

**NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on Monday August 14<sup>th</sup> 2023**  
**Held in Okeys Lane Baptist Church Hall at 19:30hrs**

**PRESENT**

Cllr M Farmer (MF)  
Cllr Mike Tubby (MT)  
Cllr Vicky Nelms (VN)  
Dst Cllr Daniel Birch  
Dst Cllr N Wright

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

Cllr J Robb (JR) Cllr M Drinkwater (MD) and Cty Cllr M Baylis gave 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.

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 declaration of interests received.

2.1 Co-option of Councillors. An application to be co-opted onto the Council was received from Alison Harris. The Council approved her application.

**3 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2023**

The minutes were approved as accurate and signed accordingly.

**Meeting was adjourned for public question time**

The time allocated is at the discretion of the council/chairman. Residents are invited to give their views and question the parish council on issues on this agenda or raise issues for further consideration at the discretion of the chairman. Members of the public may not take part in the parish council meeting itself unless the Chairman allows. This period is not part of the formal meeting; brief notes will be appended to the minutes as an aide memoire.

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

(Appendix item A)

- 4.1 Progress reports and matters arising. Addressed in the minutes.

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

- 5.1 Recreation Committee to report their progress.

- **Bull Meadow**

- Update from the committee

The installation of a Hereford Bull was agreed by the Council. It is sturdy enough for children to climb upon and it will be set in concrete. The proposed entrance to Bull Meadow was agreed by local Blacksmith Steve Cooper and will be an archway with a 3D bulls head and the words -BULL MEADOW included. Cost to be in the region of £2800. Clerk to pursue the arts 106 monies set aside by Wychavon for the Council.

Pond planting has been completed by volunteers.

Bark is still to be spread.

Hedge needs attention by the metal railings.

Two pieces of play equipment still needed. One is to be a large wood sculpture that children can climb upon. This was agreed by the Parish Council for a cost in the region of £3,000 and will be sculpted by Graham Jones and made from hardwood.

The large piles of soft wood in Bull Meadow is not suitable for sculpture and the Council agreed that this would be moved to the sides for inspect habitat.

It was agreed that one waste bin and one dog waste bin was needed by the entrance to Bull Meadow.

- **Brum**

Cty Cllr MB has asked WCC if drainage of this area is WCC responsibility.

It was also noted that there was no wheelchair access to the Brum and WCC to be approached on this matter too.

A metal strut on the play area has been broken – Top Cut to fix this in September when it will be welded.

The roundabout is not working, again. The Council agreed that this item will be replaced in the next financial year and provision will be made in the new budget.

The regular footballers are back on the Brum - community police officers to be contacted as full-size regular teams are not welcome on the Brum.

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

It was noted that there was an overgrown hedge on Sling Lane that belongs to the Police and needs addressing.

**6 Highways, Footpaths and Lighting.**

- 6.1 Opportunity to discuss any matters arising from correspondence.

- 6.2 Update on lighting problems in the Parish.

Lights out reported.

0068 light flickering outside Byre Cottage

0031 – light out - Sling Lane  
Additional light column -25 needs removal.

- 6.3 Other highways information or problems.  
(U41003 Vicarage Lane, North Claines) (Temporary Closure) Order 2023  
Proposed Order: to close that part of U41003 Vicarage Lane from its junction with U41004 Egg Lane to its junction with C2138 Danes Green.  
Reason: Carriageway patching by WCC.  
Anticipated duration: 15 days. Commencing: 24 August 2023.

(U41002 Dark Lane, North Claines) (Temporary Closure) Order 2023  
Proposed Order: to close that part of U41002 Dark Lane from its junction with U41004 Egg Lane to its junction with U41002 Jacobs Ladder Lane.  
Reason: Carriageway Patching by WCC.  
Anticipated duration: 15 days Commencing: 23 August 2023

## 7. Correspondence for information only.

- Calc update

## 8 Planning

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

W/23/01323/OUT

Land at Dilmore Lane, Fernhill Heath

Residential development for up to 130 dwellings (Use Class C3), including vehicular access from Dilmore Lane, pedestrian and cycle links, public open space, car parking, drainage, landscaping, and other associated infrastructure. All matters reserved except for access.

The Parish Council objected to this application.

- the pinch point issue at Dilmore has not been resolved to date at this location.

- at peak times the cars back up 10-15 cars deep. there is no room for additional traffic at this location.

- Infrastructure and roads are not suitable for this development.

W/23/01466/HP

Windward, Jacob Ladder Lane, Claines, Worcester, WR3 7RT

Erection of first floor rear extension and single storey side Extension. External render to dwelling.

- There were no objections to this application.

- 8.2 Application commented on since the last meeting.

W/23/01217/LB

Oak Farm, Ombersley Road, Worcester, WR3 7RH

Re-instatement of window openings and doors, repairs to structural framework and cladding of the Barn and Cowshed, partially retrospective

No objection

## 9 Report from County and District Councillors.

- 9.1 Report from M Bayliss - Not available.

- 9.2 Report from N Wright/D Birch

NW is meeting with Platform Housing re Cresswell Close.  
There is money available via the Rural Grant Fund.  
There is an event at Hampton Lovatt Village Hall on 25 October regarding discouraging fly tipping in rural parishes.

**10 Newsletter and online matters**

- 10.1 Update on newsletter. Nothing to report.
- 10.2 Update on any other online presence (Facebook/twitter/website)  
Stuart Allen is still updating the Facebook website.

**11 Finance.**

- 11.1 Invoices for consideration and payment at the Council meeting (Appendix C) were 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.  
Many drains are blocked on the roads in Fernhill Heath.

**13 Councillors additional items for consideration** or for matters to be placed on the agenda for the next Parish Council meeting.

The pop-up café opens on Monday for two weeks and volunteers are encouraged.

**14 Date of the next Parish Council meetings.**

Next meeting was agreed as 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023.  
6 November and 4 December 2023

Abbreviations

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

PQT

- Footpath station road bridge/Yew Tree needs cutting back.
- Request for the VAS obtained from MB to be put in Station Road. B Barnes has assessed suitable areas and Clerk to email MB to follow this up.