

## **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.

Clerk; Mrs. C. Shinner  
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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.
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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.
  - e) The casual vacancy has been advertised.
- 3 Minutes from the last meeting of the Parish Council**
  - 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.
  - 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 Finance.**
  - 5.1 Invoices for consideration and payment at the Council meeting.  
Finance March 2025/26.  
Please note all invoices are brought to each meeting and Cllrs are welcome to examine them.

Top Cut Mowing Services Contract mowing for February 26	£3678
Nature Sign Design 4 aluminium signs (previously agreed 3)	£4620
Worcestershire CALC Training for 4 sessions	£192
Worcestershire CALC Training for 1 session	£48

Clerk salary, NI/Tax/Pension for February 2026	Confidential
Green Self Storage	£99
Vodafone. March 2026	£19.30

Request for a donation to football club (Warndon Villages FC) to be discussed.

- 5.2 Finance meeting has been held and minutes circulated and to be signed.
- 5.3 Internal audit arrangements for 2025-26.
- 5.4 Bank reconciliation to the end of February to be made available.

## **6 Public areas in North Claines Parish.**

- 6.1 The Brum Recreation ground
- 6.2 Bull Meadow
  - Bird feeder sculptures. Two quotes received and for the Council to consider this action.
  - 4 signs for Bull Meadow. To be funded by a grant for £5775 "Projects to help integration in the community".  
The additional sign will be to provide the history of Bull Meadow so this will be interesting for people who live here and for school visits/history society etc.
- 6.3 Events run by the Parish Council update. Cllr MF.
- 6.4 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 Lighting problems in the Parish.
- 7.3 Highways information or problems.  
Road naming - Fox Drive, Badger View & Mink Gardens will be used for the William Davies Homes development off Dilmore Lane.
- 7.4 Update from the Councillor re the Parish contractor.
- 7.5 Trees and Hedges update.
- 7.6 Dilmore Lane missing footpath update. Correspondence attached to agenda.

## **8. Correspondence.**

The Council are to raise any matters regarding correspondence as per the correspondence list.  
 CALC. Councillor training planning pack.  
 Wychavon newsletter  
 Road closure notices  
 Briefing note following meeting of North Claines Parish Council and Communities.gov.uk from 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026.  
 Parishioners re hedge cutting over the last month.  
 Calc newsletter  
 Wychavon invitation to consultation on local govt reorganization.

## **9 Planning**

- 9.1 Planning applications for consideration.

Application Number : W/26/00262/RM

Location: Land At (Os 8436 5879), Ombersley Road, Worcester  
Description of Proposal: Approval of Appearance, Landscaping, Layout and Scale pursuant to outline planning permission ref. W/22/02148/OUT for the construction of a 4 bedroom detached house.

Application Number : W/26/00247/HP  
Location: Highways, 277 Droitwich Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7SU  
Description of Proposal: Construction of front Porch

9.2 Planning applications approved by Wychavon.

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

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

9.4 Planning application

Potential planning application homes off Station Road by Lovell Partnerships. SC to discuss options re meeting with developer.

9.5 Offer of land for a potential new hall/hub for NCPC and the subsequent borrowing of money to fund this Community Building.

- Cllr SC to update the Council and discuss the next steps.
- Briefing note and update following the meeting of North Claines Parish Council and Communities.gov.uk from 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026.
- Resolution to borrow for money for this purpose (should the Council eventually agree to this project)

The Council is to consider the decision to approach the Secretary of State for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities to apply for a PWLB loan of up to £1,500,000 over the borrowing term of 10-25 years for the purpose of building a community hub/hall.

The annual loan repayments will vary dependant on the interest rate at the time and the period the loan will be taken for but it is also intended to increase the council tax precept for the purpose of the loan repayments by up to 100% which is in the region of the equivalent of an additional £63 a year for a band D house. This will be subject to a precept increase consultation.

Cllr SC to provide further information.

**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.**

13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

18<sup>th</sup> May 2026

1<sup>st</sup> June 2026

Abbreviations

Clr – Councillor

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

WDC – Wychavon District Council