

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 6th July 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.
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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 and applicants are welcomed to the meetings to view procedure.
- 3 Minutes from the last meeting of the Parish Council**
 - 3.1 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 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.
Please note all invoices are brought to each meeting and Cllrs are welcome to examine them.

Clerk salary, NI/Tax/Pension for May and June 2026
Gill Lungley Internal Audit for 2025-26
Ocean Blue printing of the summer Parish Focus
Andrew Healey Entertainer for Fun on the Brum

Confidential
£204.20
£446
£275

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| | Wychavon DC emptying of bins x9 | £1201.44 |
| | Wychavon DC emptying of bins x4 | £360.43 |
| | Green Self Storage Rent for June and July 2026 @ £99 | £198 |
| | Top Cut mowing services May and June 2026 @3861.60 | £7723.20 |
| | Top Cut mowing services other May 2026 | £1173.60 |
| | National Grid makesafe to lamp The Grange, Danes Green | £550.88 |
| | Vodafone. May and June 2026 @ £21.80 | £43.60 |
| | Droitwich Spa CVS Rent July to Sept incl 26 | £1065 |
| | J Wyton Work in May and June 2026 | £495 |
| | BBC inflatables for Fun on the Brum | £1608 |
| | Nature sign design Bull Meadow signcosts | £276 |
- 5.2 Receipts
- 5.3 The next finance meeting is to be held before the next meeting of the Parish Council. TBC.
- 5.4 Internal audit arrangements for 2026-27. The Parish Council need to appoint a new internal auditor, and the Clerk attaches the details of Ms Jefferies for the Council to consider.
- 5.5 Bank reconciliation to the end of June.
- 6 Public areas in North Claines Parish.**
- 6.1 The Brum Recreation ground
- Update on play area restoration.
 - New play shelter quotes. Council to discuss.
 - Update on electrical lighting.
 - Update on the overgrown gardens adjoining The Brum owned by Platform Housing.
 - Other matters.
- 6.2 Bull Meadow
- Query from RW re strimming the path.
 - Discussion on the path re-instatement
 - Final information board update.
 - New memory bench update.
 - Area - bottom left-hand corner. It has become overgrown by willow trees and bramble. A previous quote received in late 2024 from Gary Gartland - tree surgeon - to pollard some of the trees and clear some of the overcrowded ones had been £1,000. Once cleared, this area, which is naturally damp, would be perfect for planting celandines, wild garlic and other appropriate plants. Council to consider this proposal.
- 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.
- 6.5 Walton Homes area of land at Agatha gardens and the conifer trees - update.
- 7. Highways, Footpaths and Lighting.**
- 7.1 Update from Highways/lengthsman Councillor.
- 7.2 Lighting problems in the Parish.
- 7.3 Update from the Councillor re the Parish contractor.
- 7.4 Trees and Hedges update.
- Tree next to 1 Teasel Drive and LadyBank on Danes Green– update.
 - Bus shelter repair/replacement – please see quote from J Wyton to repair.
 - Bramble bush on Agatha Gardens.

8. Correspondence.

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

9 Planning

9.1 Planning applications for consideration.

W/26/ 01044/CLPU

Location. 7 Goodwood Close Fernhill Heath WR3 7UZ Certificate of Lawfulness for the proposed change of use from dwelling to House of Multiple Occupancy with 6 rental rooms.

North Claines Parish council has objected to this application as the number of flats will present a parking issue at this location as parking is already very limited.

Application Number : W/26/01367/OUT

Location: Land At, Station Road, Fernhill Heath

Description of Proposal: An outline planning application for up to 140 new homes with all matters reserved (except for access) on Land at Station Road, Fernhill Heath (the application site).

9.2 Planning applications approved by Wychavon.

W/26/01120/HP and associated Ref: W/25/01129/HP

Proposal: Proposed first floor front extension, porch and single storey front extension, single storey rear extension, installation of render to part of existing and other external alterations. Variation of condition 2.

W/25/01129/HP.

Location: 7A Station Road, Fernhill Heath, Worcester, WR3 7UD

9.3 Neighbourhood plan update.

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

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.

No meeting in August (although this could be arranged)

7th September 2026

5th October 2026

2nd November 2026

7th December 2026

No meeting in January 2027

Abbreviations

Clr – Councillor

NCPC – North Claines Parish Council

WCC – Worcestershire County Council

WDC – Wychavon District Council

Appendix

Actions from May 2026

Red – actions

Blue – updates

- 7 **SC** in communication with Highways regarding another VAS pole.
VAS new locations **BB from WCC has list of possible sites – TBC** **Clerk emailed BB for update**
- 11.1 The Brum Recreation ground
- Lights. **MT** lights on the Brum are to be fixed on 26th May 2026. **Done**
 - Vandalism of the roundabout. A new playground should be investigated by the **Recreation Committee** and a proposal presented to the Council. **1 quote received to date Clerk** to contact the insurance company. **Done**
 - **Platform Housing** has visited the houses that back onto the Brum and noted the dangerous nature of the gardens and the proximity to the public recreation area. **MF to update**
- 11.2 Bull Meadow
- **Creative Play** to visit the Tractor and assess its condition. **Done**
 - Installation of a new memorial bench for a Parishioner was approved at £1500 **Clerk Benches arrived – date for installation TBC**
 - **AH** is continuing the investigation to a different surface to the path.
 - The final sign for Bull Meadow is awaited and then the Council can apply for the grant monies. **AH**
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- 12.1 Parishioner asked for dog bn on Firlands Close at April meeting of NCPC. The Council agreed to this, and **MF** will visit the area and send a location to the Clerk. **To be confirmed**
- 14.4 Neighbourhood planning
The Council agreed that they approve this work to bring the Neighbourhood Plan up to date. **Cllr SC Clerk investigating funding**
- 15.1 Report from S James
SJ met with MF, SC **and B Barnes** and discussed the following highways issues around the Parish.
- Overgrown hedges
 - Dilmore Lane – Laurel hedge on highways boundary.
 - Tapenhall Road (at the bottom) "ramp" **See reply from BB**
 - Siding out on Station Road needs doing and **Top Cut** is to action this.
 - Potholes outside Hindlip School to be fixed. **Highways From February 2026**
- 6.6 The Brum Recreation ground
- LEAP money from the Dilmore Lane development (Lioncourt) should be used to replace the play equipment as required. To be followed up.
 - It was also noted that a grant from Severn Trent community fund may Also be available for use for replacement play areas. **Clerk** to investigate. **Awaiting response from RB**
 - It was noted that dedication plaques needed to be affixed to the benches on Bull Meadow. **Cllr MF to arrange.**