

NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on Monday 4th December 2023
Held in Okeys Lane Baptist Church Hall at 19:30hrs

7pm. Awarding of the certificates for the winners of the Scarecrow competition.

Cllr R Raphael – Chairman of Wychavon District Council distributed the prizes to the winners of the Scarecrow Competition. The Parish Council thanked Cllr Raphael for his help and for arranging the donation of the generous prizes. Thanks were also given to the many enthusiastic members of the Parish who took part in this very successful event.

PRESENT

Cllr M Farmer (MF)
Cllr Mike Tubby (MT)
Cllr Vicky Nelms (VN)
Cllr Alison Harris (AH)
Dst Cllr Daniel Birch (DB)

- 1. To receive apologies for absence and to approve reasons for absence.**
Cllr J Robb, Cllr M Drinkwater and Dst Cllr N Wright 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.
- 3 To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the meeting held on 6th November 2023**
The minutes were approved 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.

It was noted that there was still speeding on Station Road and that a VAS had been promised for the area. MF noted Cty Cllr MB and she had visited various areas around the Parish and the following had been agreed.

- MB to ask Barry Barnes to arrange installation of VAS-suitable posts on Dilmore and Station Road.
- Hedge on Shrawley Road to be cut back.
- Hedge on the corner of Dilmore Avenue where it meets Broom Meadow also to be cut back to allow pedestrians to pass.
- The public footpath from Sling Lane to Hindlip is owned by the Police and MB is to ask the Police to ensure it is cut back.
- The bus shelter flooding issue on the A38 is also to be addressed by Barry Barnes from Highways.

5 Public areas in North Claines Parish.

5.1 Recreation Committee to report their progress.

Bull Meadow- Update from the committee.

- The hedge is to be laid by the young farmers in Spring.
- Further planting on Bull Meadow to be discussed at a later meeting.
- Name of the Bull - Moover Bull. His Facebook page is Lord Moover Bull.
- MF is to meet with P Childs from Wychavon to pinpoint exact location for new bins in the Parish.

The Brum – update from the committee.

- Electrical connection box to be repaired.
- The Green Team at The Baptist Church ask The Parish Council whether they might be permitted to arrange a Summer Picnic on Bull Meadow for the church and associated Fellowship groups. This was agreed by the Parish Council.

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

- Santa visits Fernhill Heath information later in December and will be tracked on Facebook for live information.
- Christmas trees are up in two locations and are looking very festive.
- Volunteer help is needed in the summer.

6 Highways, Footpaths and Lighting.

6.1 Opportunity to discuss any matters arising from correspondence.

6.2 Update on lighting problems in the Parish.

- Light out in Agatha Gardens. Reported
- Light out in School Bank/Danes Green Lane, going north, next one along from Tinkers Cross (Vicarage Lane). Reported.
- Light electrical testing. Two quotes received to date.
- Light out - first street light on the path on the right hand side of Dilmore Lane when you turn into Dilmore Lane from the Droitwich Road. On webpage not adopted Clerk reported as out.

- 6.3 Other highways information or problems.
- Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended) Worcestershire County Council (District of Wychavon – Non-Urban Areas) (Permitted Parking Area and Special Parking Area) (Waiting Restrictions and Street Parking Places) Consolidation Order 2004 (Variation) Order 2023 [Prohibition of Waiting on School Bank and Vicarage Lane, Claines, Worcestershire
- 6.4 PC information from PC Luke Bullock and PCSO Ben Mawby.
Nothing for this month.

7. Correspondence for information only.

- 38 Droitwich Road/A4538 Pershore Lane, Martin Hussingtree - Proposed 40mph Speed Limit & Drury Lane, Martin Hussingtree - Proposed 30mph Speed Limit.
- Worcestershire CALC update 23/11/23.
- Letter from Parishioner re the parking situation at Hindlip School.
- DMMOs M2027 & M2028 - Draft Report to North Claines.

8 Planning

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

W/23/02079/FUL

Proposal - Erection of an agricultural multi-purpose building.

Location - Martinbrook Farmhouse, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester, WR3 7RY
Description of additional information. Amended plans and planning statement.

The Parish Council had nothing additional to add to their original comment on this application.

W/21/02974/FUL

Land At (Os 8623 5933), Dilmore Lane, Fernhill Heath

Additional information/amendments have been received for this planning application.

Amended plans revising the design and form for the scheme, and an update to the proposed description of development:

'Development of 40 dwellings, including 40% affordable homes, and associated access, drainage and green infrastructure'.

The Parish Council had nothing additional to add to their original comment on this application.

W/23/02273/HP

Location Tapenhall Place, Ladywood, Droitwich Spa, WR9 0AN

Proposal. Replacement sunroom.

The Parish Council had no objection to this application.

- 8.2 Applications to appeal.**

W/22/00227/OUT

NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEAL PLANNING INSPECTORATE REF - APP/H1840/W/23/3319716

Erection of an up-to 70-bedroom care home (Class C2), together with

associated infrastructure, parking, and access
Land Adjacent Common Hill Manor Northwick Road Bevere Worcester.
A planning appeal has been lodged with The Planning Inspectorate against
the Council's decision for the proposed development described above.

8.3 Applications approved by Wychavon DC

W/23/01621/HP

Location: Topacre, Egg Lane, Claines, Worcester, WR3 7SB
Proposal Front extension to create guest bedroom and ensuite.

W/23/01720/HP

Location 36 Dilmore Lane, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7TF
Proposal Two storey side extension and loft conversion.

9 Report from County and District Councillors.

9.1 Report from Cty Cllr M Bayliss.

- MB noted that the speed approaching Fernhill Heath was to be reduced to 40mph. The Parish Council asked if it could be further reduced to 30mph around the approach to Bull Meadow.
- MB agreed to support NCPCs request to WCC that the entrance to the Brum be upgraded for accessibility reasons.
- Frustration was noted regarding the number of temporary lights in the Parish and MB is to meet Severn Trent Water and discuss this issue.
- Bollards are to be installed at the Bull to stop vehicles mounting the pavement at this location.
- It was noted that the issue of road safety at Claines school was ongoing, and MB offered to visit the school and revisit a design solution. Cllr JR noted her desire to join this visit.

Further to the parish inspection with MF, MB agreed that the following actions will be addressed. (As noted in 4.1)

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9.2 Report from Dst Cllr D Birch.

It was noted that the play area on the Shires Estate was damaged. DB to contact the relevant person as this play area is not adopted by the Parish or District Council.

10 Newsletter and online matters

10.1 Update on newsletter. The delivery of this magazine is becoming an onerous task.

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

11 Finance.

11.1 Invoices for consideration and payment at the Council meeting (Appendix C)

11.2 Monies received by the Parish Council.

11.3 The finance committee met on 16th November and the budget was attached for approval by the Council.

The precept was proposed to be set at £117,00. which is an increase in the region of 4.5% dependent on the actual tax base which will be available in January 2023.

The budget and the precept amounts were agreed by the Council.

12 Parish Maintenance

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

- There are damaged curbs around the parish, Clerk to report to WCC.
- Corner of Dilmore and Westfield Road – the tarmac is disturbed due to roots, clerk to report to WCC.

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

- Provision of a defib for NCPC.

14 Date of the next Parish Council meetings.

February 5th, 2024, and March 4th 2024.

Abbreviations

Cllr – Councillor

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

WDC – Wychavon District Council