

NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on Monday July 4th 2022
Held in Okeys Lane Baptist Church Hall at 1930hrs

PRESENT

Cllr M Farmer (MF)
Cllr J Robb (JR)
Cllr M Drinkwater (MD)
Cllr V Nelms (VN)
Cllr C Johnston (CJ)
Cllr T Butler (TB)
Dst Cllr Nick Wright (NW) and
Cty Cllr M Baylis (MB)
Dst Cllr A Miller (AM)
Clerk

1. To receive apologies for absence and to approve reasons for absence.

There were apologies for absence received from Cllr S Allen (SA) Cllr A Harris (AH) Cllr M Tubby (MT)

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 confirm the minutes of the meeting of the meeting held on 6th June 2022

The minutes were approved and duly signed as an accurate record.

Meeting was adjourned for public question time

The time allocated is at the discretion of the council/chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the parish council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for further consideration at the discretion of the chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the parish council meeting itself unless the Chairman allows. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes will be appended to the minutes as an aide memoire.

There were no members of the public present.

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

Actions covered elsewhere in the minutes.

5 Public areas in North Claines Parish.

5.1 Recreation Committee to report their progress.

5.1.1 Brum.

- Accessibility to the Brum. It was noted that a full-size wheelchair could not easily access the Brum at the current time. The gate on the A38 could be fitted with a RADAR key. It was agreed that Cllr JR would discuss the options with the accessibility officer at County Hall.
- The metal gate to the Brum has been replaced and the play area gates have also been updated with soft closing mechanism.
- The surface under the agility trail needs to be filled and flattened.

5.1.2 Bull Meadow

- Cllrs MF has tried to contact Mr James re the action agreed at their meeting - trees needing attention on his land. He has not responded.
- It was noted that the finger post signs on the site were still not replaced.
- Top cut to deal with the ragwort within the new planting area.
- Specification for the vehicular and pedestrian access to Bull meadow to be produced.
- Patrick Connolly from Wychavon – project monitoring officer is checking on the time frame for the plan relating to the Community Legacy grant. He has visited Bull Meadow with Meg Farmer.

5.2 Picnic on the Brum 23rd July. A poster has been made to advertise this event. Refreshments have been donated and raffle prizes are sought. Help is still also required.

5.3 Opportunity for Councillors to raise matters regarding other open areas in the Parish.

The bench on Danes Green is being well used.

A new public space sign for Robin Drive Open Space area is needed.

Benches around the Parish need to have grass areas around them strimmed.

5.4 Community Café for North Claines Parish.

This proposed idea involves volunteers providing a non-profit making café one day a week, currently to be held on Fridays from the Baptist Church Hall (although there will be no involvement from the Church) Local community cafes have been visited and support from the Plunkett foundation has been identified. A survey is to be held at the picnic on the Brum.

The Parish Council agreed to hold this under their auspices and provide insurance for this potential project.

5.5 Actions from previous meetings.

Agatha Gardens bed needing attention – MF and MD to action this in the Autumn after the Summer flowering season has finished

6 Highways, Footpaths and Lighting.

6.1 Opportunity to discuss any matters arising from correspondence.

6.2 Update on lighting problems in the Parish.

- Lights 24 and 25. Western Power have provided a quote of £5914 not including the Prysmian work on columns. The parish council approved

this work if Western Power have included the railway aspect in their quote.

- A light has been removed in Morton Lane with associated highways signs. This is not an NCPC light.

6.3 Other highways information or problems.

- 20 is plenty campaign – documents sent with previous agenda. NCPC agreed to support this campaign.

7. Correspondence for information only.

- SNT newsletter
- Email re the Neighbourhood plan from R Placito
- Email re the land at the rear of Hurst Lane and Berkeley Gardens from S Barnes
- Calc update
- Encroachment of pavement due to land debris
- Road closure - U50365 Green Lane from its junction with A449 Ombersley Road to its junction with U50319 Northwick Road on 27 June for 12 days

8 Planning

8.1 Planning applications have been considered by the planning committee and the committee will submit their comments at the meeting.

W/22/01289/HP

Highways, 277 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7SU

Proposed rear first floor extension and new front porch.

There were no objections to this application.

W/22/01223/HP

Fernhill Heath Cottage, 60 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 8RQ

Enlargement of existing single storey outbuilding.

There were no objections to this application.

8.3 Planning applications approved by Wychavon

22/01000

Dropped Kerb

Vigornia Cottages, 83 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 8RJ

22/00920

New Enclosed Porch Extension

17 Oldcourse Way, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 8BY

22/00939

Partial conversion of integral garage into living accommodation (kitchen) and replacement windows to the north elevation.

Flat 1 The Mews, Bevere House, Bevere Green, Bevere, Worcester, WR3 7RG

22/00993

The replacement of existing timber windows with new UPVC windows

The Retreat, Porters Mill, Ladywood, Ombersley, Droitwich Spa, WR9 0AN

8.4 Other planning matters

- MF, MD and JR are to meet Vic Allison to discuss the possible way forward re the issues at Martinbrook farm Industrial Estate and will report back at the next PC meeting.
- Cllr JF is to examine the planning conditions at Daniels Farm have been met fully after the granting of the footpath diversion.

9 Report from County and District Councillors.

9.1 Report from M Bayliss

- The action to repaint the white lines at the entrance to the Brum. This has been added to the lining schedule, but no date given yet.
- MB to remind Barry Barnes that the VAS needs to be installed in the Parish and to find suitable sites. Barry Barnes asks the Parish to locate suitable sites.
- MB supplied the report on the parking arrangements for School Bank as agreed after the meeting at the school. JR to discuss this with the school and report back to the Parish Council.
- The public path on the Brum is to be re tarmacked by WCC 10-12 October weather permitting.

9.2 Report from N Wright/A Miller

- NW and AM will be at the meeting with NCPC and Vic Allison.
- NW noted that the SWDP are meeting in October so there will not be a resolution until 2023.
- The Boundary issues will also not be resolved this year.

10 Newsletter and online matters

10.1 Update on newsletter.

The next newsletter is to be printed at the end of September/October.

10.2 Update on any other online presence (Facebook/twitter/website)

Nothing to report.

11 Finance.

11.1 Invoices for consideration and payment at the Council meeting.

These were approved as per the attached list.

11.2 Monies received by the Parish Council.

11.3 A finance meeting is to be held in August.

12 Parish Maintenance

This is an opportunity for Councillors to raise matters re parish maintenance.

There was nothing to report.

13 Councillors additional items for consideration or for matters to be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

There was nothing to report.

14 Date of the next Parish Council meetings.

September 5th 2022

October 3rd 2022

Abbreviations

Cllr – Councillor

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

WCC – Worcestershire County Council
WDC – Wychavon District Council