



Minutes of the meeting of the Council

Wednesday 19 February 2025

At Clifford Village Hall

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

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

Public Participation

- i) A representative of the Village Hall Trustees asked if the trustees could take the lead on the playground redevelopment project. It was agreed that this would be considered at the March meeting.
- ii) A representative from the Village Hall Trustees invited councillors to the Village Hall Open day on 29 November 2025. There will be stalls from community groups and Village Hall user groups. The 50th anniversary of Outlook will also be marked at the event.

25/18 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Tim Sykes. It was **resolved** to approve the reasons for his absence.

25/19 Crime Report

The report from the January 2025 PACT meeting was received. Reported offences in the Wetherby Ward were lower than in previous months

The following offences were recorded in December 2024 on the Police UK Website Clifford:

- 1 x drugs
- 1 x violent/sexual
- 1 x other crime

25/20 Declarations of Interest and Notifications of changes in the Members' Register of Interests

None

25/21 The minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2025 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

25/22 Chairman's Business

- None

25/23 Clerk's report

- A complaint has been received about work being undertaken on Albion Street by Quickline Communications, in particular the lack of notice given to residents and the failure to use dust suppressors. The clerk has contacted the Quickline Community Engagement Officer and a response is awaited.
- The next meeting with LCC Highways meeting is on 4 March 2025.
- The Village Hall Trustees have confirmed that they would like to participate in defibrillator training and the clerk will arrange this.

25/24 Ward Councillor's Business

Cllr Stables reported that:

- She has been contacted by residents concerned about the site security lights being left on at the Martin House construction site. The lights have been shining into the neighbouring properties. LCC Planning Enforcement have been contacted about this and the ongoing problem of contractors parking on Grove Road and the surrounding streets.
- She has been contacted about the safety of horse riders on the Rhodes Lane due to the poor road surface. She has talked to Highways about improving the road surface and adding passing places, but no work has been approved yet.
- The Community Payback Team have offered to assist with the Keep Britain Tidy spring clean, litter picking, graffiti cleaning and verge cleaning.

- A Baton of Hope event will take place on Wetherby on 10 September 2025 to raise awareness about those who have lost someone to suicide.

Cllr Lamb reported that funds are still being sought to install a gate to allow access to Bramham Primary School from the recently installed rear entrance.

25/25 Neighbourhood Plan Community Projects & CIL Funding

- Cllr Fawcett has discussed with the Chairman of Boston Spa Parish Council taking a co-ordinated approach to improve the local bus service.

25/26 Lead Members & Committee Representatives

- The dog bag dispensers have been installed and are being well used. Additional posters have also been installed reminding dog walkers to clear up after their pets.
- There is an ongoing issue with dog mess at Rhodes Lane. A fence has been broken to gain access to the site and the council may consider prohibiting commercial dog walkers. The clerk will add a further reminder in Outlook.
- Cllr Bartlett attended a YLCA Planning Enforcement Course. He advised that there is little Parish Councils can do if there have been breaches of planning permission.

25/27 Policies

1. It was **resolved** to approve the Privacy Notice
2. It was **resolved** to approve the Reserves Policy

25/28 It was **resolved** to approve quote of £3,900 from Malcom Spink for replacement of fencing at St Edward's Wood.

25/29 It was **resolved** to contribute up to £500 to an event to mark the 50th anniversary of Outlook.

25/30 It was **resolved** to obtain advice as to whether any further tree works are required at Northways. This will be considered at the March meeting.

25/31 Planning matters

1. Decisions known or received:
24/06121/FU Consents, agreement or approval by Condition 21 to Planning Application at Martin House, Grove Road, Boston Spa. Refused

24/06121/FU Removal of the existing All Weather Pitch (MUGA) surface and install a new 3G Polyethylene surface and associated works at Boston Spa Academy, Clifford Moor Road, Boston Spa. Withdrawn

24/06797/FU Construction of three detached dwellings and associated garaging, infrastructure and landscaping - Land To Rear Of Greyhound High Street Clifford. Withdrawn

2. To receive an update on Planning Applications considered by the Planning Working Group
25/00188/FU/NE Single storey extension with patio area to rear; conversion of part of garage to form habitable room; alterations to existing porch to front; new entrance door with canopy over and obscure glazed window to side, high level obscure glazed window and new window at first floor level, obscure glazed window at ground level to other side and new first floor window to rear; widening of access and driveway to front at 11 Springfield Clifford It was **resolved** not to object to the application

24/07195/FU/NE Retrospective application for external works including new gazebo and garden wall at Low Farm Barn High Street Clifford It was **resolved** not to object to the application but to reiterate to LCC that the owner needs to comply with this the enforcement on the site

25/00530/FU/NE New performing arts building and reception, alterations to existing parking areas; demolition of caretaker's bungalow and creation of new parking area st Boston Spa Academy, Clifford Moor Road, Boston Spa.

3. Enforcement
None

25/32 Financial Matters

1. The following receipts were noted :

i	BACS	CCLA Account 1	1267.54
li	BACS	CCLA Account 2	239.27

2. It was **resolved** to approve the following payments for February 2025

		Payee	Amount (excl VAT)	VAT	Total	Sec 137
i	BACS	Clerk's Salary	663.04	0	663.04	
ii	BACS	Greens Contractors (Repairs to Muddy Lane)	2590.00	518.00	3108.00	
iii	BACS	Cartridge People (Stationery)	28.18	5.65	33.83	
iv	BACS	Seton Ltd (Defibrillator sign)	20.43	4.09	24.52	
v	DD	Unity Trust (Bank fees)	6.00	0	6.00	
vi	BACS	Cllr Fawcett (fittings for dog bag dispensers)	17.83	3.57	21.40	
vii	BACS	YLCA (Training course)	26.30	0	26.30	
viii	BACS	Gary Germaine (Northways repair)	20.00	0	20.00	
ix	BACS	DefibWarehouse (Defibrillator pads)	70.33	14.07	84.40	

3. The bank reconciliations and managements were received and the bank balances as at 31 January 2025 were noted as:

Unity Trust Bank	£ 67,090.76
Santander Bond	£27,482.64
CCLA Public Sector Deposit Account (1)	£315,442.88
CCLA Public Sector Deposit Account (2)	£59,547.54
Total	£469,563.62

25/33 Correspondence Updates (other than that relating to specific agenda items)

1. A resident raised concerns about Parking on Nunnery Way during football matches at Northways. Cllr Blackmore has inspected the area when a match was on and there was no evidence of players parking on the street rather than the Northways' carpark. Players have been reminded to park in the car park and to avoid parking on the adopted highways.
2. A resident raised concerns about construction vehicles Parking on Grove Road. This has been referred to LCC Planning Enforcement.
3. A resident raised concerns about construction vehicles parking on Grove Road and St Johns Road. This has been referred to LCC Planning Enforcement.
4. A resident has raised concerns about overgrown trees on Northway. Considered at minute reference 25/30.

25/34 Next Meeting

It was noted that any reports/agenda items for the Meeting to be held on 19 March 2025 need to be with the Clerk by 11 March 2025.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.18 pm.

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