

NORTH CLAINES PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

You are duly summoned to a meeting of the Parish Council of North Claines, which is to be held on September 1st 2024 at 19.30 hrs. at the Baptist Church in Okeys Lane – Fernhill Heath.

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AGENDA

1. **To receive apologies for absence** and to approve reasons for absence.
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 **Minutes from the last meeting of the Parish Council**
 - 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on August 5th-2024.
 - 3.2 Progress reports from the previous minutes and any matters arising for information (if not considered elsewhere on the agenda) (Appendix item A)
- 4 **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.
- 5 **Public areas in North Claines Parish.**
 - 5.1 Recreation Advisory Group to provide their report.
The Brum Recreation ground.
 - Witches hat repair update
 - Yellow ball rocker. This was noted as being very wobbly from JR inspection on 12/9/24. SC visited and notes that 2 bolts are missing from the base. Whilst wobbly, it was noted that it was unlikely to break and did not need to be cordoned off. Clerk has contacted the manufacturer for replacement bolts.
 - Top cut supply quote for cleaning of play equipment on the Brum.

- Report from councillors inspections of the play area and general discussion around condition of the Brum.

Bull Meadow

- Discussion/proposal by Cllr PM for developing Bull Meadow with further planting and designated areas.
- Proposal from Cllr MF re a wildflower meadow funded by the proceeds from the café.

5.2 Report from Events Advisory Group.

- Discussion around the events not under the Parish Council umbrella

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

- Tree at Tamarisk Close – The tree surgeon has suggested 2 options as attached. Council to discuss which option they would prefer. Option 1 is to lift the lower branches, above the driveway, up to 5m above the ground = £650 +VAT – this would last around 2-3 years. Option 2 is to undertake a full crown reduction by 4-5m = £1400 +VAT and this would last 10 years.
- Tree – policy clerk to work on preparing this, the Council to consider a list of trees to be monitored.
- Trees to be cut back near bus shelter on A38 and bus shelter near White Hart. MF to update NCPC.
- Hedge cutting – Danes Green to be done End Sept/Oct
- Bus stop hedge cuts on list to be actioned.
- Top Cut to spray railway bridge.
- Top Cut to quote for Agatha Garden tree work
- Top Cut supply quote for cleaning of play equipment on the Brum.

6 **Highways, Footpaths and Lighting.**

6.1 Update from Highways/lengthsman Councillor.

- Siding out of A38 scheduled for 30th August 24
- Worcestershire County Council - Order to the effect of which will be to reduce the speed limit on the following lengths of road in Martin Hussingtree to 40 miles per hour and 30 miles per hour:
40mph Speed Limit
A38 Droitwich Road from a point 150 metres southwest of its junction with C2086 Copcut Lane in a south westerly direction to a point 220 metres northeast of its junction with U41010 Sling Lane, Fernhill Heath. A4538 Pershore Lane from its junction with A38 Droitwich Road for a distance of 350 metres in a southerly direction.
30mph Speed Limit - U41203 Drury Lane for its entire length.

6.2 Lighting problems in the Parish.

6.3 Other highways information or problems.

- Graffiti on box near Hindlip School – this belongs to Cadent Gas (not nat grid) and Clerk has emailed them accordingly.

7. **Correspondence.**

Discussion on correspondence received.

- Wychavon – draft policy on pavement licensing.
- Road closure - C2029 Claines Lane to its junction with U41003 Vicarage Lane.

This provision shall continue in force for a maximum of 5 days, however, it is anticipated that it will remain in force for 3 days commencing 13 August 2024.

- Weed issue in and around the parish – for consideration as part of the maintenance contract for 2024-25?

8 Planning

8.1 Planning applications for consideration.

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

W/24/01525/CU

Council to reply by 3rd September.

Location - Daniels Farm, Vicarage Lane, Claines, Worcester, WR3 7RP

Proposal - Change of use of land to permit the siting of an additional 51No. storage containers

W/24/01562/TDC5

Technical details permission for the construction of 3no dwellings following permission in principle W/22/01453/PP

Hill House

North Wick Road, Bevere, Worcester WR3 7RE

8.2 Planning applications approved by Wychavon.

W/24/01493/AGR

Proposal - Agricultural storage barn

Location - Oak Farm, Ombersley Road, Worcester, WR3 7RH

W/24/01119/HP

Proposal: Demolish single storey buildings and erect a new two storey side and single storey rear and side extensions.

Location: St Francis, 267 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7UH

W/24/01179/HP

Proposal :Velux roof light to front elevation, new window to existing hall way, new Juliette Balcony to rear facing first floor, and a new single-storey rear extension

Location: Fairfax House, 4 Willow Bank, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7FE

8.3 Planning committee meeting 12th September – to discuss the Lockley retrospective application at the Memorial Hall. Council to consider sending a representative of the Council.

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

8.5 Planning enforcement.

W/ENF/24/0295 Update on bridleway/Footpath NC545 adjacent to Martinbrook Farm, Lower Town, Claines

9 Report from County and District Councillors.

9.1 Report from M Bayliss

9.2 Report from N Wright/D Birch

10 Newsletter.

10.1 Update on newsletter.

11 **Finance.**

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

11.2 Monies received by the Parish Council.
Nothing to date of agenda.

11.3 Handy man for council, update.

11.4 AGAR update – external audit.

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.**

7th October and 4th November 2024

Abbreviations

Clr – Councillor

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

WDC – Wychavon District Council