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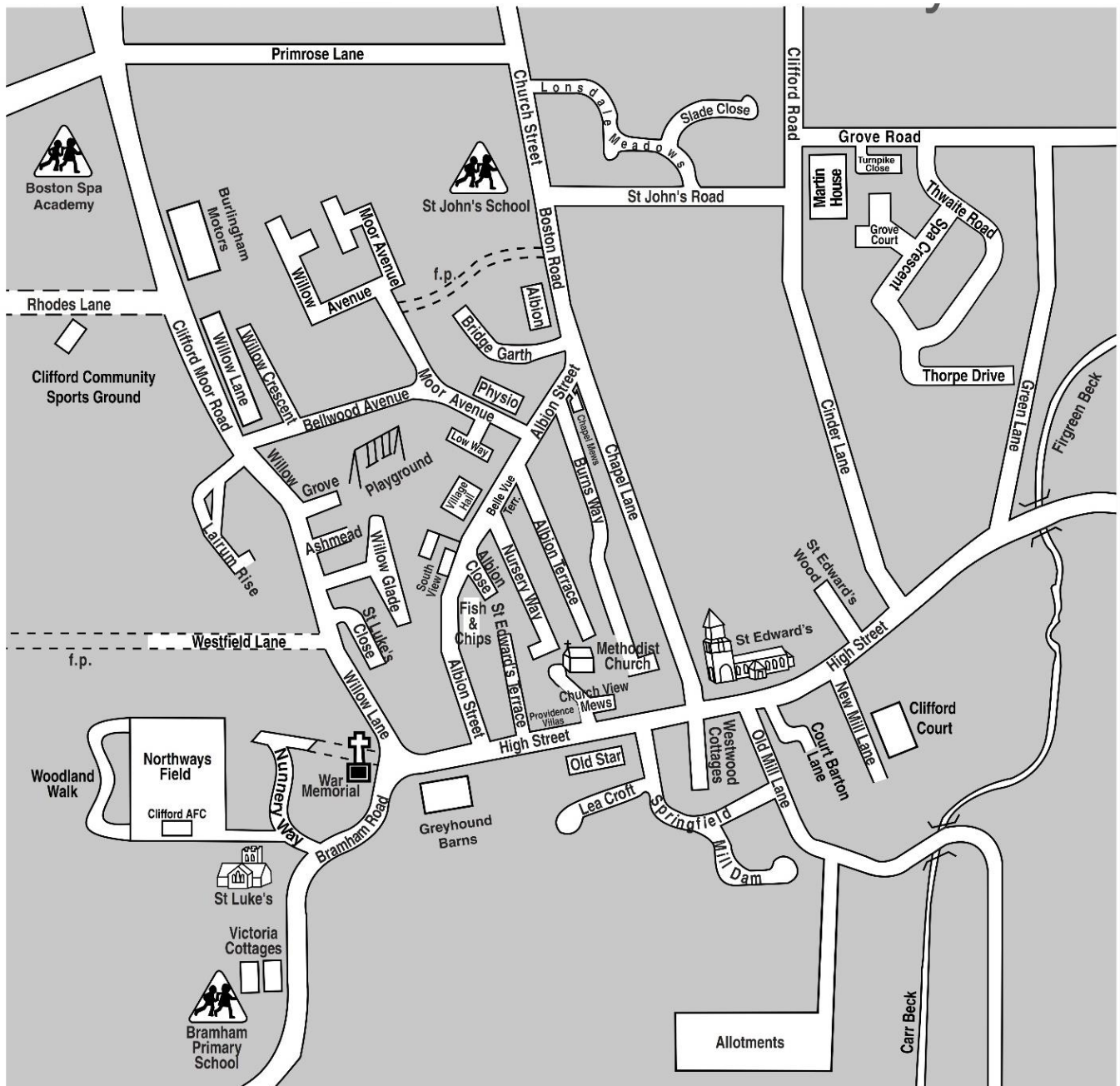
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## Clifford Parish Council

Meetings are normally held in Clifford Village Hall  
normally commencing at 7.30 p.m.

Whilst COVID-19 restrictions are in place Meetings will take place via  
Zoom. Go to [www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk) for full details.

Members of the public are entitled to be present,  
attendance by residents is warmly welcomed and contributions  
encouraged

Meeting dates for 2021

20 January, 17 February, 17 March, 21 April, 19 May, 16 June, 21 July,  
August – no meeting, 15 September, 20 October, 17 November and 15  
December

Any changes to these dates will be published in OUTLOOK.

