

NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on Monday November 7th 2022
Held in Okeys Lane Baptist Church Hall at 1930hrs

PRESENT

Cllr M Farmer (MF)
Cllr A Harris (AH)
Cllr M Drinkwater (MD)
Cllr T Butler (TB)
Cllr V Nelms (VN)
Cllr C Johnston (CJ)
Dst Cllr Nick Wright (NW)
Dst Cllr A Miller (AM)
Cty Cllr M Bayliss (MB)
Clerk and 3 members of the public.

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

There were apologies for absence received from Cllr S Allen (SA) and Cllr J Robb (JR) and Cllr M Tubby.

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.

3 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the meeting held on 3rd October 2022.

These were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

(Meeting was adjourned for public question time and reopened after)
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)

4 Progress reports from the previous minutes and any matters arising for information (if not considered elsewhere on the agenda)

(Appendix item A)

4.1 Progress reports and matters arising.

4.2 Actions ongoing - Accident on Epsom Close due to car crashing into fence on corner.

MF is to discuss this situation with Richard Rees at the next PACT meeting and MB is to investigate this also.

The Parish Council agreed to all the 6 suggestions from Barry Barnes after the meeting at the School in September 2021. Cllr Marc Baylis is to ask for these items to be put in places soon as possible.

5 Public areas in North Claines Parish.

5.1 Recreation Committee to report their progress.

- **Bull Meadow.** Meeting on Bull Meadow with Becca Brant, Lucy Mayo and Findlay from WWT.

Ponds are currently underway, and the committee is delighted with the progress. The grass will grow back, and the land will be levelled.

The bunds will be in place later in the project.

The new entrance has been marked out.

There is a manhole which needs attention by Severn Trent and Cllr MF will contact Jason Snow to action this work.

- **Brum**

The roundabout has been mended and the path on the Brum is complete.

5.2 Scarecrows in Fernhill Heath.

The scarecrows were a great success and over 100 scarecrows went on display, BBC Hereford and Worcester covered the event. Over £800 was raised from the sale of the maps and this has been given to the Dementia Café at 6 ways

5.3 Sustainability committee.

The committee met and have renamed the committee as the Green Committee. They will provide posts and website updates to promote it as well as putting an article in the Focus.

They anticipate having workshops and activities on the Brum over Easter (recycling etc). There will be a green plan and goals will be agreed to work towards.

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

The Parish Council agreed to the Nativity Scene on Agatha Gardens. Cty Cllr AM noted that Dilmore Avenue pavement is to be resurfaced.

6 Highways, Footpaths and Lighting.

6.1 Opportunity to discuss any matters arising from correspondence.

6.2 Update on lighting problems in the Parish.

Light number 25 is to be replaced by Christmas by Prismian at an anticipated cost of £1901.09.

6.3 Other highways information or problems.

7. Correspondence for information only.

Calc AGM information

Daniels Farm Enforcement information
Findlay Reynolds Planting information for Bull Meadow
Andrew Fell Acknowledgement that Ordinary Water Land Drainage Consent not needed on Bull Meadow.
Fairways Quote for pedestrian access for Bull Meadow and pathways quote for Bull meadow.
Parishioner comment re W/22/01474/ADV – planning aware.

8 Planning

- 8.1 Planning applications have been considered by the planning committee and the committee will submit their comments at the meeting.
Any further plans received prior to the meeting can also be discussed.

W/22/01836/TDC5

Land at (os 8593 5944) Jacob Ladder Lane, Claines.

Technical details for single self-build dwelling.

Comment - Uphold neighbours objection re:septic tank/soakaway which is not addressed in the planning statement

W/22/02091/CU

Dilmore Lodge Farm, Lower Town

Claines Worcester WR3 7RY

Objection to the whole development on traffic grounds - if permission is granted then binding restrictions on the operating hours of the site, types of vehicle authorised to access and frequencies of visits should form part of the agreement.

W/22/01961/HP

The Cottage, 273 Droitwich Road.

Fernhill Heath, Worcestershire. WR3 7UH

Erection of garage.

No objections made.

W/22/02148/OUT

Lyfters Lodge Firs Farm

Ombersley Road Worcester WR3 7RH

The construction of a detached 4/5 bedroom house with a detached garage and vehicle parking spaces.

Objection - Not enough information in application i.e. number of parking spaces, dimensions of building, materials etc

W/22/02092

Daniels Farm

Claines

Objection as this enforcement action does not address the issue of the smell. A request is to be made for full details of the enforcement report.

- 8.2 Planning applications decided by Wychavon.

Approved

Erection of single-storey front and rear extensions and internal alterations
25 Shrawley Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7TW

W/22/01468/HP - Lower Town Farm, Lower Town,
Claines Worcester, WR3 7RY
Ground floor side and rear extensions

- 8.3 Planning appeal/enforcements ongoing.

Enforcement

ENF/21/0254 W/22/02092/FUL

Daniels Farm, Vicarage Lane,
Claines, Worcester, WR3 7RP

To discuss the enforcement action to date and whether it addresses the concern of the parishioners of North Claines

Dst Cllr NW noted that the proposed enforcement action was unenforceable and uncontrollable and that this was not adequate for the community. NW also noted that smells should not linger for longer than 24 hours and parishioners should keep a diary across the parish for a year to demonstrate this.

- 8.4 SWDP review public consultation. Please note the attached correspondence re the SWDP review and the Travelling and Show people consultation. NCPC are to make comments on this review in the December 2022 meeting (deadline of 13 December)

9 Report from County and District Councillors.

- 9.1 Report from M Bayliss.

- The budget at County Hall was being set and they were trying to keep increases as low as possible. Adult and social costs as well as wages were rising.
- Boundary review – 57 Cty Cllrs had been agreed by WCC and the boundary commission will decide on the outcome. Other boundaries will be reviewed in 2025.
- Copcut junction is being reviewed as it does not appear to work – funding is by the developers.
- The path across the Brum is perceived to be low quality and MB will ensure that a supervisor will check the work and arrange for remedial work.
- Siding out of the main road has been done but it is not wide enough and needs re-doing.
- A new VAS and solar panel is on order and will be put up when it is received.
- Sign up on Kennels Lane is not yet erected.
- MB is at Hindlip on Monday Wednesday and Friday and welcomes visitors.

- 9.2 Report from N Wright – comments on the SWDP were invited on the development on Dilmore Lane.

10 Newsletter and online matters

- 10.1 Update on newsletter. Nothing to report at present.

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

11 Finance.

- 11.1 Invoices for consideration and payment at the Council meeting were approved.

- 11.2 Monies received by the Parish Council. It was noted that £50 had been donated from a Parishioner for Bluebells on Bull Meadow.
- 11.3 Budget for 2022-23 and finance meeting.
The budget was approved by the Parish Council. The Precept was approved at £112,200.
The finance committee has met and noted the reconciliations and invoices for the first half of the year were all correct.
- 11.4 Approval of D Malley for 2022-23 internal audit. The external auditors are to be changed as they have done 5yrs to date. This was approved.

12 Parish Maintenance

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

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

14 Date of the next Parish Council meetings.

December 5th 2022. Cllr AH send apologies.

January 9th 2023

Abbreviations

Cllr – Councillor

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

WDC – Wychavon District Council