



Minutes of the meeting of the Council

Wednesday 20 December 2023

At Clifford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs N Fawcett, T Blackmore, I Bartlett, R Bray, J Lund, A Wills, L Softly, T Sykes, S Park,

In attendance: N Fairbairn (Clerk), Ward Cllr A Lamb and Ward Cllr P Stables.

Public Participation

None

23/233 Apologies for absence

None

23/234 Crime Report

The following offences were reported in Clifford in October 2023:

1x Public Order

1 x Violent/Sexual

At the December PACT meeting it was noted that there were 133 offences recorded in the Wetherby and Harewood Wards in November 2023, including 40 assaults. The majority of the assaults relate to incidents at HMP Wetherby.

23/235 Declarations of Interest and Notifications of changes in the Members' Register of Interests

None

23/236 The minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2023 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

23/237 Chairman's Business

- The Chairman thanked the councillors and residents who installed the Christmas tree and lights. The annual carol service will take place on the 21st December 2023. The tree will be taken down on the 6th January 2024.

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23/238 Clerk's report

- A tree branch fell onto Northways from an adjoining property. This was removed by the owner of the tree. It was agreed that councillors will undertake a visual check of the trees on the properties surrounding Northways.
- Outlook Magazine have thanked the Parish Council for its ongoing financial support.
- An application has been made for a permissive path over the field owned by the Dawson Trust
- The clerk has attended a course relating to Assets of Community Value (ACVs). The clerk will apply to re list the current ACVs in Clifford, The Albion and the Old Star, before the current listings expires on the 21st May 2024.

23/239 Ward Councillor's Business

- Cllr Lamb advised that the Planning Application for 92 High Street has been referred to the LCC Plans Panel
- Cllr Lamb advised that LCC have now approved funding of £64,000 for improvements to the entrance to Bramham Primary School. The work should be undertaken at Easter 2024.
- Cllr Lamb has offered to help St Lukes church in relation to the drainage agreement with LCC.
- Cllr Stables has been advising a resident who was concerned about how LCC were cutting the hedge on Willow Lane. The issue has now been resolved.
- Cllr Stables has discussed with residents on Albion Street the option of residents' parking permits. Cllr Fawcett noted that parking restrictions may just push the parking problem elsewhere.

- The planning application for a battery storage unit at Warren Farm has been referred back to the applicant to address the issues of noise, highways concerns and lack of information about fire safety.
- Concerns have been raised about the need for EV charging points for residents without off street parking. LCC are looking at solutions. The options include 1.LCC granting permission for householders to install a gully across the pavement for the charging cable. This would be at the owner's expense 2. LCC funding for on street public chargers, the electricity cost would be less than public charging points. Cllr Stables noted that other areas using power from lamp post, however in Clifford the lampposts tend to be a set back from the kerbside so this will not be an option.

23/240 Neighbourhood Plan Community Projects & CIL Funding

- The Traffic Management Working Group Cllr Blackmore are arranging to the clean (grub out) the path by Bramham Primary School.

23/241 Lead Members & Committee Representatives

- Cllr Fawcett & Cllr Park attended the meeting of the Charity of Richard Dawson. Payment from the fund made to the council will go towards the 80th Anniversary of D Day event.
- Cllr Fawcett met with LCC Highways to discuss concerns about flooding on Grove Road. The gullies have been cleaned recently and it was noted that they were obstructed by tree roots. Highways will be devising a scheme to improve the road surface to reduce the risk of flooding.
- Cllr Blackmore advised that was a potential issue with people entering properties neighbouring the CCSG from the ground. Clifford FA have agreed to pay for wire netting along the fence to reduce the risk of this and this was approved by the council. There are ongoing issues with non-club members playing on the pitch when it is very wet and causing damage to the pitch.

23/242 Playground Working Group

The Playground Working Group have recommended that the WetPour is not replaced given the planned replacement of the playground. The Working Group are meeting again on the 20 January 2024. Cllr Lund is obtaining further quotes for replacement of the playground and the group will be considering the options for grant funding once the likely costs are known. Once quotes have been obtained the project will go out to public consultation. Cllr Stables suggested contacting the Accessibility Officer at LCC for advice about accessible equipment.