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<https://www.leedsccg.nhs.uk/health/coronavirus/>

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## The Boston Spa Big Bike Fix

Four weeks into the Big Bike Fix and we have had 38 bikes donated and have 9 volunteers cleaning, servicing and fixing the bikes up ready for their new owners. The first batch of 4 bikes was collected by Michael a community worker in Gipton and taken to their new home: a family in Cross Green on Monday this week. They are extremely grateful.

Please do let me know if you have any bikes in any condition that you would like to donate, we can always use old battered unfixable bikes for parts.



Thank you

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On Thursday 18 March at 8.00pm the renowned *Antiques Road Show* ceramics expert Lars Tharp will join us on Zoom to talk about his life in antiques and two of his passions – ceramics and the work of the great 18<sup>th</sup> century painter of social foibles, William Hogarth. It promises to be a lively evening.

Join the Society to get access to this meeting and the rest of this season's programme, which goes on until May. Visit [www.lintonantiquesociety.org.uk](http://www.lintonantiquesociety.org.uk) and apply for membership using the online application form.

NEXT MEETING: 8 April, 8.00pm *From the Alps to the Dales – 100 Years of Bettys* with Mardi Jacobs



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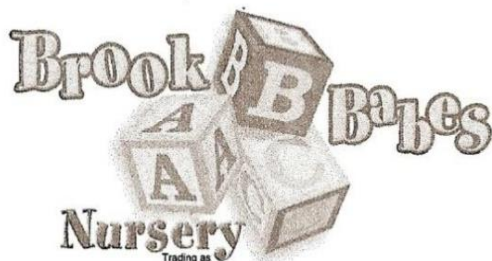


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## From the Parish Council Meeting on January 2021

**Public Participation** The public are entitled to be present at any Parish Council Meeting and the public participation session allows them to raise any issues about the parish. The agenda, and minutes of past meeting, are available at [www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk) Meetings will continue to take place via zoom until further notice. Please email [clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk) for further information or go to [www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk) As soon as it is safe to do so public meetings will resume in the Village Hall

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### Parish Council Precept 2021-2022

The council has resolved to set the Precept for 2021-2022 at £33,709. The precept is the parish councils share of the council tax. The money is collected by Leeds City Council and passed on the parish council. The precept for 2021-2022 equated to £40.71 for a Band D property.

The money from the precept is used to maintain most of the public spaces in Clifford, including the Clifford Community Sports Ground, Northways, St Edwards Wood and the playground. The full budget is published on the council website [www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk) The council intends to make improvements to St Edwards Wood and to purchase additional Speed Indication Devices. These projects will be funded from the Shires Grove Community Infrastructure Levy.

### Allotments

The council received the Annual Report from the Clifford Allotment Holders Association. The annual rent has increased to £34.00. CAHA plans to install a storage shed and has made an application to the Leeds Wellbeing Fund for a contribution to the cost. There are also plans to extend the drainage system to the top turning area at the site.

There is one full plot and one half plot vacant. The rent for 2021 has increased to £34.00.

### Grove Road

Residents have complained about flood water on Grove Road and the poor condition of the road surface generally. This has been raised with the LCC who will be assessing the road in March and will notify the council of remedial work to be undertaken.

### Parish Council Website and emails

The Parish Council has a new website [www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk) As well as council documents the site contains links to local groups and activities. Please let the clerk know if you would like you details of your group or activity to be added. You can also subscribe to the newsletter and automatically receive copies of council meeting agenda, Outlook, details of local events and news. As well as a new website the clerk and councillors all have new email addresses which are listed on the site.

Thank you to residents who contributed photographs for the site.

### Contacting the Parish Council

If you have any questions or comments for the Parish Council, please contact the part-time clerk Nancy Fairbairn email [clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk) Website: [www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk](http://www.cliffordparishcouncil.gov.uk)

## CONNECT LEEDS TRANSPORT STRATEGY – CONSULTATION

There is still time to give your views on the [Connect Leeds Transport Strategy DRAFT](#).

Leeds City Council has set out a range of proposals to tackle a range of issues – including climate change, congestion, health inequalities. You have up until **5<sup>th</sup> March** to give your opinion of these proposals.

