and AM would report back on progress in the September meeting.
  - Lower Town. AM noted that a 30mph speed limit was to be installed but that a 20mph speed limit was not possible at that location.
- 6.2 Opportunity for Councillors to raise any matters with regard to highways, footpaths or lighting.
- Light number 26 by the bridge on the path by Station Road needs the foliage removing from around it.
  - Sign at the bottom of Station Road is the wrong way round and needs adjusting.
  - Hedge at the junction of Droitwich Road and Post Office Lane – opposite the Cedars needs attention as it is overgrown.
  - Brambles are growing over the boards that surround the future development on DilmoreLane/A38.

**7 Correspondence for information only.**

Warwickshire and West Mercia Police update

Calc updates

St John Baptist magazine

Parishioner feedback re land purchase x 4

Wychavon Small grants for active parishes. Wychavon Village of culture competition 2020.

CPRE Worcestershire newsletter

Parishioner feedback on overgrown hedges

**8 Planning**

8.1 Neighbourhood Plan

It was noted that the reserved matters Sling Lane application 19/01066 needed further investigation and the Parish Council agreed that P Hamilton should perform this work and it would be sent to Wychavon within the next week.

8.2 Planning applications for decision

19/01418/FUL

Land at Dilmore Lane

Fernhill Heath

Erection of agricultural building for storage of fodder and a livestock shelter

There were no objections to this application.

19/01365/HP

Araydan

1 Stoneycroft Close

Fernhill Heath

Worcester WR3 8AZ

Side and rear extension.

There were no objections to this application.

8.3 Planning application decisions by Wychavon.

8.3.1 Approved

8.3.2 Planning appeals

APP/H180/W/19/3226290

Proposed new build and drive – Farmhouse Cottage, Ombersley Road Bevere.

8.3.3 Applications to be considered by the Planning Committee

Land rear of 35 and 37 Station Road, Fernhill Heath.

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

9.1 Report from A. Miller.

The play area at the Taylor Wimpey Development had been fenced off as it was deemed to be unsafe. They have agreed to bring it up to specification within the month and enforcement are to check it with regard to location.

The grounds are not being maintained and the residents need to create a resident's group and discuss this issue. The Parish Council will help where they can with this ongoing issue.

9.2 Report from N. Wright.

It was noted that there were small grants for active parishes to be applied for by 30 August and also the next round of the Community Legacy Fund was 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2019.

**10. Newsletter and website**

10.1 Update on the newsletter.

The newsletter has been distributed around the parish.

10.2 Update on the website.

There are few items awaited and then the website would go live.

**11 Finance.**

11.1 Invoices for consideration and payment at the Council meeting were agreed as per appendix D)

11.2 Monies received.

No monies were received to date.

**12 Purchase of land**

Updates of the purchase of the land in Fernhill Heath. Copies of correspondence from Alexandra Philips of MFG Solicitors are available for examination.

12.1 Resolution of the Council with regard to the deed of purchase.

It was noted that when the land purchase documents were ready for signing then they would be signed by two members of the Council and witnessed by the Clerk. (in accordance with a resolution made under standing order 14(a) any two members of the Council, may sign, on behalf of the Council, any deed required by law and the Proper Officer shall witness their signatures." Standing orders last adopted by the Parish Council in May 2019)

- 12.2 It was noted by the Council that the boundaries of the land above would need to be fenced in certain places upon completion.
- 12.3 The Clerk noted that for the rest of the financial year 2019-20 finances would be extremely tight and that development of the land would involve receiving grants in the financial year 2020-21. The Council noted the report of the financial committee to this effect.

**13 Parish Maintenance**

Nothing was raised.

**14 Councillors additional items for consideration.**

MF noted that the open gardens were a great success and each of the gardens received 40-60 visitors.

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

September 2<sup>nd</sup> and October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. AM sent his apologies for the September meeting.

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**

Jill Viner from the over 60's group thanked the Parish Council for their donation of £200 and noted that it was appreciated.

Residents from Rossendale Close noted that the planning application had been refused and they thanked the Parish Council for their help in obtaining the report P Hamilton on behalf of the Parish Council.

