

NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on Monday February 6th 2022
Held in Okeys Lane Baptist Church Hall at 1930hrs

PRESENT

Cllr M Farmer (MF)
Cllr M Drinkwater (MD)
Cllr A Harris (AH)
Cllr T Butler (TB)
Cllr V Nelms (VN)
Cllr J Robb (JR)
Cllr S Allen (SA)
Cllr M Tubby (MT)
Cllr C Johnston (CJ) via facetime
Dst Cllr A Miller (AM)
Dst Cllr Nick Wright (NW)
Cty Cllr M Bayliss (MB)
Clerk and two members of the public.

- 1. To receive apologies for absence and to approve reasons for absence.**
- 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 5th December 2022**

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.

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 reported progress.

- **Bull Meadow**

- Update from the committee

- Pedestrian entrance is to be completed shortly – tarmacked and Bredon Gravel.
 - Ponds and wetland have been dug and lined. Pipes nearby have been capped. Safety Buoy to be supplied and fitted by Fairways. It was agreed that benches would be placed near the ponds.
 - Pond planting to commence April/May and information thereof.
 - Tree planting to commence shortly.
 - Path contract was awarded to Fairways from 6 applicants, and this will commence shortly. This was agreed by the Bull Meadow Committee. It was noted that the disturbance to Bull Meadow would be much worse during this time.
 - Leak from Severn Trent manhole cover has been identified as fresh water and this may be a spring. Testing is to take place.
 - Progress on the hedge laying. The hedge laying is incomplete and has not been paid for to date.
 - March 13th Communities Panel are to visit and see progress. MF and Clerk to meet them onsite.

- **Brum**

- Installation of a café at Brum Recreation Ground. Cllr MF asked the Council to consider the installation of a café on the Brum Recreation Ground and the Council approved this in principle. There were concerns re the location and the County Council should be approached re the possibility of this.
 - Pop up café – MF has been granted a licence for the pop up café on the Brum.
 - Picnic on the Brum – Cty Cllr donated £1000 from Divisional funds towards this event to be held on 22/7/23. VH, MD and AH all volunteered to help.
 - MB to follow up the white lines on the access to the Brum that have not yet been repainted.

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

6 Highways, Footpaths and Lighting.

6.1 Opportunity to discuss any matters arising from correspondence.

- Safety concern regarding the A38 Hurst Lane. It was noted that there is inadequate draining and vehicles are going on the pavement. MB noted that this would be passed to B Barnes for examination and the Road Safety Team would assess the problem.

The Barbourne Brook Spring project will take the water to Pool House.

6.2 Update on lighting problems in the Parish.

- All the streetlights in the parish require inspection.

- £108 per unit and 65 in total.
- Please note that if lamps have been changed to LED, then a surge protection device should be installed. If SPDs haven't been installed this would be written as a non-conformance and would require rectification.
- All work will be in accordance with BS7671.
- Clerk is to ring fence £10,000 for this purpose.

6.3 Other highways information or problems.

- Missing footpath near Danes Green – near The Shires – Taylor Wimpey development. There is no finish date for this work as legislation does not allow for this. Taylor Wimpey will not confirm when this will be completed. MB is to arrange a public meeting regarding Taylor Wimpey and The Shires and will inform the Clerk of the date.
- Action of the agreed items re the School/highways meeting in 2021 is to be followed up by MB via B Barnes.
- Safety concern again regarding the bridge at School Bank – MB noted that engineers have been looking at this issue.

7. Correspondence for information only. (Appendix item B)

- Worcestershire Green infrastructure strategy consultation. (Any comments can be forwarded to the Clerk)
- Flooding across the parish – forward comments to the Clerk
- Reply to the SWDP
- Response to overgrown shrubbery report 2099
- Response to gully drainage 7816

8 Planning

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

W/23/00165/HP

Location; Acorn Farm, Hawford Lock Lane,
Claines, Worcester, WR3 7SD

Description of Proposal: Installation of a 66KW biomass boiler in a live/work unit.

No objections from the Parish Council.

W/23/00047/PIP

Upper Tapenhall Cottage, Dilmore Lane, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7RX
Permission in Principle for the construction of up to 7 no. dwellings.

No objections from the Parish Council.

W/23/00043/AGR

Oak Farm, Ombersley Road, Worcester, WR3 7RH

Single bay steel and timber framed shed for storage of farm machinery and tools.

Already refused.

W/22/02616/HP

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

Single-storey rear extension. (Resubmission of W/22/00214/HP)

No objections from the Parish Council.

- 8.2 Planning applications decided by Wychavon. Approved.

W/22/02269/FUL

Location: Buildings And Land At (Os 8711 5941), Post Office Lane, Fernhill Heath

Construction of dwelling to replace existing barn approved for residential conversion

W/22/01961/HP

Location: 273 The Cottage Droitwich Road Fernhill Heath Worcester WR3 7UH

Proposal: Erection of Garage

- 8.3 Planning appeal/enforcement update.

APP/H1840/W/22/3307891

Permission in principle for the construction of up to 4 no. dwellings Hill House Northwick Road Bevere Worcester WR3 7RE.

9 Report from County and District Councillors.

- 9.1 Report from M Bayliss

MB has purchased a new VAS with a solar panel and this is to be delivered to the Council. The exact location is to be determined.

- 9.2 Report from N Wright/A Miller.

- A new Community Legacy Grant has been announced.
- Wychavon has not increased taxes for 6 years.
- Photo ID is necessary at elections.
- Police share of Council tax has increased to provide more officers and improve road safety.
- An urban gardener has been going around the village

10 Newsletter and online matters

- 10.1 Update on newsletter. To be published soon. A double page spread is to go in on recycling.

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

11 Finance.

- 11.1 Invoices for consideration and payment at the Council meeting (Appendix C)

- 11.2 Monies received by the Parish Council.

Wychavon NHB for Bull Meadow work £32,853

12 Parish Maintenance

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

- Top Cut is to clear and tidy section of Agatha Gardens for £2500 plus VAT (including bulbs etc) grassed, bench and a tree to be installed.

- 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.**
March 13th 2023 to include the Annual Parish Meeting

Abbreviations

Cllr – Councillor

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

WDC – Wychavon District Council

Public question time

Concern was raised re rumoured developments in the Parish. It was noted that due to the SWDP lack of a 5year plan that there may be opportunistic planning proposals.