In their response, the Wetherby Area Public Transport Group – while supporting the overall aims – identified two key concerns:-

- Very little consideration seems to have been given to the nearly 48% of Leeds City Council residents living in rural or semi-rural Wards (such as Wetherby). This is particularly true for residents dependent on public transport – young people, older residents no longer able to drive, those with no access to private cars.....
- There looks to have been little if any consideration given to people with sensory or mobility impairments from the increased use of electric vehicles (including electric scooters) without adequate enforcement of safety – plus the use of touch screen only access to services (e.g. ticket purchase).

Even if these two issues don't directly impact on you (or people you know) – there may well be other things in the Strategy which will be of concern to you, your family or friends. There's still time to have your say and – if enough of us do so – make a difference.

**So take a look at the [Connect Leeds Transport Strategy DRAFT](#) and give your feedback by 5<sup>th</sup> March.**

## OUT AND ABOUT AROUND CLIFFORD

**Nunnery House** just behind the War Memorial is now sporting a blue plaque displaying a short summary of its history:

**Built in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century of local Magnesian Limestone. Formerly known as St Philomena's, it was the home of the postulants and novices of the adjacent Sisters of Mercy Convent. Ralph and Elizabeth Grimston owners of the Clifford Flax mill lived here in 1871. The building is Grade II listed.**



It is one of two now to be found in the village, the other being on The Old School on Willow Lane. They both add interest to a walk round Clifford.

### History Interpretation Board

While we are near the War Memorial, mention should be made of the interpretation board which is in a very sorry state. The local History Group has been working on revising the text for a completely new board which they had hoped to have installed in 2020. As with many other projects, Covid-19 has caused delays. The Group has now completed the contents and it is just a matter now of having it constructed and put in place.

### Renovations

The work at the former Bay Horse pub appears to have been completed. There is very little change on the front exterior – unsurprisingly as it is a Grade II listed building. Some extensions have been built at

the rear. A peek round the back reveals that the far end of what was the car park for the then pub is now a lawn and garden. Nearer to the house is a covered parking area.

Unfortunately, work begun in the autumn of last year on 62 High Street was temporarily (hopefully) stopped. The house looks its dilapidated self once more and it looks like oiks have been throwing stones at the upstairs windows for fun.

### Lockdown gives us a chance to notice things

As with previous lockdowns, time has been offered to take a closer look at the village and round about. Walking through Boston Spa you may notice the old Milestone on the High Street. It reminds us that the whole area down to the river was once Clifford. It was installed as part of the toll road constructed in the 19<sup>th</sup> century as Boston Spa was being established. There is another nearer the motorway junction. Funnily enough it is about a mile away! There are others to be found on the way to Tadcaster but the full set does not seem to have survived.



### Weather

The almost incessant rainfall has made a lot of footpaths in the parish and the surrounding countryside extremely muddy. So-called Muddy Lane alongside the beck from Old Mill Lane became partly a stream for a while. The beck itself was almost up to the top of the bank along the lane. Fortunately, the village is spared extensive flooding because of its geology. Underneath our feet is the limestone mentioned in the blue plaque. Nowadays it is classed as dolostone but whatever its name it is very porous and drains well. We see the other side in dry summers when gardeners are often crying out for water.

### Buses

Watching the buses passing through the village it is clear that they are not being much used. Our main route, the No. 7 from Harrogate to Leeds via Wetherby, is currently running only hourly every day. One of the drivers confirmed that there is never enough to make a 5-aside team these days. He tells us that the buses are sanitised and disinfected on the arrival at each terminus. He assures us that passengers should be confident that they are safe to use. All passengers are required to wear a face-mask.

### Are there two Cliffords?

Returning from a walk carefully chosen to avoid mud, the signs near Firgreen Beck at the bottom of Bar Lane prompted a thought. Are they hinting that, a bit like Harrogate in having High and Low, we have Upper and Lower Clifford?

Not really – the large sign was until recently on the other side of the road but kept being obscured by hedge growth. Was it the highway authority that moved it? In choosing to put it above the smaller one it creates the impression. The smaller one mounted on the 'stone' wall as a welcome was installed by the parish council over 10 years ago.



### History Quiz Answers

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|---------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Lonsdale Meadows | 4. Lairum Rise       |
| 2. Burns Way        | 5. Court Barton Lane |
| 3. Old Mill Lane    |                      |

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