

NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL (NCPC)
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on Monday June 3rd 2024
Held in Okeys Lane Baptist Church Hall at 19:30hrs

PRESENT

Cllr Megan Farmer (MF)
Cllr Vicky Nelms (VN)
Cllr Jean Robb (JR)
Cllr S Challoner (SR)
Dst Cllr Daniel Birch (DB)
Dst Cllr Nicolas Wright (NW)

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

There were apologies received from Cllr P Morgan (PR)

2. Minutes from the last meeting of the Parish Council

The Council approved the minutes of the meeting held on 20th May 2024.

3. Public Question Time

This is an opportunity for members of the public to ask any questions of the parish council, time to be at the Chairman's discretion.

There were no members of public present.

4 Public areas in North Claines Parish.

4.1 Recreation Advisory Group reported their progress.

- WWT had visited the pond and reported that it was developing as planned.
- The 5 benches have arrived, 1 for Bull Meadow and 4 to replace old ones around the Parish. 2 of these have been donated by Parishioners as in memorium benches and plaques would be placed on these benches. The Council also agreed that a dedication of thanks plaque for previous Cllr M Drinkwater would also be affixed to one of the benches.

4.2 Report from Events Advisory Group.

The Council noted that The Fun on the Brum event would be under the parish council umbrella.

- Cllr AH agreed to provide the risk assessment for this event.
- Cllr JR agreed to look in a "Sum-Up" machine for the event.
- The Council approved the advertising of this event on banners on the railings at the Brum recreation Ground.
- The storage and transport of the tables and chairs of the pop-up café would be placed on the July agenda.
- Clerk is to buy additional guy ropes and pegs for the gazebos.

The following events were noted as being under the Fernhill Heath Events group and were as follows, The Pop-Up Café, The scarecrow event, Open

Gardens, Christmas and Easter events. It was noted that funds from the Parish Council would be available for these events, but the Fernhill Heath Events Group would arrange their own insurance.

- MF noted that the Café went well, and 5 new volunteers had been recruited.

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

- Bin on Yew tree road had been vandalised.

4.4 It was noted that a handyman for the Parish had been advertised for. One day a month for all minor repairs and works. SC and MF to examine applications.

5 Highways, Footpaths and Lighting.

5.1 Update from Highways/lengthsman.

Weeds on the roads - Station Road, Kennels Lane and Firlands Close. Also, in the drains on Northfield Close

5.2 Lighting problems in the Parish. Nothing reported this month.

5.3 Other highways information or problems.

- Car boot sale on Hurst Lane is creating a nuisance in the nearby roads. Cllr SC reported to Police, Cllr MF also to speak to Police on this matter.
- JR noted that the pavement on the approach to School is in a shoddy condition.
- JR noted that there was still no signage on the raised ironworks.
- JR noted that in 2021 MB visited School Bank to look at the parking arrangements and yellow lines were implemented up from the Vicarage Lane junction. The road has recently been top dressed and the yellow lines have been repainted incorrectly.

MB to bring these issues to the highways department attention.

7. Correspondence.

Nothing to note.

8 Planning

8.1 Planning applications for consideration.

Report to be received from the planning advisory group on plans that have been submitted.

W/24/00993/FUL

Location. Land at (OS 8517 5918), School Bank, Claines

Proposal. Change of use of land to form a secure dog walking field with associated car parking area and upgraded access.

No objection to this application.

W/24/00955/HP

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

Proposal: Two storey side extension & loft conversion (Variation of Condition 2 Ref W/23/01720/HP)

No objection to this application.

8.2 Planning applications approved by Wychavon.

Planning Ref: W/24/00396/OUT

Location: Acorn Farm, Hawford Lock Lane, Claines, Worcester, WR3 7SD

Proposal: Proposed construction of one unit of live-work accommodation (outline application with all matters reserved except access.

8.3 Planning application refused by Wychavon

Planning Ref: W/23/02010/HP

Location The Forge, 218 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7UA

Proposal Removal of garden room and erection of two storey extension as approved under planning reference 17/00307/HP - variation of condition 2.

8.3 Update on neighbourhood plan review by the planning advisory group.

A zoom meeting has been set up with Peter Hamilton (original consultant on the Neighbourhood Plan) and his recommendation was to update the 2015-30 plan.

The quote received was £3750 as there were no Councillors who had the technical knowledge to proceed with this update. This was approved.

The Council agreed that this should proceed to consultation immediately and information will be placed on the website.

The Clerk would investigate the possibility of obtaining locality funding.

9 Report from County and District Councillors.

9.1 Report from M Bayliss.

9.2 Report from N Wright/D Birch. The pop-up café was noted as being a success.

It is hoped that the library bus would be reintroduced in Fernhill Heath.

10 Newsletter.

10.1 Update on newsletter. This had been printed and mainly delivered. It was agreed that MF could give a local lad £25 for helping the delivery of them.

11 Finance.

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

11.2 Monies received by the Parish Council.

11.3 Report from Finance Advisory Group.

Regarding - 2023/24 audit and any matters arising, grant funding and precept comparative costs. The risk assessment register is to be updated for the July meeting of the Parish Council.

11.4 Grant – to be resubmitted.

11.5 Handy man to be contracted for council – this was approved by Council

11.6 a) The internal audit and associated feedback from the Finance Committee was noted

b) The Annual Governance statement for North Claines Parish Council for 2023-24 was approved and signed.

c) The accounting statements for North Claines Parish Council for 2023-24 were approved and signed.

11.7 JR to examine the Wychavon band D precept amounts and report back at the next Council meeting.

12 Parish Maintenance

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

- It was noted that adverts on the Brum railings would be allowed for 10 days and then the lengthsman/handyman could remove them.

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.

8 July 2024 and 5 August 2024

Abbreviations

Cllr – Councillor

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

WDC – Wychavon District Council