

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CLOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 4th DECEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillors P Couch (Chairman), D Ford, D Readman, S Staveley.

Mrs J Marley (Clerk to Council)

Absent: Cllrs. D Baker, P Bleasdale, M Brooks and North Yorkshire Unitary Cllr. D Bastiman

85/23 **APOLOGIES:-** Received & accepted from Cllrs. D Baker, P Bleasdale and M Brooks (prior commitments), North Yorkshire Unitary Cllr. D Bastiman (work commitment).

86/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

87/23 **MINUTES**

Having been previously circulated, the minutes of the meeting of 6th November 2023 were **approved** as an accurate record & authorised for signature by the Chairman.

88/23 **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** No public present.

89/23 **MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** None.

90/23 **REPORTS**

- a) **Police: noted** report on November incidents emailed to councillors 4/12/23.
- b) **Unitary:** no report to receive.
- c) **Parish:** Cllr. Ford reported the gully on Hood Lane corner was slow running. Cllr. Readman reported several of the gullies on the High Street appeared to be blocked. Cllr. Staveley reported building at a property where a planning application had recently been refused (Clerk to ask Planning to check). Cllr. Couch reported 1] beck had been cleared from the Uttriss field to Dawson's Wood and 2] leaves on Mill Lane had been swept. Also mentioned was an incident at High Street/West Lane corner where a vehicle had mounted the pavement and injured a pedestrian and dog – it was not believed the matter had been reported to the Police.
- d) **Clerk:** no matters to report.

91/23 **UPDATES ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS:-**

- a) Approximate prices for 2 VAS signs to be mounted at four locations [*Minute 80/23c refers*] – **received** email from NYCC, 2 signs and 4 connections would cost in region of £8,500. **Agreed** this cost was more than Council could justify, parishioners encouraged to set up a Community Speedwatch group (details held by Clerk and in Police monthly report).

92/23 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION** **Agreed** competition to be held, Clerk to organise prize money (see Minute 92/21 for categories and amounts).

93/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **Noted** the National Joint Council for Local Government Services had agreed a pay award of an additional £1/hour from 1/4/2023 and **agreed** to pay this award (backdated to 1/4/2023).
- b) **Model Agreement 24/25 – received & noted** letter from NYC explaining there would be a payment for 2024/25 but an overall review of the scheme by 1/10/2024.
- c) Correspondence received after 28/11/23 requiring a response before next meeting – none.

94/23 **PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) **Applications Received & Appeals Notified:-** None.
- b) **Decisions received:-** None.
- c) **Planning matters received after 28/11/23:-** None.

95/23 **FINANCE & REGULATORY MATTERS:-**

- a) Model Agreement 24/25 – **agreed** to accept the offered sum of £5,458-10 plus admin.
- b) 24/25 Budget & Precept – Clerk's written report **received**, budget accepted and **agreed**. RFO recommended precept be raised to cover 50% of future shortfall in income due to loss of Model Agreement. **Agreed** precept be raised by 10p/week for

a Band D house to the sum of £17-18 for the year, this set the precept at £5,188.
Clerk to inform NYC accordingly.

- c) Accounts to Certify – Having been previously notified/agreed, the following were approved for payment via online banking (Cllrs. Ford and Staveley to do the online authorisation within 24 hours):-

J Marley	Reimburse fee for changing domain registrar	£3-00
Sneakytrick Holdings Ltd	Renew cloughtonpc.org.uk domain name	£9-60
HMRC	Tax/NI (Oct-Dec)	£11-40

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.19pm.

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for approval
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