23/243 It was **resolved to approve the Biodiversity Policy.**

23/244 It was **resolved to approve improvements to the area surrounding the War Memorial.** LCC have given permission for works to be undertaken to install a path to the front of the War Memorial. Further improvements will include straightening up the water board signs, removing the stone plinth, installing an information sign at the base of the war memorial, installing a proper base for the Christmas trees and putting a hook on one of the chains so visitors can get closer to the memorial and read the inscriptions.

23/245 It was **resolved to appoint defer appointing a liaison representative for the Village Hall until further information is obtained from the Village Hall Trustees.**

23/246 It was **resolved to remove Eram Watson and Owen Milligan from the Unity Trust Bank mandate**

23/247 It was **resolved approve the Elkerlodge Bookkeeping Letter of Engagement**

23/248 It was **resolved to approve the CAHA Budget for 2024/2025**

23/249 The draft budget and precept request for 2024/2025 was considered. The budget and precept request will be approved at the January 2024 meeting.

23/250 Planning matters

- a) Decisions known or received:
23/05919/COND Consent, agreement or approval required by condition 7 of Planning Application 23/00533/FU at Martin House Childrens Hospice, Grove Road, Boston Spa. Approved.

23/06213/FU Detached car port and bin store to front at Cherry Tree Cottage, 78 High Street, Clifford. Approved.

23/06806 Consent, agreement or approval required by condition 9 of Planning Application 23/00533/FU - Martin House Childrens Hospice Grove Road Boston Spa. Approved

- b) To receive an update on Planning Applications considered by the Planning Working Group 23/06785/FU/NE Variation of condition 1 (approved plans) to previously approved planning application 21/10248/FU for alterations including changes to windows and doors; additional windows and roof lights; changes to internal layout at Low Farm Barn High Street Clifford 23/07000/LI/NE Listed building application for the installation of five external light fittings at 70 High Street, Clifford.
APP/N4720/X/23/3334374 Appeal Against Refusal for Certificate of Existing Lawful Development for Use of land as domestic garden within the planning unit of Low Farm Barn High, Street Clifford.
23/04572/FU Installation of a battery energy storage system, including associated infrastructure and access at Warren Lane, Bramham.
- c) Enforcement
West Field Lodge, Westfield lane, Clifford. An appeal has been submitted against the enforcement notice.
Low Farm Barn, High Street, Clifford – LCC Enforcement will not take any further action until the current planning application is determined.

23/251 Financial Matters

- a) The following receipts were noted:

i		CCLA Dividend	1886.27
ii		Clifford FC (Maintenance contribution)	1275.00
iii		Gallagher (refund of insurance premium)	100.00

- b) It was **resolved** to approve the following payments for

		Payee	Amount (excl VAT)	VAT	Total	Sec 137
i	BACS	Clerk's Salary	629.20		629.20	
ii	BACS	SLCC Membership	94.00		94.00	
iii	BACS	Clerk (office supplies)	9.50		9.50	
iv	BACS	G Baxter & Sons	2345.00	496.00	2814.00	
v	BACS	WVGM (grass cutting)	175.00		175.00	
vi	BACS	Oven Door (mince pies)	90.00		90.00	
vii	BACS	Sally Wise (refund of allotment bond – plot 12 a)	50.00		50.00	

- c) The bank reconciliations and managements were received and the bank balances as at 30 November 2023 were noted as:
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| Unity Trust Bank | £ 74,278.82 |
| Santander Deposit Account | £ 57,377.92 |
| Santander Bond | £ 27,304.60 |
| CCLA Public Sector Deposit | £ 414,327.48 |
| Total | £ 573,288.82 |

23/252 Correspondence Updates (other than that relating to specific agenda items)

- Operation Snap promoting the Dead Slow Campaign via Operation Snap.

23/253 Next Meeting

It was noted that any reports/agenda items for the Meeting to be held on 17 January 2024 need to be with the Clerk by Tuesday 9 January 2024.

23/254 It was **resolved** to exclude members of the public and press from agenda item 23 due to the commercial confidentiality of the item under discussion.

23/255 An update in relation to the purchase of land off South View, Albion Street, Clifford was received. It was **resolved** that the clerk is authorised to sign the contract as the Proper Officer of the Council.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.58 pm.

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