

CLOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

St. Mary's Church Hall

Monday 2nd June 2025 at 7.30pm

Parishioners welcome to attend

AGENDA

All declarations of interest in agenda items to be made by the member, in writing, on the form provided. If unsure - DO NOT WAIT TILL THE MEETING - please contact the Clerk on receipt of the agenda.

1. To receive apologies for absence given in advance of the meeting (to hand from Cllr. Couch).
2. To consider the approval of reasons given for absence.
3. To receive member's declarations of interest in items of business on this agenda.
4. Minutes of Council meeting of 12th May 2025 *[enclosed]* to approve and sign.
5. Public Open Forum.
6. To consider & agree action as appropriate on matters raised in the Public Open Forum.
7. Reports/updates to receive (as available) & agree action as appropriate – Police, Unitary, Parish, Clerk - not to exceed 30 minutes in total.
8. Draft minutes of 2025 Parish Assembly *(enclosed)* to confirm as accurate.
9. Updates on matters raised at previous meetings:-
 - a) Speeding/Community Speedwatch *[Minute 22/25e) refers]* – to receive enclosed report from Cllr. Fanthorpe & agree action as appropriate.
10. Correspondence:-
 - a) Correspondence received after 27/5/25 requiring a response before next meeting.
11. Planning Matters:-
 - a) Applications Received – none at preparation of agenda;
 - b) Decisions received to note:- none at preparation of agenda;
 - c) To agree comments/note any planning matters/decisions received after 27/5/25.
12. Finance & Regulatory Matters –
 - a) 2025 grass cutting - to authorise standing order to be set up (£455/month, payable 15th day monthly from June to January 2026 inclusive).

J. Marley

J. Marley (Mrs)
Clerk to the Parish Council
27th May 2025

**MINUTES OF ANNUAL ASSEMBLY OF CLOUGHTON PARISH HELD IN ST. MARY'S
CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 12th MAY 2025 AT 7.00PM**

Present & able to vote as on electoral roll for parish:

Cllr. P Couch (Chairman of Cloughton Parish Council)
D. Baker, K Fanthorpe, D Ford, S Staveley

In attendance but unable to vote as not on electoral roll for parish:

North Yorkshire Cllr. Bastiman, Mrs J Marley – Clerk to the Parish Council (minute taker)

A1/25 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN – Not necessary as Chairman of the Parish Council present.

A2/25 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – **Received** from P. Bleasdale (prior commitment).

A3/25 MINUTES

Having been previously circulated, the minutes of the Annual Assembly of 13th May 2024, having been confirmed as accurate at a Parish Council meeting held on 3rd June 2024, [*Minute 34/24*] refers], were **approved** & signed by the Chairman.

A4/25 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

A written report had been submitted by Cllr. Couch. The excessive speed of traffic through the village continued to be an issue and the Parish Council was trying various ways to reduce the problem. The Christmas Lights Competition had proved very popular. The annual village pantomime had been well attended. PC Graham Bilton had covered the rural area for many years and had now retired after 28 years in the police force. The Duchy of Lancaster continued to be busy in the village renovating their properties and upgrading others to a high standard.

A5/25 OTHER REPORTS Mrs Staveley reported fundraising at Church continued there was a wide age range in the congregation, numbers of which were increasing. An Open Garden event was to be held again in June.

A6/25 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

No matters raised.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.12 pm.

Paul Couch, Parish Council Chairman
11th May 2026

Parish Council Chairman's Annual Parish Report for 2025 Cloughton Parish Assembly

Good evening and I would like to welcome everyone to the Annual Assembly for the parish of Cloughton.

The planning application by Europa oil and gas to drill and frack on the southern edge of Burniston village has been a very contentious subject not just for our community but all of the parishes that surround us, with meetings, marches and face to face with company personnel, we as a Parish Council have been keeping a close eye on people's concerns and have listened carefully to these ranging from noise, light and environmental pollution to the natural beauty of this part of the Yorkshire Coast. Council has submitted its objections to the planning authority and await the decision of the planning committee.

The Parish Council has watched the slow transition of the new unitary council for North Yorkshire with some issues for our Parish but with some more hard work and working together it will be hopefully better this coming year for Yorkshire and everyone.

