



Minutes of the meeting of the Council

Wednesday 16 October 2024

At Clifford Village Hall

Present: Cllrs N Fawcett, T Blackmore, I Bartlett, S Park, T Sykes, R Bray,

In attendance: Jessica Dixon (Quickline Communications), Ward Cllr Harrington, Cllr Richards (Bramham Parish Council) and N Fairbairn (Clerk)

Public Participation

None

24/177 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr L Softly. It was **resolved** to approve her reasons for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr A Wills. It was **resolved** to approve her reasons for absence. Apologies were received from Cllr J Lund. It was **resolved** to approve his reasons for absence.

24/178 Crime Report

The Following offences were recorded in Clifford in August 2024 on the Police UK website:

2 x violent/sexual

1 x burglary

1 x criminal damage

1 x other

The report from the October PACT meeting was received. It was noted that the number of reported offences is decreasing.

24/179 Declarations of Interest and Notifications of changes in the Members' Register of Interests

None

24/180 The minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2024 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

24/181 A presentation was received from Jessica Dixon of Quickline Communications. They are currently installing a fibre broadband network in Boston Spa, Clifford and Bramham. This is partially funded by public funding from Project Gigabit. 704 premises in Clifford will be connected and Quickline aim to complete the installation by May 2025. Quickline will keep the council informed about the project and information will be put out on the council website and social media. Where possible existing ducting will be used for the cables but there will be some infrastructure such as poles and cabinets installed on verges.

24/182 Chairman's Business

- None

24/183 Clerk's report

- A resident has raised concerns about dog fouling at the Village Hall. The clerk has advised them about the steps the council is taking to reduce dog fouling including installing dog bag dispensers and signage.
- Barratts have resurfaced the Northways track following a request from the Council.

24/184 Ward Councillor Business

- Ward Lamb has had discussions with WYCA about funding to improve the No 7 bus service
- Ward Cllr Harrington noted the issues raised at the LCC Road Safety Meeting on 10 September 2024. Any residents who contact Ward Cllrs about any road safety issues will be invited to attend the next meeting on 3 December 2024.
- Cllr Fawcett raised concerns about the Martin House construction traffic which is causing congestion on Grove Road and Lonsdale Meadows. This has been referred to Ward Cllr Lamb

24/185 Neighbourhood Plan Community Projects & CIL Funding

- None

24/186 Lead Members & Committee Representatives

- Cllr Fawcett attended the YLCA branch meeting on 15 October 2024. Due to limited attendance from parishes the branch meetings will be reduced from 3 to 1 per year and several branches will be merging. The AGM was cancelled because it was inquorate
- Quotes have been obtained for marking out the Northways car park. There can be a maximum of 36 parking spaces. The quotes will be considered at the November meeting.

24/187 Neighbourhood Plan Review

Cllr Blackmore circulated a document highlighting a number of issues which can be considered as part of a review of the Neighbourhood Plan.

1. It was **resolved** to set up a Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group. Members of the Working Group will be appointed at the November meeting.
2. It was **resolved** to approve the Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group Terms of Reference

24/188 Bramham Primary School entrance. A request from LCC to contribute towards the cost of improvements to Bramham Primary School entrance was considered. Cllrs Richards outlined the history of the project which has been subject to significant delays. LCC Highways have committed some funding but there is a short fall due to the increase in costs. Bramham Parish Council has agreed, in principle, to contribute to the cost.

It was **resolved** to approve, in principle, a contribution of up to £10,000 towards the cost of improvements to the rear entrance to Bramham Primary School. This will be met from the CIL funds.

24/189 Land off South View Working Group. More debris had been cleared from the site by councillors and volunteers. Several suggestions have been received from residents about potential uses for the site including the option of it becoming a Village Green.

24/190 Playground Development Working Group. No update was available, and the item was deferred to the November meeting.

24/191 The annual Playground Inspection report was received. It was **resolved** to undertake all the repairs classified as medium risk. The clerk will obtain a quote from HAGS

24/192 It was **resolved** to approve the quote from Branchlines [£900] to cut back the overgrown trees at Northways.

24/193 The issue of dog fouling at the CCSG was considered. It was **resolved** to install notices at the CCSG advising that the Council will consider banning public access to the site if the problem persists.

24/194 It was **resolved** to not to install a replacement bench at Northways.

24/195 Christmas Carol Service

1. It was **resolved** to hold the Christmas Carol Service on 19th December 2024 at 7 pm
2. It was **resolved** to nominate Martin House Childrens Hospice as the charity for the Christmas Carol Service collection

24/196 It was **resolved** to approve the cost of repairs to the Remembrance Day Poppy light [£110]

24/197 The timetable for preparation of the 2025/2026 budget and precept request was noted. The Finance Working Group will meet on 19th November 2024 to consider the draft budget.

24/198 Planning matters

- a) Decisions known or received:
24/0522/COND Consent, agreement or approval required by condition 4 to planning application 23/00800/FU at 2 The Old School House, Clifford. Approved

24/05507/COND Consent, agreement or approval of conditions 22 to planning application 23/00533/FU - Martin House Childrens Hospice Grove Road Boston Spa Approved
 24/04547/FU Alteration to fenestration including changes to amend windows to doors at ground floor rear and side at Orchard House Bramham Road, Clifford. Approved
 24/04700/FU Part 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 - Field At Corner Of Rhodes Lane Clifford. Refused

- b) To receive an update on Planning Applications considered by the Planning Working Group
 None
 c) Enforcement
 None

24/199 Financial Matters

a) The following receipts were noted:

i		CCLA Account 1	1,321.95
li		CCLA Account 2	249.55

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

		Payee	Amount (excl VAT)	VAT	Total	Sec 137
i	BACS	Clerk's Salary	629.20	0	629.20	
ii	BACS	Stationery	3.74	0.75	4.49	
iii	DD	Unity (Bank fees)	18.00	0	18.00	
iv	BACS	WVGM (Grass cutting)	540.00	0	540.00	
v	DD	ICO Annual Fees	35.00	0	35.00	
vi	BACS	Cloud Next Ltd (Website/email hosting)	99.99	19.99	119.98	
vii	DD	PWLB	1854.23	0	1854.23	
viii	BACS	Playsafety Ltd (Annual Inspection Report)	102.40	20.20	122.40	

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

Unity Trust Bank	£ 76,604.91
Santander Bond	£ 27,482.64
CCLA Public Sector Deposit (1)	£ 310,358.79
CCLA Public Sector Deposit (2)	£ 58,587.80
Total	£ 473,034.14

24/200 Correspondence Updates (other than that relating to specific agenda items)

- WYCA re West Yorkshire Mass Transit Consultation
- LCC advising that they now have a mobile SID which can be borrowed by parishes
- London Hearts re defibrillator fund
- Boston Spa, Wetherby & Villages Green Group newsletter
- Resident re lack of public carparks in Clifford

24/202 Next Meeting

It was noted that any reports/agenda items for the Meeting to be held on 20 November need to be with the Clerk by Tuesday 12 November 2024.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.38 pm.

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