

**NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on Monday December 5th 2022**  
Held in Okeys Lane Baptist Church Hall at 1930hrs

**PRESENT**

Cllr M Farmer (MF)  
Cllr A Harris (AH)  
Cllr T Butler (TB)  
Cllr V Nelms (VN)  
Cllr J Robb (JR)  
Cllr M Tubby (MT)  
Dst Cllr A Miller (AM)  
Clerk and no 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) Cllr C Johnston (CJ) Cty Cllr M Bayliss (MB) Dst Cllr Nick Wright (NW) and Cllr M Drinkwater (MD)

**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 7<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

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

***There was no public question time as there were no members of the public present.***

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

**4.1. Progress reports and matters arising.**

The Parish Council previously 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 an update on these actions.

**5 Public areas in North Claines Parish.**

5.1 Recreation Committee to report their progress.

- **Bull Meadow**

Pedestrian entrance – fencing is ongoing, and the works performed by Fairway are proceeding well. The pedestrian entrance is proceeding at the present time and the ponds have been paused until drier weather. It was agreed to accept the quote from Top Cut for the planting of 1700 trees on Bull Meadow and this would go ahead early in 2023.

- **Brum**

Nothing to report.

5.2 Open areas in the Parish.

Father Christmas will be travelling around the Parish in his sleigh on 17th December and mulled wine and mince pies will be available. The Pop Up Café is scheduled for the 19<sup>th</sup> December in the Memorial Hall.

**6 Highways, Footpaths and Lighting.**

6.1 Opportunity to discuss any matters arising from correspondence.

Nothing to report.

6.2 Update on lighting problems in the Parish.

The ongoing problems with light number 25 are due to end with a new column to be installed by Prysmian at this location before the end of the year.

6.3 Dilmore lane – missing footpath by Danes Green.

A parishioner had to go in the turf/mud to get round a flood and slipped and fell in the road.

The Parish Council noted that this lack of footpath needs addressing as a matter of urgency. This is in the remit of Taylor Wimpy (TW) and AM noted that this should be completed by Summer 2023. This is an ongoing problem that has not been resolved since the original construction of the Shire Housing Development. NCPC note that this should be addressed as a matter of urgency. John Hobbs and Adrian Tuck from WDC escalated the issue and AM to pass these details to the Clerk.

6.4 Other highways information or problems.

Notice of the closure of Morton Avenue, North Claines, for carriageway patching. This provision shall continue in force for a maximum of 5 days, however, it is anticipated that it will remain in force for 1 day from 30 November.

**7. Correspondence for information only.**

WCC Drainage report 7816 – A 38

**8 Planning**

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

W/22/02269/FUL

Buildings And Land At (Os 8711 5941),

Post Office Lane, Fernhill Heath

Construction of dwelling to replace existing barn approved for residential conversion.

No objections were received to this application.

W/22/02288/FUL

Aspen Lodge, Chestnut Close,  
Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7SZ.

Construction of single dwelling (part retrospective)

The Parish Council of North Claines noted that they were supportive as long as the windows which could overlook the neighbour were fixed and made of opaque glass.

8.2 Planning applications decided by Wychavon.

Approved

W/22/01468/HP

Lower Town, Claines, WR3 7RY

Ground floor side and rear extensions.

Withdrawn

22/02091

Dilmore Lodge Farm, Lower Town

Claines Worcester WR3 7RY.

8.3 Planning appeal/enforcement update. Nothing to date.

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

It was noted that there were no surprises in this publication. The SWDP includes a parcel of land that backs onto Danes Green and Dilmore for 40 dwellings.

There are also parcels of land either side of Station Road and a parcel of land around Kennels Lane.

Cllr JR to resubmit the objections from NCPC (submitted in 2021) to this review.

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

9.1 Report from M Bayliss

MB noted that he was having the bridge at School Bank examined and JR noted that as the traffic became heavier this issue was becoming more urgent.

MB noted that he would investigate the progress of actions at School Bank by B Barnes further to the meeting at the School in 2021.

9.2 Report from N Wright/A Miller

The budget for WCC is to increase by around 5% due to an £8.5million deficit – 73% of the budget is spent on care for the old and the young in the County.

The County boundary review is to be reviewed in 2023.

Wychavon is not putting their tax up.

**10 Newsletter and online matters**

10.1 Update on newsletter. The next newsletter will be in January 2023

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 were approved as per appendix C.
- 11.2 Monies received by the Parish Council.  
Nothing to date.
- 11.3 It was noted that the finance committee had met and examined the finances for the first 6 months of the year 2022-23. Budget monitoring had also been noted and examined.  
The annual precept was agreed by the Parish Council at £112200, which will equate to around 2% increase although this may change according to the Council tax base figures. The Clerk will update the Council when the tax base is finalised.

**12 Parish Maintenance**

- Clerk to follow up the replacement dog waste bin on the Brum.
- Clerk to follow up the new litter bin on Danes Green.
- AH is to replace the compost in the planter at the Droitwich entrance to Fernhill Heath.

**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.**

January 9<sup>th</sup> 2023 virtual meeting.  
February 6<sup>th</sup> 2023

Abbreviations

Cllr – Councillor  
NCPC – North Claines Parish Council  
WCC – Worcestershire County Council  
WDC – Wychavon District Council