



Minutes of the meeting of the Council

Wednesday 17 July 2024

At Clifford Village Hall

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

In attendance: N Fairbairn (Clerk)

Public Participation

None

24/141 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr I Bartlett. It was **resolved** to approve his absence.

24/142 Crime Report

The following offences were recorded on the Police UK website in May 2024:

1 x Violent or sexual

At the July PACT meeting it was noted that there has been an increase in the number of crimes reported in the Wetherby Ward but most of the offences took place in the YOI and HMP Wealstun. The public priorities for crime prevention are road safety and anti-social behaviour and the police priorities are burglary and fraud.

24/143 Declarations of Interest and Notifications of changes in the Members' Register of Interests

None

24/144 The minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2024 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/145 Chairman's Business

- None

24/146 Clerk's report

- The clerk attended a briefing from a LCC Planning Officer about Neighbourhood Plan reviews. It was agreed that all councillors consider the current Neighbourhood Plan and the option of undertaking a formal review will be considered at the September meeting.
- Santander have not yet closed the Business Banking Bond – the clerk will chase Santander.
- Only 3 of the static SIDs have been installed and the SID by the Albion needs to be recalibrated as it is detecting vehicles on the 30mph zone rather than the 20mph zone. The clerk will contact LCC Highways about the SID to be installed on the High Street and SID by the Albion.
- The clerk is continuing to chase LCC Highways about repairs to the kerb on Willow Lane and replacement of the road signs by the War Memorial.

24/147 Ward Councillor's Business

None

24/148 Neighbourhood Plan Community Projects & CIL Funding

- The Traffic Management Group have sent letter to residents of Nunnery Way about maintenance of the track to Northways. The track needs to be improved as it will form part of the school walking route. It is understood that the track to Northways is owned by Barrett Homes rather than the Nunnery Way Management Company. It was agreed to contact Barrett Homes to request that they repair it.
- The clerk was instructed to contact LCC Highways to confirm when the Assisted Crossing by the War Memorial will be installed.

24/149 Lead Members & Committee Representatives

None

24/150 Land off South View Working Group

On the 6th July 2024 a working party started to clear the site. The council is grateful to two residents who assisted. It was agreed to hold a further working party from 10 am to 4 pm on Saturday 21st September 2024. The next Council article in Outlook will focus on the project.

24/151 It was **resolved** to approve the quote of £2,590 from Greens Contractors to stabilise the Carr Beck bank adjacent to Muddy Lane. 50% of the cost to be met from Allotment Fund and 50% from Parish Improvements budget.

24/152 It was **resolved** to approve the quote of £1700 from Branchlines to undertake repairs to the Woodland Walk footpath.

24/153 It was **resolved** to approve the council participating in events to mark the 80th Anniversary of VE Day on 8th May 2025

24/153 Planning matters

a) Decisions known or received:

24/02377/COND Consent, agreement or approval required by condition 6 to Planning Application 19/02789/FU at Low Farm Barn, High Street, Clifford. Refused.

23/06620/FU Change of use of land, demolition of existing garage/workshop and provision of a modular timber lodge to form a new dwelling together with new vehicle site access, associated gravel driveway and paved terrace area - Land Off Bramham Road, Clifford. Refused

24/01423/FU Retrospective change of use of equestrian field/paddock to form dog walking and training area; associated works including new fencing, gate, parking, dog wash facility and access at Field At Corner Of Rhodes Lane Clifford. Refused

24/01898/FU Sub-Division of cottage to 2 dwellings; demolition of existing outbuilding; construction of single storey rear extension; new first floor window to rear; block up windows to side at 13 Albion Street, Clifford. Approved.

23/00793/FU Change of use of land to equestrian use, erection of stable block with 3no stables and associated hardstanding and groundworks at Land Opposite Bramham Primary School Bramham Road, Clifford. Refused.

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

c) Enforcement

LCC Planning Enforcement have advised that any enforcement action at Low Farm Barn and Owl Cottage is on hold pending the outcome of a legal challenge to the planning decision.

24/154 Financial Matters

a) The following receipts were noted:

i		CCLA Interest (Account 1)	1349.96
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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	R Todd (Allotment Insurance)	166.06		166.06	
iii	BACS	Cllr N Fawcett (PA hire)	40.00		40.00	
iv	BACS	WVGM (Grass cutting)	560.00		560.00	
v	DD	Unity Trust (Bank fees)	18.00		18.00	
vi	BACS	Wetherby Skip Hire	250.00	50.00	300.00	
vii	BACS	Calder Windows (CCSG repairs)	4508.33	901.67	5410.00	

- c) The bank reconciliations and managements were received and the bank balances as at 30 June 2024 were noted as:

Unity Trust Bank	£ 89,441.31
Santander Bond	£ 27,482.64
CCLA Public Sector Deposit (1)	£ 306,373.97
CCLA Public Sector Deposit (2)	£ 58,000.00
Total	£ 481,085.96

- d) The Q1 budget report and budget forecasting report was received

24/155 Correspondence Updates (other than that relating to specific agenda items)

- Resident re installing an EV charging point on a property in the conservation area. LCC have confirmed that Planning Permission is not required to install EV charging points on building in the conservation area.
- Resident suggesting that the mobile SID is used at the junction between Springfield and the High Street by St Luke's Church. The clerk has confirmed that the Traffic Management Working Group will consider using the mobile SID there. Cllr Softly agree to analyse the data from all the SIDs to be presented to the council.
- Fruit Works Co-Op offering free fruit trees for the land off South View. It was agreed that it would not be appropriate to plant trees on the site before a final decision is made about potential uses for the site.
- LCC street litter bin audit – the clerk will respond

24/156 Next Meeting

It was noted that any reports/agenda items for the Meeting to be held on 18 September 2024 need to be with the Clerk by Tuesday 10 September 2024.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.42 pm.

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