The Parish Council continues to be aware of speeding through the village especially Mill Lane and West Lane. May I personally thank Karen Fanthorpe for all her hard work for the council on keeping the police on their toes to hopefully get this serious issue sorted. With the diligence of council and parishioners in keeping an eye on it and reporting these incidents we shall hopefully see some results soon.

The winter months have been very cold and long this year and has been very difficult for us all in moving about, but with the warmer drier weather now arriving the older generations of the village will be able to move around and socialise again making them feel a lot happier.

The Christmas Lights Competition this year the village did us all proud with more lights and decorations up making the spirit of Christmas for visitors and locals of our parish more pleasurable. I would like to thank everyone for their hard work in making the village a welcoming sight and look forward to this year's lights.

The village pantomime was very well attended as always and much fun was had with each performance, making all the hard work of rehearsals all worthwhile. I would like to take this opportunity thank everyone who was involved in making the Panto a very instrumental part of village life in bringing all generations together and look forward to the next one.

PC Bilton retired last summer after 28 years in the force and we wish him well. His replacement is PC Jamie Manson and, along with PCSO Ria Lockey, both have had a very busy time in and around the rural area which Cloughton is part of although they haven't been seen much a drive through and a wave, but thankfully our area has been quiet due to their diligence and hard work in the parish. I would like to take this opportunity to thanking them and look forward to seeing more of them in the village this year dealing with any problems that may arise.

The Duchy of Lancaster has been busy in the village renovating their properties and upgrading others to a high standard and keeping the parish a lovely place to see and visit.

The Village playground is still being greatly appreciated by parishioners and friends alike enjoying the playground and socialising with laughter and joy.

Planning applications have been less than last year – people seem to be making the most of renovating their homes and enjoying the village's rural views, House sales have now started to rise and new people coming in to the parish appreciating the flora and fauna we all enjoy.

And finally as Chairman of Cloughton Parish Council I would like to thank all Councillors and Clerk for their hard work, support, and guidance on issues in and around the Parish which has been a great help throughout the year. Thank you one and all.

Paul Couch,
Chairman Cloughton Parish Council
12th May 2025.

Report to: Cloughton Parish Council
Report from: Cllr Karen Fanthorpe
Subject: Speed Concerns – use of Vehicle Activated Signs
Date: 2nd June, 2025

Introduction

Vehicle Activated Signs (ie signs which flash 30 when drivers are approaching at speeds in excess of 30 mph) are seen in many towns & villages across the county. Their purpose is to remind drivers of the speed limit and encourage them to reduce their speed accordingly.

We now have a contact person within North Yorkshire Highways Department whose responsibility is specifically to look at highway issues linked to speeding concerns – Darren Griffiths.

A number of residents continue to raise their concerns about speeding on the A171 through the village and would certainly welcome this very visible sign that action is being taken by the Parish Council to tackle the problem.

Considerations regarding VAS

Mr Griffiths has advised that VAS equipment would be very suitable for use in our village but, at £5,000 per item, this is not a cheap option. I am assuming that VAT will also have to be added.

His recommendation would be that we commission a 7 day survey to confirm if there is a problem. The Highways Dept can set this up and the data produced would belong to the Council so that we can analyse it in detail to decide if it is justifiable to spend this amount of money.

The survey (which involves putting fibres across the carriageway) costs £110 + VAT. This is per site to be surveyed.

If the Council decided to go ahead with purchasing a VAS, Mr Griffiths would come to meet us to decide the best places (preferably linked to a street light so that it has mains electricity). The annual cost of electricity is about £10 per year. The signs do have to be moved/rotated but the timescales are for us to decide. Moving them to different sites within the village would help us to get maximum benefit.

Mr Griffiths would be able to give details of the recommended supplier of VAS and help with a standard contract to maintain the equipment. This contract would set out the responsibilities of both parties. The equipment comes with a 5 year warranty.

Recommendations

1. Council to consider commissioning survey(s) to take place to establish a baseline and have data for further investigation and decision making.
2. Council to discuss the potential funding options if the purchase of VAS is to be taken forward – Mr Griffiths has confirmed that there are no external grants/sources of funding but perhaps crowd funding might be an option given the concerns of local residents.

Karen Fanthorpe