

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 2nd February 2026 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 and Councillor matters.**
 - 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.
 - c) To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature.
 - 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.
 - e) Cllr Jean Robb sends her resignation to the Parish Council which means that there is a casual vacancy.
- 3 Minutes from the last meeting of the Parish Council**
 - 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 1st December 2025.
 - 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 Finance.**
 - 5.1 Invoices for consideration and payment at the Council meeting.
Finance December and January 2025/26.
Please note all invoices are brought to each meeting and Cllrs are welcome to examine them.

Top Cut Mowing Services. December PL tree clearance	£48
Top Cut Mowing Services. December PL bridge and drains	£168
Top Cut Mowing Services. Contract mowing for December 25	£3678

Top Cut Mowing Services. Other works for December 25	£858
Top Cut Mowing Services. PL November . Tree clearance Butchers walk and clearing footpath	£336
Top Cut Mowing Services. Contract mowing for November 25	£367
Top Cut Mowing Services. Additional to contract November 25	£881.76
Top Cut Mowing Services Contract mowing for January 26	£3678
Top Cut Mowing Services other for January 26	£696
Top Cut Mowing Services. Parish Lengthsman Jan 26	£120
Trees Direct. Supply of trees for memory tree project	£918
Wychavon DC Annual cleanse and emptying 2 litter bins (1 Lane House and NE cnr Brum)	£233.69
NPower Lighting charge	£1783.57
ICO Data protection fee	£47
CPRE renewal	£60
Clerk salary and pension contributions for December and January	Confidential
Green Self storage February 26	£99
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Okeys Baptist Church Use of building for meetings during 2025	£260
Worcestershire Calc Training for 2 Councillors 20/1/26	£96
Vodafone	

Request for donation

Spellis Green Burial Ground ask for a contribution to the maintenance of the area. The Clerk suggests £600 as they have not had a contribution from the PC for 2 years. See att letter.

- 5.2 Finance meeting date to be agreed.
- Bank reconciliation to the end of December 2025
 - Bank reconciliation to the end of January 2026
- 5.3 Precept update.
North Claines Parish Council submitted a request for £120,510 for the financial year 2026-27.
This will result in a Band D charge of £62.98 on the 2026-27 Council Tax Demand, an increase of 2.4% compared with the current year's charge.
- 6 Public areas in North Claines Parish.**
- 6.1 The Brum Recreation ground
- Replacement play equipment - quotes to be discussed for the teen shelter. Cllr MF.
- 6.2 Bull Meadow
- Bird feeder update re risk assessment and final costings and specs for consideration. Cllr AH.
 - Display boards, to agree type and specification as per attached correspondence. Cllr AH/MF
 - Update on the memory trees. Cllr AH.
 - Update on progress of the proposed storage facility. Cllr SC.
- 6.3 Events run by the Parish Council update. Cllr MF.
- 6.4 Request from the Vicar of Claines Church asking if an Easter service can be held on the Brum on Sunday 5th April 2026.

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

7. Highways, Footpaths and Lighting.

- 7.1 Update from Highways/lengthsman Councillor.
- 7.2 Road naming. There are 2 applications for the Parish Council to provide road names. See att documents.
- 3 roads to be named at Dilmore Lane (William Davis development - 40 homes)
 - 8 Roads to be named at the new development off Dilmore Lane (Lioncourt Homes) plan provided.
- 7.3 Lighting problems in the Parish.
- 7.4 Highways information or problems.
- Pavement gap at Dilmore Lane update. Cllr MF.
 - The Council have a moveable VAS and WCC are happy to install additional posts free of charge for its use. Council to consider the sites that they would like WCC to assess. Cllr SC has produced a list that the Council are to consider/add to.
 - There has been a request for a dog bin on the corner of Dilmore Avenue.
- 7.5 Update from the Councillor re the Parish contractor.
- 7.6 Trees and Hedges
- To note that the hedge height around the Grange Estate is all to be maintained to the same height. (6ft)
To note that the hedge on Danes Green is older and is to be maintained to a higher height.
 - To consider the tree inspection at Teasel Way. See attached correspondence.

8. Correspondence.

The Council are to raise any matters regarding correspondence as per the correspondence list.

- Parishioner objections to planning application. 26/00017.
- CALC information regarding queries and ticketing system.
- Clerks email to Walton homes re the piece of land on Agatha Gardens and resulting reply.
- Digital Infrastructure and Connectivity Team's newsletter January 2026.
- Wychavon town consultation.
- Noticeboard on Danes Green.
- West Mercia Police re the Parish Priorities. Do the Council have any priorities at the current time?
- South Worcestershire Development Plan Review Main Modifications will be available to view between the following dates: 06/01/2026 9:00 am to 17/02/2026 5:00 pm.

