

**NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on Monday March 13th 2023**  
Held in Okeys Lane Baptist Church Hall at 1930hrs

**PRESENT**

Cllr J Robb (JR)  
Cllr C Johnston (CJ)  
Cllr T Butler (TB)

Dst Cllr A Miller (AM)  
Dst Cllr Nick Wright (NW)  
Cty Cllr M Bayliss (MB)

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

Cllr M Farmer (MF), Cllr M Drinkwater (MD), Cllr A Harris (AH)  
Cllr V Nelms (VN) and Cllr S Allen (SA)

**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 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023**

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

***The meeting closed for public question time and reopened afterwards.***

**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.  
NCPC is still waiting for the new vehicle activated sign from WCC.

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

- 5.1 Recreation Committee to report their progress.

**Bull Meadow**

Update from the committee

- Pedestrian entrance is nearly completed. Bredon gravel to be laid and will link up to the main path
- Signage and entrance detail to be discussed at a future meeting.
- Ponds completed. Safety Buoy installed.
- Pond planting to commence – May 23. Plants ordered.
- Tree planting– orchard complete and bund planting is all completed.
- Path installation progress report. Work is in progress and going well.
- Leak from Severn Trent manhole cover. The leak has been identified as a natural spring.
- 2 benches are to be ordered. One was donated by Meg Farmer and one from donations from WI members.
- March 13<sup>th</sup> Communities Panel visited and they were very impressed with the work on Bull Meadow and agreed it was a good use of money from the Legacy Fund.

**Brum**

- Pop up café – MF to get information regarding a licence for this café. Application submitted. Licence approved, talks ongoing with Wychavon and the Duckworth Trust
- Picnic on the Brum – details to be agreed. Date set as Saturday 22 July 2023, Inflatables to be ordered, cake donations from local retailers and volunteers from WI to help with refreshments
- Installation of a café at Brum Recreation Ground. Cllr MF would like the Council to consider the installation of a café on the Brum Recreation Ground and will discuss progress with the Council. Council is to consider this project and approve or refuse this project in principle. Approved in principle at the meeting on 6 Feb
- The playground inspection is booked for March 2023.

**6 Highways, Footpaths and Lighting.**

- 6.1 Opportunity to discuss any matters arising from correspondence.
- Safety concern regarding the A38 Hurst Lane (by the entrance to the Sunday market) update. AM noted that the water coming across the A38 (before the junction to the slip road) cannot be diverted to Pool House. Cty Cllr MB said that he would report this issue to WCC.
- 6.2 Update on lighting problems in the Parish.
- Streetlights inspection. Ongoing.
  - Eastfield Road – lighting issue.
  - Sling Lane – lighting issue – AH to pass details to Clerk
- 6.3 Other highways information or problems.
- MB to provide update of highways actions.

**7. Correspondence for information only.**

- Calc update
- Update on the path DMMO – Sling Lane

- 8 Hills – community consultation.
- Allotment enquiry and replies.
- Email from Cty Cllr MB re highways action.
- Election information for all the Councillors – forms must be received in person by 4<sup>th</sup> April 2023.
- Road closure notices – Vicarage lane and Claines Lane

## **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/23/00385/LB

Oak Farm, Ombersley Road,  
Worcester, WR3 7RH

Re-instatement of window openings and doors to the Barn and Cowshed.

No comment due to the listed nature of the building.

W/22/02305/HP

32 Dilmore Lane, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7TE

Loft conversion with a new dormer roof to the rear of the property.

No objection from North Claines Parish Council.

W/22/01835 Additional documents.

Land At (Os 8593 5944), Jacob Ladder Lane, Claines

Technical details for single self build dwelling. Plan showing visibility splays, alteration to access arrangements and siting of dwelling.

Additional documentation to application already refused by North Claines Parish Council.

W/23/00140/FUL

Mildenhall Mill, Egg Lane, Claines, Worcester, WR3 7SA

Application to convert two barns at Mildenhall Mill into ancillary residential accommodation and ancillary home office respectively. The proposals also include the change of use of derelict land to domestic garden land.

Objection from Highways and North Claines Parish Council.

W/23/00198/HP

2 Ivy Lane, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 8RW

Conversion of garage to playroom, single storey extension to side and rear, two storey extension to side, rebuild front porch.

NCPC agree with Highways request for referral until application is amended to refer to changes to vehicular access.

- 8.2 Planning applications decided by Wychavon. Approved.

W/22/02447/HP

Chapel Cottage, 246 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7UL

Two-storey side extension and removal of existing hedgerow on boundary to be replaced with closed board fencing.

W/22/02616/HP

Green Gates, 275 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7UH

Single-storey rear extension.

(Resubmission of W/22/00214/HP)

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

### **9.1 Report from M Bayliss**

- White H bars at Dilmore Avenue. Are on the system to be repainted but will not be completed until after the end of the Winter Maintenance period which ends April 15<sup>th</sup> No specific date for the works as yet.
- Overrunning the footway at the bridge. MB has inspected the site and not observed any vehicles mounting the footway to make progress. Advice is being sought from the Road Safety Team to see if there is adequate room to install some bollards.
- Right turn arrow not illuminating Traffic Lights Team have adjusted.
- MB agreed to chase updates from the meeting at Claines School from September 2021.
- JR noted the ongoing problem at the bridge over 449 link road and noted the extreme concern locally on the safety of this bridge. MB noted that engineers were looking into this, and a prognosis was awaited.

### **9.2 Report from N Wright/A Miller**

- Additional funding from a prosperity fund will enable Wychavon to ring fence funds in order to create new spaces, volunteer, and promote community engagement.
- It was noted that photo IDs now needed to vote in the elections.
- Platform Housing are having an open day on the grass area in front of the flats. Any issues could be raised at this event.

## **10 Newsletter and online matters**

10.1 Update on newsletter. This will be published shortly.

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 presented and agreed as per the appendix.

11.2 Monies received by the Parish Council.

Worcestershire CC Cty Cllr MB donation to "Fun on the Brum" £1000  
£1039 has been allocated for coronation celebrations by Wychavon.

11.3 The Finance Committee met and approved the reconciliation for the period October to December 2022. Budgets were examined and approved. Invoices and bank statements were also examined and approved. Everything was found to be in order.

Year-end finances will be examined in April and presented to the Council at the May 2023 meeting.

## **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.**

April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2023

Abbreviations

Cllr – Councillor

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

WDC – Wychavon District Council