

**NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2023**  
**Held in Okeys Lane Baptist Church Hall at 19:30hrs**

**PRESENT**

Cllr M Farmer (MF)  
Cllr Mike Tubby (MT)  
Cllr Vicky Nelms (VN)  
Cllr Alison Harris (AH)  
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.

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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 14<sup>th</sup> August 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)**

4.1 Progress reports and matters arising. All reported elsewhere in the agenda.

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

5.1 Recreation Committee reported their progress.

**Bull Meadow-**

Actions outstanding

Bark is still to be spread. Top cut this autumn.

One waste bin and one dog waste bin. Clerk has contacted relevant department to arrange this.

Update from the committee

- The Bull at Bull Meadow. It was agreed that the bull will be moved around Bull Meadow at various times.
- The Council agreed to use the water troughs for planting by the entrance.
- The entrance artwork – pedestrian – this is to be in place by the end of the year.
- The entrance – vehicular. Fairways are to meet to discuss the lay out and associated work and the Council agreed that Fairways would be appointed to perform the work.
- The speed outside the meadow was discussed and the possibility of moving the speed limit so that the speed opposite Oldcourse/entrance to Bull Meadow is reduced was agreed by the Parish Council.
- 2 items of play equipment – MF presented details and quotes will be brought to the Council at the next meeting.

**Brum**

- Cty Cllr MB has asked WCC if drainage of this area is WCC responsibility. Clerk to ask MB for result.
- It was also noted that there was no wheelchair access to the Brum and WCC ask if the Cty Cllr has any funds for this. Cty Cllr MB to be approached to this effect.
- The roundabout is not working. The Council agreed that this item will be replaced in the next financial year and provision will be made in the new budget. Cllr MF proposed that a 4-seater see saw be put in the roundabouts place and this would be around £10,000. This was agreed and quotes for exact amounts will be gathered.
- 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. It was agreed that the football posts be removed as a short-term measure to deter the footballers and replaced in due course.
- 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.

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

- Scarecrow event update. This popular event is to go head as usual, and the chairman of Wychavon will visit and judge the entries. To be held on the week 29 October to the 5<sup>th</sup> November and the café is to be held as usual.

- Christmas event information to be provided at the next meeting.
- The Council agreed to providing two new benches at Agatha Gardens and on Post Office Lane opposite Hindlip School.

## 6 Highways, Footpaths and Lighting.

6.1 Opportunity to discuss any matters arising from correspondence.

Issue of dog fouling in the parish.

- Dog bin – Station Road
- Additional dog waste bins requested - Land Opposite The Entrance To Hindlip Hall (Os 8752 5944) Droitwich Road Fernhill Heath and the area bordered by Dilmore Lane / Suffolk Crescent
- Parishioner asked that the ditches outside Bull Meadow be left to allow self seeded trees to grow. The Council agreed that the ditches should be left as originally designed.

6.2 Update on lighting problems in the Parish. Nothing to report.

6.3 Other highways information or problems.

- Speeding reported on Hindlip lane.

## 7. Correspondence for information only.

- Calc update
- Complaints regarding the removal of parking at the Memorial Hall. Hindlip School will have huge difficulties with parking now that the Memorial Hall has withdrawn the parking facility. It was acknowledged that the Parish Council had sympathy with the school and was waiting to see what the LEA at the County Council will do regarding the lack of parking. The Parish Council noted that they were not able to offer parking, but it was acknowledged that should the Working Men's Club wish to sell the hall and its surround's, that the Parish Council would be keen to enter negotiations.
- Information regarding the closure of the SPA.

## 8 Planning

8.1 Planning applications have been considered by the planning committee.

W/23/01620/FUL

The Grange, Grange Lane, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7RR.

Placement of a refurbished and clad 20ft standard sized shipping container next to pavilion area to house school pre- loved uniform sales.

This application was approved.

8.2 Applications commented on since the last meeting.

Worcestershire County Council application

23/000007 Hindlip Court Farm 23/000007/CM, Biomethane Development

**Objection** - Increased industrial activity involving large vehicle movements, possible noxious odours impacting negatively on residents living in the village seem to be associated with this change of use.

The Parish Council would like limitations on vehicle tonnage, speed, access times and environmental protection for residents against noxious odours

W/23/01720/HP

36 Dilmore Lane, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7TF

Two storey side extension and loft conversion. **No objection**

W/23/01565/HP

168 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7UA  
Erection of single storey extension for dependent relative.

**No objection**

- 8.3 Applications approved by Wychavon DC  
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.

W/23/00839/HP

49 Dilmore Avenue, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7TH  
Two storey side extension with front porch

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

- 9.1 Report from M Bayliss – Cty CLlr MB was unable to attend the meeting, the Clerk will email him with the actions necessary from the County Council.
- 9.2 Report from N Wright/D Birch.  
The SWDP is to be published next year.  
MP Nigel Huddleston is to visit the parish.

**10 Newsletter and online matters**

- 10.1 Update on newsletter. Nothing to note.
- 10.2 Update on any other online presence. Nothing to note.

**11 Finance.**

- 11.1 Invoices for consideration and payment at the Council meeting (Appendix C) were approved.
- 11.2 Monies received by the Parish Council.
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| Wychavon Precept pt2 | £56,100 |
| CIL payment          | £992.66 |
- 11.3 External Audit 2022-23 returned from PKF with an unqualified audit.  
(The Council did omit ticking one box, but this was rectified by PKF on their behalf after contacting the Clerk)

**12 Parish Maintenance**

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

- Increased Graffiti – Clerk suggests asking Top Cut to use anti vandal paint over the winter on areas of abuse. This action was agreed.
- MT suggests the "Adopt a phone box" scheme for communities to re-use old phone boxes and will investigate this action.

- 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.**

November 6<sup>th</sup> 2023

December 4<sup>th</sup> 2023 – Budget setting.

January 8<sup>th</sup> 2024

Abbreviations

Clr – Councillor

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

WDC – Wychavon District Council

**Public Question time**

There is a footpath sign on Station Road – under a bush it is overgrown and needs cutting back to show sign.