



Minutes of the meeting of the Council

Wednesday 19 June 2024

At Clifford Village Hall

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

In attendance: 2 residents, Ward Cllr Lamb, N Fairbairn (Clerk)

Public Participation

None

24/121 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Lund. It was **resolved** to approve the reason for his absence.

24/122 Crime Report

The following offences were recorded in Clifford in April 2024:

Violent and sexual 7

Drugs 1

Anti-social behaviour 1

Other 3

At the June PACT meeting it was noted that an additional PC or PCSO is to be recruited for the Wetherby Police Station.

24/123 Declarations of Interest and Notifications of changes in the Members' Register of Interests

None

24/124 The minutes of the meeting held on 15 May 2024 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/125 Chairman's Business

- The Chairman thanked the residents who attended the 80th Anniversary of D-Day Beacon lighting on the 6th June 2024. A collection was held for The Normandy Memorial Trust.

24/126 Clerk's report

- The clerk has chased LCC Highways for a response re repair to the Willow Lane kerb and the road signs by the War Memorial.

24/127 Ward Councillor's Business

- Cllr Lamb advised that LCC have started to hold monthly highways meetings in Wetherby on the first Tuesday of the month. LCC Highways Officers, Ward Councillors and, when required, the police have attended. It is now planned to hold highways meeting in all the villages in the Wetherby Ward every quarter. The first meeting for Clifford and Bramham will take place on Tuesday 3rd September 2024.
- Bramham Primary School – work on new rear entrance is still scheduled to take place in the summer holidays.
- The drainage issues on Grove Road are being dealt with by LCC Highways. LCC Highways have jetted the gullies and Yorkshire Water has been clearing the drains outside Martin House which are blocked with tree roots.
- The Ward Councillors are aware of concerns about the reliability of the No 7 bus. The issue will be considered by WYCA and Cllr Lamb will update the council on any steps to improve the service. It was noted that some school buses are using the same route as the No 7 bus which is contrary to the approved travel plan. Cllr Sykes advised that the Boston Spa Academy have agreed in principle to rerouting school buses so they avoid travelling through Clifford.

24/128 Neighbourhood Plan Community Projects & CIL Funding

- The repairs to the guttering and fascias at the CCSG have been completed. The clerk will request the final invoice and warranties.
- LCC Highways have not confirmed the position of the new entrance to Bramham Primary School. This needs to be clarified so the school can install a new gate to access the grounds.
- Northways track - the council is contacting residents with properties on the track to arrange a meeting for them to discuss repairs to the track.

24/129 Lead Members & Committee Representatives

- Cllr Fawcett and Cllr Park attended meeting of the recent meeting of the Charity of Richard Dawson.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow a resident [Chair of the CAHA] to speak

24/130 The resident referred to the report circulated to all councillors detailing erosion of the bank of Carr Beck adjacent to Muddy Lane. An exemption has been obtained from the Environment Agency to undertake repairs to the bank. It was noted that the council had funded repairs to the bank in 2007. Ownership of the land adjacent to the bank is unclear and enquiries have been made with Bramham Park Estate. Two quotes have been obtained for work to stabilise the bank. It was agreed to obtain a third quote and the issue will be considered further at the July meeting.

Standing Orders were resumed

24/131 Land of South View Working Group.

The priority of the group is to clear and tidy the site before considering future uses for it.

1. It was **resolved** to approve the Terms of Reference of the Working Group.
2. It was **resolved** to organise a working party on the 6 July 2024 to clear the site. The clerk will prepare a risk assessment and notify the insurers of the working party.
3. It was **resolved** to approve the cost [£300.00] of hiring a skip to remove rubbish from the site.

24/132 Traffic Management Working Group

1. The fixed SIDs should be installed in the next couple of weeks. The clerk will notify the insurers of the acquisition.
2. A resident has asked requested that data from the SID is published on the website. LCC have provided a guide to downloading the data and preparing reports from the SID.

