

NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on Monday July 10th 2023
Held in Okeys Lane Baptist Church Hall at 19:30hrs

PRESENT

Cllr M Farmer (MF)
Cllr J Robb (JR)
Cllr M Drinkwater (MD)

Dst Cllr Daniel Birch
Dst Cllr N Wright
Cty Cllr M Baylis

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

Mike Tubby and Vicky Nelms sent their apologies.

2. Declarations of Interest

a) Register of interests; Councillors are 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 declaration of interests received.

3 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the meeting held on 11th May 2023. The minutes of the meeting were signed as a correct record.

The meeting was adjourned 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.

Brum

- A swing seat needs replacing. MF is to send the Clerk a photo to identify type.

Bull Meadow

- Signage and entrance. Other quotes to be sought. Pond planting to commence when the plants arrive.
- 2 benches are to be ordered.

- Trees for Robins Drive and Agatha Gardens will be ordered in the Autumn.
- Brum is very wet by the entrance on Dilmore Avenue – Clerk to ask Top Cut for a quote to relay the drainage system.

5 Public areas in North Claines Parish.

5.1 Recreation Committee to report their progress.

- **Bull Meadow**

- Update from the committee

- The path is complete. Fairways are to attend to flatten and tidy some areas.
 - Pond planting still to be done.
 - Only one tree in the orchard has died. Will replace later in the year.
 - Top Cut is spraying the weeds on the bunds. Bark still needs spreading in the area.
 - Top Cut to cut back the hedge to the metal railings.
 - 2 new pieces of play equipment are still to be agreed and installed.
 - 2 new bins were requested, one by the entrance and one by the footpath near the pond area.

- **Brum**

- Picnic on the Brum update. This has been cancelled due to lack of volunteer support. The Parish Council noted their support to this event and hope to try again next year.
 - A football team have been using the Brum for regular training. Cllr MF approached them and pointed out that this was not the area for regular use. It was agreed that in the future she will take another person with her as she was uncomfortable with the conversation.

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

Nothing to report.

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. Clerk
- Light number 25 has the old post remaining. Ongoing – Clerk.
- Light number 20 needs replacement at £462.85 + VAT. Clerk to arrange repair

6.3 Other highways information or problems.

Road closure from that part of U41008 Station Road from its junction with U41018 Shrawley Road to its junction with A38 Droitwich Road

Reason: Footway reconstruction by WCC

Alternative route: A38 Droitwich Road, C2138 Dilmore Road, U41022 Dilmore Avenue, U41018 Shrawley Road and vice versa.

Anticipated duration: 16 days Commencing: 17 July 2023.

7. Correspondence for information only.

- Calc update
- Map modification update re pathway near Memorial Hall
- 22 July 2023 free community event at Worcestershire Wildlife Trust's HQ, Lower Smite Farm.
- Parishioner re road safety

8 Planning

8.1 Plans to be considered at the meeting.

W/23/01021/FUL

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

Proposal - Change of use of existing livestock unit to form 2No. storage units (B8) (Resubmission of 21/02892/FUL)

North Claines Parish Council object to this resubmitted application and will resend the transport document and planning consultant report as sent previously.

Plans - comments returned prior to this meeting – No objection.

W/23/00913/HP

Location - 32 Dilmore Lane, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7TE.

Proposal - loft conversion with a new dormer roof to the rear of the property.

W/23/00839 –

Location - 49 Dilmore Avenue, Fernhill Heath Worcester WR3 7TH.

Proposal - 2 storey side extension with front porch.

8.2 Planning applications decided by Wychavon. Approved.

W/23/00913

Proposal - loft conversion with a new dormer roof to the rear of property.

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

W/23/00661/HP

Proposal - Demolition of existing rear projections and replacement with two storey extension

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

W/23/00739

Proposal - Single storey side extension and detached carport

Location - Llamedoes, Sling Lane, Hindlip, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 8RH

W/23/0047

Proposal - Permission in Principle for the construction of up to 4 no. dwellings.

Location - Upper Tapenhall Cottage, Dilmore Lane, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7RX

W/23/00554

Proposal - Repairs and installation of a flue. Replacement of existing rotten windows, replacement of one door. Replacement to first storey floor boards. Installation of twin wall flue for heating, replace roof of lean-to
Location - Oak Farm, Ombersley Road, Worcester, WR3 7RH

W/23/00625

Proposal - Creation of a new vehicular access to an agricultural field
Location - Land at (OS 8698 5884), Hurst Lane, Fernhill Heath

W/23/00686

Proposal - Two storey side extension to existing house
Location - The Goldings, 256 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7UL

W/23/00599

Proposal - Change of use of land to form a secure walking field
Location - Land At (OS 8530 5899), School Bank, Claines

W/23/00594

Proposal - Detached garden room
Location - 181 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7TZ

9 Report from County and District Councillors.

9.1 Report from M Bayliss

Highways at the School.

- It was noted that there has been communication from a parishioner regarding the safety of the road regarding heavy lorries up to Daniels Farm. Cllr JR noted that these incidents should be reported by parents to the West Mercia Police website. The parent in question did not attend the PCSO on the 16th June as invited. It was noted that the Council was trying to support the parents but Police reports were needed to aid the situation.
- Yellow lines at this location have been considered and will now be put out for public consultation.

Other highways issues

- Hurst Lane – cars can get stranded either side of the “loop” on the new junction and lighting system. Whilst MB noted that this has been examined and correct, it is not working for the road users. MB suggested that signage was needed as vehicles are mounting pavements and proceeding at incorrect moments.
- Station Road/A38 water not draining, and this leads to a very large body of water on the road and the drains need jetting out. Clerk has reported this. MB to follow this up.
- Ascot Close needs resurfacing – to be done.
- Follow up on the safety concern regarding the bridge on the A449 Link Road. Temporary signage notes the raised road surface, but these

- signs frequently are knocked over. MB to see if a permanent sign can be installed at this location.
- Opposite the junction of vicarage lane is an access to a field – the pavement has been destroyed at this point presumably by the very heavy machinery using the entrance. The junction as a result is full of potholes. MB agreed to visit the area in question and see what work is planned at this point.
- Unfinished road on Dilmore Lane which should have been done by Taylor Wimpey. It was noted that the roads in the Taylor Wimpey site were also not completed.
- The VAS camera - BB has visited and MB will ask for details to be sent to the Clerk.

Other issues MB to help NCPC with

- MB to visit overgrown hedges around the parish with MF and to subsequently ask the relevant department to send out the appropriate letters to the householders.

9.2 Report from N Wright/D Birch

- The legacy grant is delayed for a year and UK prosperity funds are awaited.
- Various ongoing planning issues were mentioned.
- NW is to ask parking manager to visit the double yellow lines outside the cashpoint in the centre of Fernhill Heath as people are parking there.

10 Newsletter and online matters

10.1 Update on newsletter.

JR is to deliver newsletters as and when needed.

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 (Appendix C)

11.2 Monies received by the Parish Council.

WCC Natural networks grant no 2 £13492.33

12 Parish Maintenance

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

- Various hedges are overgrown near the bus stops and Top Cut is to be asked to cut them back hard.
- Double bin by the bus stop in station road was agreed.

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.

14 August 2023 – parish council meeting.

15 August 2023 – finance meeting.

Abbreviations

Cllr – Councillor

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

WDC – Wychavon District Council