

## **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 October 7<sup>th</sup> 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 September 1st 2024.
  - 3.2 Progress reports from the previous minutes and any matters arising for information (if not considered elsewhere on the agenda) (Appendix item B)
- 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 The Brum Recreation ground.
  - 5.2 Bull Meadow
    - Wildflower meadow. Proposal from Cllr PM.  
To sow wildflower seeds this year only in a reduced area in front of the ponds. Seeds to be sown in week commencing 21 October. Cost should therefore be no more than £500. The success of this, or otherwise would help us decide whether we want to try it around the fruit trees next year.

- Tree planting. Proposal from Cllr PM  
To obtain 400 free saplings from the Woodland Trust, plant about 300 adjacent to the road and about 100 in an area to the south of the ponds. The latter area is important for wildlife which generally likes to tree-hop. Also, in time it will provide a shadow area to help limit the amount of evaporation from the ponds. At the moment we have a completely useless field of grass which costs us money to mow and is of negligible benefit to wildlife. This would aid wildlife to spread from the existing treeline on the west side.
- Maintenance. Proposal from Cllr PM. To spend about £500 on a petrol strimmer plus PPE. I am happy to store it and do some regular strimming, but we do need other volunteers to share the maintenance load generally.
- Sensory Garden. Proposal from Cllr PM is to develop a sensory "garden" in the area to the immediate right of the entrance gate, between the path and the hedge - as this is the most accessible area immediately available. We will obviously need volunteers to help/advise with this, but I believe we could make a start this winter.
- Meadow – Costs. Proposal from Cllr PM.  
That the PC are advised at the following meeting of a simple breakdown of the costs of the Bull Meadow,
  1. The full costs of purchasing it
  2. the annual costs spent in developing and maintaining it to date.
- Progress on advice re Bull Meadow parking suggestion.

## 5.2 Report from Events Advisory Group

Scarecrow event.

- Appointment of Councillor responsible for the management of the event.
- AH to provide risk assessment review on the Scarecrow event to ensure the Council is aware of potential risks and can address ways to mitigate these.

Fun on the Brum 2025

- Arrangements to be confirmed to date.

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

## 6 **Highways, Footpaths and Lighting.**

6.1 Update from Highways/lengthsman Councillor.

6.2 Lighting problems in the Parish.

6.3 Other highways information or problems.

6.4 Drains reported as blocked. Grange Lane (w3w obey.hook.kicked)

## 7. **Correspondence.**

Discussion on correspondence received.

Emails from parishioners unhappy with the Locksley development at Britannia Gardens.

Email from parishioner re bridleway Nc545.

Emails re car parking on and around Agatha Gardens

Dst Cllr DB letter to residents about the 40 hours planning application on Dilmore Lane.

Land behind A38 bus stop

Information from planning enforcement re enf/24/0295

Bull Meadow facilities feedback – suggestion of a skatepark

WCC - Information re the DMMO Sling Lane.

Wychavon peer challenge information.

Copied into emails re mud on the road outside School Bank

Parishioner interested in bat survey as volunteer.

## **8 Planning**

### **8.1 Planning applications for consideration.**

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

W/24/01672/HP

Location;39 Dilmore Avenue, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7TQ

Description of proposal: Provision of single storey flat roofed side extension and new front porch.

W/24/01902/FUL

Heathside Guest House, 172 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, WORCESTER, WR3 7UA

Variation of condition 11 (Approved Plans) of Planning Permission reference W/15/01183/PN) - amendments to internal layouts and external elevations.

W/24/01708/LB

Location: Bevere Bridge, Bevere Green, Bevere

Description of Proposal: Maintenance and repairs to Grade II listed structure

W/21/02974/FUL

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

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

W/24/01664/HP

25 Shrawley Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7TW

Erection of single-storey front and rear extensions and internal alterations.

Amendment to W/22/01655/HP.

### **8.2 Planning applications approved by Wychavon.**

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

9.1 Report from M Bayliss. Summary of meeting with Cllrs MF and JR.

9.2 Report from N Wright/D Birch

## **10 Newsletter and social media**

10.1 Update on newsletter.

10.2. Proposal from Cllr PM that someone from the Social Media group who has knowledge/use of social media offers to be responsible to sending Facebook etc messages.

- 11 **Finance.**
- 11.1 Invoices for consideration and payment at the Council meeting (Appendix A)
- 11.2 Monies received by the Parish Council.
- 11.3 The finance committee to arrange a meeting to consider the second quarter of 2024-25 finance and to begin to prepare a budget for 2025-26.  
Any groups within the Parish Council who wish to submit a budget request to do so by the finance meeting.
- 11.4 Council to consider Gill Lunghey as Internal auditor for 2024-5. Gill is a recommended auditor from CALC – see att documents.

11 **Parish Maintenance**

- 12 This is an opportunity for Councillors to raise matters re parish maintenance.  
Tree Tamarisk Close – necessary work to be done on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024.
- Christmas trees on Agatha Gardens and outside the Cedars.

- 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.**

4<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024.  
6<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

Abbreviations

Cllr – Councillor

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

WDC – Wychavon District Council

## **Appendix A**

Finance October 2024

Green storage solutions storage for October 2024	£99
Top Cut Mowing Ltd Contract mowing September 2024	£3624
Top Cut parish lengthsman September 2024	£48
Clerk Salary, NI/Tax and pension for August 24	Confidential
AI Media – additional email storage space for Council	£80
Christine Rossiter. 2024-5 payroll, HMRC and autoenrollment	£295
Worcestershire CALC – planning training	£42
PKF Littlejohn – External auditor work 2023-24	£756