

NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on Monday April 3rd 2023
Held in Okeys Lane Baptist Church Hall at 1930hrs

PRESENT

Cllr M Farmer (MF)
Cllr J Robb (JR)
Cllr C Johnston (CJ)
Cllr T Butler (TB)
Cllr V Nelms (VN)
Cllr M Tubby (MT)
Dst Cllr A Miller (AM)
Cty Cllr M Bayliss (MB)

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

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.

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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 13 March 2023

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

There were no queries or questions during public question time.

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.

5 Public areas in North Claines Parish.

5.1 Recreation Committee to report their progress.

- **Bull Meadow**

- Update from the committee

- Signage and entrance. One quote for work to be done has been received at £3-£4k. Other quotes to be sought.

- Pond planting to commence. Plants ordered and will be planted at the end of April. Top Cut will plant the marginal plants and the plants within the ponds will be planted by Natural Network.
 - Path installation progress report. Fairways are off site for a few weeks.
 - Signage and entrance detail will be discussed at a future meeting.
 - 2 benches are to be ordered.
- **Brum**
 - Picnic on the Brum update. This is to be held on 22nd July and raffle prizes are needed.
- 5.2 Opportunity for Councillors to raise matters regarding other open areas in the Parish.
- Trees were approved for Robins Drive and Agatha Gardens.
 - Rospa visit. A swing seat needs replacing. Weed removal needed under play equipment. Teen shelter is rusting and NCPC aware of this, but the risk is very low.

6 Highways, Footpaths and Lighting.

- 6.1 Opportunity to discuss any matters arising from correspondence.
- 6.2 Update on lighting problems in the Parish.
- Streetlights inspection. Ongoing.
 - Eastfield Road – lighting issue – Clerk noted that there was no light no 16.
 - Sling Lane – lighting issue – AH to pass details to Clerk – not received so Clerk unable to report.
 - Light number 25 has the old one remaining. Clerk to investigate.
- 6.3 Other highways information or problems.
- 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 noted that Barry Barnes had noted that these issues had been resolved, and it was agreed that Cllr JR would send the Clerk the information to forward to MB regarding these ongoing issues.
 - Safety concern regarding the bridge on the A449 Link Road. MB noted that this was not a safety issue and the engineers had visited. Temporary signage notes the raised road surface, but these signs frequently are knocked over and not visible to cars.
 - Flooding on Station Road. Top Cut has visited and rodded the drains but not much improvement seen.
 - PCSO Andrea Cole has done a speed survey on Station Road and the average speed is 28MPH. The top speed was 36MPH.
 - Filter light Hurst Lane turning right to A38. MB has reported this to Barry Barnes and will report it again as an ongoing issue.

7. Correspondence for information only.

- Calc update
- Election information for all the Councillors – forms must be received in person by 4th April 2023.
- Family hub

- Rural bulletin from Rural Network
- Kings coronation and street light information
- National network celebration event

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/23/00599/FUL

Land At (OS 8530 5899), School Bank, Claines.

Proposal: Change of use of land to form a secure walking field.

The Planning Committee agreed that a reply should be sent after the highways comment was received.

W/23/00449/HP

5 Robin Drive, Claines, Worcester, WR3 7NN.

Proposal: Relocation of boundary fence (retrospective)

No objection from North Claines Parish Council.

W/23/00594/HP

181 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7TZ.

Proposal: Detached Garden room.

No objection from North Claines Parish Council.

W/23/00554/LB

Oak Farm, Ombersley Road, Worcester, WR3 7RH

Proposal: Repairs and installation of a flue.

Replacement of existing rotten windows, replacement of one door

Replacement to first storey floorboards. Installation of twin wall flue for heating, replace roof of lean-to.

No comment submitted by NCPC as the Planning Committee do not have listed building expertise.

W/23/00625/FUL

Land at (OS 8698 5884)Hurst Lane, Fernhill Heath

Creation of a new vehicular access to an agricultural field.

The Planning Committee agreed that a reply should be sent after the highways comment was received, and queried if this access was necessary or safe.

- 8.2 Planning applications decided by Wychavon. Approved.

W/23/00140/FUL

Proposal: Application to convert two barns at Mildenhams Mill into ancillary residential accommodation and ancillary home office respectively.

Location: Mildenhams Mill, Egg Lane, Claines, Worcester, WR3 7SA

- 8.3 Planning appeal/enforcement update.

APP/H1840/W/22/3307891: Hill House Northwick Road, WR3 7RE

Appeal is allowed. Cllr JR noted that this appeal resolution was an interesting point for the Parish Council planning committee to read.

9 Report from County and District Councillors.

9.1 Report from M Bayliss

- A new device for checking speeds is available – a black box containing ANPR technology. The Police are also looking at true cam equipment which would mean that 1 PC and not 3PCs are needed to provide evidentiary quality speed prosecuting.
- The VAS camera has arrived, and the Parish Council are to consider the Station Road position option and a potential second site, the Lengthsman could alternate between the sites. MB said that BB will visit and identify suitable areas.
- The Shires Estate – MB noted that WCC are continuing to get Taylor Wimpey to meet all the required Highways requirements for the roads and footpaths.
- Copcut junction is being revisited again to identify what can be changed to improve traffic flow.

9.2 Report from A Miller

- AM noted that this would be his last meeting as District Councillor but he would enjoy attending as a parishioner.
- Money for grants are available from Biffa and Severn Trent in addition to the Community Legacy Fund.

10 Newsletter and online matters

10.1 Update on newsletter. The people who deliver the Focus are not able to continue this work and a replacement method for delivering the newsletter is needed.

10.2 Update on any other online presence (Facebook/twitter/website)
Cllrs SA and CJ are leaving the Council and the administration of these platforms will need to be moved to new Councillors.

11 Finance.

11.1 Invoices for consideration and payment were all approved as per the attached list.

11.2 Monies received by the Parish Council. Nothing to date.

12 Parish Maintenance

This is an opportunity for Councillors to raise matters re parish maintenance. It was noted that the Bus Stop on Dilmore Lane on the A38 needs attention as it keeps filling up with water.

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.

Due to the elections and the 3 bank holidays in May – the date of the meeting was agreed at Thursday 11 May 2023 and Monday 5th June 2023.

Abbreviations

Cllr – Councillor

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

WDC – Wychavon District Council