

NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on Monday 6th November 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)
Cllr J Robb (JR)
Dst Cllr Daniel Birch (DB)
Dst Cllr N Wright (NW)
Cty Cllr M Bayliss (MB)
2 members of the public.

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

Cllr M Drinkwater (MD) sent her 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 declaration of interests received from Cllr MT and Cllr AH re 23/02169FUL application at the Memorial Hall in Fernhill Heath.

3 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the meeting held on 2nd October 2023

These minutes were approved as correct and signed accordingly.

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 council agreed to ask Cty Cllr MB to investigate a possible reduction in the speed limit outside the entrance to the Bull Meadow, the Council noted that they thought that if the 30MPH sign could be extended to after the entrance then it would keep users of the area safer. MB agreed to follow this up.
- MB also agreed to pay for the accessibility access onto the Brum Recreation Ground.

- The VAS on the A38 was up and it was noted that this can be moved around the Parish as the Council wished, although an additional pole will need to be approved and installed in Dilmore/Station Road. AH/JR and MT noted that they would be happy to meet MB and Barry Barnes to this effect.

5 Public areas in North Claines Parish.

5.1 Recreation Committee reported progress as follows.

Bull Meadow-

Update from the committee.

- 4 Benches are to be installed on the Brum Recreation Ground.
- Work on access at Bull Meadow by Fairways £8750 quote had been received. It was agreed to accept this quote as Fairways had worked with the Parish Council on Bull Meadow and it was felt that they knew the work required to finish the project.

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

- Football posts had been removed to deter an adult football team. They are not full sized goals and are for casual use and not organised team use.

It was agreed to re-install the Football posts on the Brum for use by younger players. MB is to chase up the availability of a PCSO to monitor the situation.

- 2 benches are to be installed in Agatha Gardens and opposite the school by Post Office Lane.

5.3 Scarecrow event and pop-up café update.

- The scarecrow event was a great success. Visitors came from far and wide to see all the scarecrows and the pop-up café was very busy and made a profit of £1600 which will pay for 2 more benches in the Parish.

- The Chairman of Wychavon would come to the next Parish Council meeting to award prizes for the best entrants. The winners were.

1 = Strictly Come Dancing.

2 = The Cub Scouts

3 = Marshmallow Man.

Individual prizes are to be awarded to.

1 = The witch on the lamppost.

2 = Ironing Board Man

3 = ET

And the "Chairmans Choice" was Hindlip School.

5.4 New bins as requested.

- One large floor mounted bin on the Brum recreation Ground.
- One additional dog waste bin on the Brum recreation Ground. It was agreed to get the above current bins emptied more regularly.
- One dog waste bin on Station Road in Fernhill Heath – at the bottom of the steps from the bridge over the railway near the lamp post - £175 approved.

- One dog waste bin near the Grange school roundabout - £375 approved.

5.5 The Bench at Mildenhall Mill needs attention. Cllr VH agreed to investigate this bench and report back to the Parish Council.

6 Highways, Footpaths and Lighting.

6.1 Opportunity to discuss any matters arising from correspondence.

6.2 Update on lighting problems in the Parish.

6.3 Other highways information or problems.

- Dilmore Lane South Bus stop. The surface of this is uneven and results in water accumulating at the back where people sit. MB noted that he would look at this problem with Barry Barnes.
- There had been a defibrillator issue at the memorial hall when access had not been possible. It was noted that there was no defibrillator elsewhere in Fernhill Heath and the Clerk will investigate funding for one.
- Danes Green Noticeboard – it was agreed that the resident near to this board could make a new board.
- Complaint from Parishioner re Hurst Lane traffic lights and this was being addressed.
- To WCC Reported drainage issue Cresswell Close path – but it is a private path.
- To WCC Overgrown trees on Green Lane in Bevere.

7. Correspondence for information only.

- Calc update
- Worcestershire rural beat update – West Mercia police
- Parishioner complaint re the path from Robin Drive to the grammar school in Danes green and its cutting back.
- Countryside voice magazine
- Parishioner comment regarding Bull Meadow.
- Parishioner comment re hedge at Fernhill House and speed at Bull Meadow.

8. Planning Applications

8.1 **Plans considered during the meeting.**

W/23/02079/FUL.

Location: Martinbrook Farmhouse, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester, WR3 7RY

Description of Proposal: Erection of an agricultural multi-purpose building.

Objection by the Parish Council.

The Council noted that there was no clarity of vehicle movement in this application. The site is overdeveloped at the current moment, and this will add to the problem. The Parish Council ask their District Council to take this decision to committee for consideration.

W/23/01621/HP

Location: Topacre, Egg Lane, Claines, Worcester, WR3 7SB

Front extension to create guest bedroom and ensuite.

Approved by the Parish Council.

W/23/02065/CLPU

Martinbrook Certificate of Lawfulness for Proposed Extension of existing commercial building
The Parish Council noted that the plans were not clear as to which property this application relates to.

W/23/02010/HP

The Forge, 218 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7UA Removal of garden room and replacement with 2 storey extension approved under planning ref 17/00307/HP.
Approved by the Parish Council.

W/23/02169/FUL

Fernhill Heath War Memorial Club Rear Of, Memorial Hall, 73 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 8RJ
Six dwellings with associated landscaping and infrastructure - variation of condition 2 on granted on appeal planning approval W/21/00125/FUL - addition of rooflights, flues and detached garages on plots 1 & 2.
Objection from the Parish Council.

8.2 **Applications commented on since the last meeting.**

Nothing to date.

8.3 **Applications approved by Wychavon DC**

W/23/01945/HP

Proposed Detached Garden Room for Ancillary Living Accommodation
48 Station Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7UP

W/23/02007/AGR

Construction of an irrigation reservoir to serve adjacent fields.
Daniels Farm, Vicarage Lane, Claines, Worcester, WR3 7RP

W/23/01021/FUL

Change of use of existing livestock unit to form 2No. storage units (B8)
(Resubmission of 21/02892/FUL)
Daniels Farm, Vicarage Lane, Claines, Worcester, WR3 7RP

W/23/01565/HP

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

W/22/01836/TDC5

Technical details for single self-build dwelling
Land At (Os 8593 5944), Jacob Ladder Lane, Claines

W/23/01620/FUL

Placement of a refurbished and clad 20ft standard sized shipping container next to pavilion area to house school pre-loved uniform sales.
The Grange, Grange Lane, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7RR

9 Report from County and District Councillors.

9.1 Report from M Bayliss.

- It was noted that Bollards were going to be put in outside The Bull on the pavement to avoid motorists mounting the curb at this point.
- Cty Cllr M Bayliss is to visit the Parish with Barry Barnes. Cllrs JR, MT, and AH happy to accompany the visit. They will also look at hedges on Shrawley Road and Northfield Close and contact the owners as necessary.
- It was noted that the County budget was very tight this year.

9.2 Report from N Wright/D Birch.

- Grants were available to suitable projects.
- Nigel Huddleston MP has walked the Parish and knows that the school and users are very unhappy regarding the parking situation.

10 Newsletter and online matters

10.1 Update on newsletter.

It was noted that there would be a newsletter before Christmas.

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

Nothing to note.

11 Finance.

11.1 Invoices for consideration and payment at the Council meeting were approved as per the attached list.

12 Parish Maintenance

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

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.

December 4th 2023 – Budget setting. (VN apologies)

January 8th 2024 (JR apologies)

Abbreviations

Cllr – Councillor

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

WDC – Wychavon District Council

Public question time

Members of the public asked questions regarding the removal of the football posts on the Brum.