24/133 Quotes are still awaited for the improvement work around the War Memorial and the issue will be considered again at the July meeting.

24/134 Quotes are still awaited for the repairs to the Woodland Walk and the issue will be considered again at the July meeting.

24/135 It was **resolved** to appoint Cllr Softly as the council's additional representative for the Diggle's First Fruits CIO.

24/136 It was noted that the Santander Deposit Account has been closed and it was **resolved** to transfer of funds to the CCLA PSD Account.

24/137 Planning matters

- a) Decisions known or received:

24/01849/COND Consent, agreement or approval required by conditions 4, 6, 7, 14, 15, 16 and 18 to planning application 21/00015/FU - The Gorse Academies Trust Boston Spa Academy Clifford Moor Road Boston Spa Withdrawn

24/01646/FU Erection of ground mounted solar panels at The Willows, High Street, Clifford. Approved.

23/03705/FU Demolition of existing outbuilding, erection of new single storey garage/outbuilding at 92 High Street, Clifford. Withdrawn.

- b) To receive an update on Planning Applications considered by the Planning Working Group

24/02992/FU/NE Demolition of rear sunroom; construction of two storey front / side extension; part single storey, part two storey rear extension with glass balustrade to first floor; front porch; new rooflights; replace window to rear with new doors; aluminium pergola to rear; three photovoltaic roof panels; landscaping works including enlarged driveway to front and terrace to rear at Fontwell House Bramham Road Clifford. Under review by the Working Group.

c) Enforcement

None. The clerk will contact LCC Planning for an update in respect of Low Farm Barn.

24/138 Financial Matters

a) The following receipts were noted :

i	BACS	CCLA Interest	1301.83
ii	BACS	Santander business Banking Bond Interest	178.04
iii	BACS	LCC P3 Grant	275.00
iv	BACS	Santander Deposit Account Interest	78.12
v	Cash	D Day Commemoration Collection	93.58

b) It was **resolved** to approve the following payments:

		Payee	Amount (excl VAT)	VAT	Total	Sec 137
i	BACS	Clerk's Salary	629.20		629.20	
ii	BACS	Clerk (Stationery)	2.50	.50	3.00	
iii	BACS	Clerk (Postage)	10.80		10.80	
iv	DD	Unity Trust Bank (Bank Fees)	18.00		18.00	
v	BACS	Clifford Village Hall (Playground Insurance)	243.45		243.45	
vi	BACS	Cllr Blackmore (Car park paint)	23.98		23.98	
vii	BACS	The Normandy Memorial Trust	93.58		93.58	93.58
vii	BACS	Andy Shaw (Land Registry fees)	23.94		23.94	
viii	BACS	A J Gallagher (insurance)	1737.65		1737.65	
ix	BACS	WVGM (grass cutting)	485.00		485.00	
x	BACS	Cllr Fawcett (padlock and chain)	38.25	7.65	45.90	

c) The bank reconciliations and managements were received and the bank balances as 31 May 2024 were noted as:

Unity Trust Bank	£ 150,656.33
Santander Bond	£ 27,482.64
CCLA Public Sector Deposit	£ 305,024.01
Total	£ 483,162.98

24/139 Correspondence Updates (other than that relating to specific agenda items)

- Resident querying if residents living at Willow Glade will be co-opted on to the South View Land Working Group. Cllr Fawcett has advised that there will be consultation with all residents before and decisions are made about the site.
- Resident re an overgrown hedge on Chapel Lane. It was noted that the hedge has now been cut.
- West Yorkshire Mass Transit Briefing – receipt noted.
- Boston Spa, Wetherby & Villages Community Green Group Newsletter – receipt noted.
- LCC Planned Highway Maintenance programme – receipt noted.

24/140 Next Meeting

It was noted that any reports/agenda items for the Meeting to be held on 17 July 2024 need to be with the Clerk by Tuesday 12 July 2024.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 20.38 pm.

Signed.....

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