

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CLOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 8th JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillors P Couch (Chairman), D Baker, M Brooks, D Ford, S Staveley.
Mrs J Marley (Clerk to Council)

Absent: Cllrs. P Bleasdale, D Readman and North Yorkshire Unitary Cllr. D Bastiman

96/23 **APOLOGIES:-** Received & accepted from Cllr. P Bleasdale (prior commitment), North Yorkshire Unitary Cllr. D Bastiman (work commitment).

97/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

98/23 **MINUTES**

Having been previously circulated, the minutes of the meeting of 4th December 2023 were **approved** as an accurate record & authorised for signature by the Chairman.

99/23 **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** No public present.

100/23 **MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** None.

101/23 **REPORTS**

- a) **Police: noted** report on December incidents emailed to councillors 2/1/24.
- b) **Unitary:** no report to receive.
- c) **Parish:** Cllr. Brooks reported the gate post was broken on the gate to the path from Beck Lane towards the Uttriss Field. Cllr. Baker reported 1] a lot of molehills on Quarry Bank corner; 2] a rocking manhole cover in the pavement outside 8 Beck Lane and 3] a complaint from a parishioner that the clock on the old school was wrong (**noted** the old school was a private property and it was thought they no longer had the clock running - the clock had been set at noon for a good number of years). Cllr. Couch reported 1] a noisy sewer manhole opposite the Red Lion and 2] the gully outside the church rooms needed emptying.
- d) **Clerk:** no matters to report.

102/23 **UPDATES ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS:-**

- a) Possible unauthorised development [*Minute 90/23c) refers*] – **noted** NYC had passed the matter to a Planning Officer for investigation.

103/23 **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION**

The winners of the 2023 Christmas Lights Competition were announced as:- Best Overall (£20 and glass bowl) 24 Littlemoor Close; Best House 1st (£15) 34 High Street and 2nd (£5) The Chestnuts, Station Lane; Best Window (£10) 36 High Street. Cllr. Couch will deliver the prizes.

104/23 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Email from NYC Paths re. bridge at bottom of Ranter Lane over beck [*circulated with agenda*] – **received & agreed** Cllr. Staveley to speak with those who did the bridge and report to future meeting
- b) Correspondence received after 2/1/24 requiring a response before next meeting – with much regret Council **received** a letter of resignation from Cllr. Readman. She was thanked for her contribution to the village and parish council over many years. Clerk to inform NYC and post necessary notices.

105/23 **PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) **Applications Received & Appeals Notified:-** None.
- b) **Decisions received:-** None.
- c) **Planning matters received after 2/1/24:-** None.

106/23 **FINANCE & REGULATORY MATTERS:-**

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

J Marley	Backpay [Minute 93/23a) refers]	£100-26
J Marley	Reimburse Christmas Lights prize money	£50-00

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.07pm.