9 Planning

9.1 Planning applications for consideration.

Report to be received from the planning committee on plans that have been submitted. (Cllr BA has joined the Planning Committee)
Application Number: W/25/02206/HP

Location: The Chestnuts, Danes Green, Claines, Worcester, WR3 7RU
Description of Proposal: Proposed wall to Highway boundary.

Application Number: W/25/02371/HP
Location: 183 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7TZ
Description of Proposal: Erection of ground and first floor rear extensions

Application Number: W/26/00108/HP
Location: Martinbrook Farmhouse, Lower Town, Claines, Worcester, WR3 7RY
Description of Proposal: Erection of a detached garage and associated works

Application Number: W/26/00138/HP
Location: 2 Perrycroft Close, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7UF
Description of Proposal: Construction of outbuilding for ancillary residential accommodation.

Application Number: W/26/00017/PIP
Location: Oak Farm, Okeys Lane, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 8RL
Description of Proposal: Permission in Principle for residential development of up to a maximum of 6 dwellings

Application Number: W/25/02676/FUL
Location: 161 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 8RP
Description of Proposal: Proposed erection of pub garden structures comprising a stretch tent shelter, an external bar and a pergola; together with the extension of the pub garden onto part of the existing car park, demolition of existing bin store and formation of a replacement bin store, new fencing, new external furniture, and new surfacing.

Application Number: W/26/00184/SCR
Location: Land At, Station Road, Fernhill Heath
Description of Proposal: Screening opinion request for outline application for the development of up to 150 dwellings and associated

Application Number: W/26/00190/ADV
Location: Land At (Os 8666 5944), Dilmore Lane, Fernhill Heath
Description of Proposal: Advertisements relating to the residential development to be constructed on the land. (retrospective)

Planning applications approved by the Parish Council prior to this meeting.
W/25/02683/CCO

Location: Oak Farm Ombersley Road Worcester WR3 7RH.
Description of proposal: Discharge of conditions 9 (vehicle parking) and condition 12 (surface water drainage) of planning permission reference
No objection from PC.

W/25/02545/FUL
Location: Daniels Farm, Vicarage Lane, Claines, Worcester, WR3 7RP
Description of Proposal: Proposed construction of a new estate office including parking (Use Class E(g))

- No objection from PC provided planning approval negates the use of the building for residential use and only as a commercial office. - Office is to support employment of staff to manage the existing storage and farm businesses.

W/25/02711/HP

Location: 14 Stoneycroft Close, Fernhill Heath, WR3 8AZ

Description of Proposal: Proposed Second Storey Extension

- No objection from PC. - Rationale - Does not overlook other properties or change nature of the street scene. Mostly overlooks railway.

9.2 Planning applications approved by Wychavon.

Planning Ref: 21/02974/FUL

Proposal: Development of 40 dwellings, including 40% affordable homes.

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

Planning Ref: W/25/02197/HP

Proposal: Side double and rear single storey extensions, with rear loft dormer

Location: 24 Dilmore Lane, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7TE

9.3 Planning applications refused by Wychavon.

W/25/01630/FUL

Proposal: The construction of a self build detached 4 bedroom house with a detached garage and vehicle parking spaces and associated landscape works.

Location: Land At (Os 8436 5879), Ombersley Road, Worcester

W/25/02422/CLE

Proposal: Certificate of lawfulness for existing side extension and front porch at Grooms Cottage, Linacres Farm.

Location: Linacres Cottage, Linacres Farm, Egg Lane, Claines, Worcester, WR3 7SB.

W/25/02391/HP

Proposal: Construction of outbuilding for ancillary residential accommodation.

Location: 2 Perrycroft Close, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7UF

9.4 Planning application appeals.

Application Number : W/24/02082/HP – appeal dismissed.

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

Description of Proposal: Removal of garden room and erection of two storey extension (Variation of condition 2 Ref. 17/00307/HP)

9.5 Offer of land for Community Building.

Clr SC to inform the Council of this proposal and discuss way forward.

- Consultation process
- Meeting with Wychavon

10 Report from County and District Councillors.

10.1 Report from S James

10.2 Report from N Wright/D Birch.

11 Newsletter and social media

11.1 Update on newsletter.

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

13 Date of the next Parish Council meetings.

2nd March 2026

13th April 2026

Abbreviations

Clr – Councillor

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

WDC – Wychavon District Council

Appendix A

Actions from December 2025

- Electrical repairs are to be completed on the Brum in the month of December. MT
 - JW and SC examined the roundabout and noted that the bearings were gritty. It was agreed that the Council would wait to replace or repair this item until the spring.
- 6.6 Bull Meadow.
- The purchase of wavy bird feeder, cost of £844 each(including installation) was discussed and it was agreed that the blacksmith would be approached to ask about the safety and security of this item. MF/AH to provide further details on specification and cost which are to be circulated to all the Councillors.
 - provision of a storage unit on Bull Meadow. DB is to ask planning if they will waive the fee for the Parish Council.
SC to send dimensions of the shed to DB.