

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CLOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2024 AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillors P Couch (Chairman), D Baker, P Bleasdale, K Fanthorpe, D Ford, S Staveley.
Professor Chris Garforth, Emeritus Professor, University of Reading, School of Agriculture and Development (left 8.05pm), 1 member of public, Mrs J Marley (Clerk to Council).

Absent: NY Unitary Cllr. D Bastiman.

75/24 **APOLOGIES GIVEN IN ADVANCE OF MEETING:-** Received from Unitary Cllr. Bastiman.

76/24 **APPROVAL OF REASONS FOR ABSENCE:-** Resolved the reason of North Yorkshire Council commitment given by Unitary Cllr. Bastiman be approved & accepted.

77/24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

78/24 **MINUTES**

Having been previously circulated, the third sentence of Minute 69/24c) was amended by substituting Fanthorpe for Staveley. The amended minutes of the meeting of 7th October 2024 were **approved** as an accurate record & authorised for signature by the Chairman.

79/24 **TALK BY PROF. GARFORTH** Professor Chris Garforth gave a very balanced general talk on Europa Oil's fracking proposal. No planning application had been submitted as yet. While the proposed site was in Burniston, the fracking itself would take place under a large area which would extend to Scalby, Staintondale and Hackness. If gas was found to be present in a commercially viable quantity then the fracking operation could continue for up to 20 years. There was uncertainty about the seismic impact of the proposal. Any planning application would have to be judged against North Yorkshire Council's Minerals and Waste Plan. Decommissioning and its costs would have to be taken into account when considering the application as would the impact of the transport needed and the impact on the landscape and Heritage Coast. The Chairman thanked Prof. Garforth for his most enlightening talk.

80/24 **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** No matters raised.

81/24 **MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** None.

82/24 **REPORTS**

- a) **Police: received** the report for October incidents [emailed to councillors 29/10/24].
- b) **Unitary:** no report to receive.
- c) **Parish:** Cllr. Staveley reported replacement Defib pads had been ordered. Cllr. Bleasdale asked about drain / gully cleaning. Cllr. Ford reported the portakabins at "Lot 3 Calthwaite Farm" were still in situ. Cllr. Fanthorpe continued to pursue the Traffic Bureau for action. Cllr. Staveley 1] reported the new pads had been installed in the Defib; 2] asked about the electric supply (Clerk to send her details within lease); 3] asked about progress of double yellow lines on Newlands (none); 4] asked about frequency of road sweeper.
- d) **Clerk:** Clerk explained cost of taking the gully tanker away from normal gully cleaning programme was £180/gully, **Agreed** Clerk to ask Area3 for copy of gully cleaning programme for the parish.

83/24 **UPDATES ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS:-** none.

84/24 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **Received** letter from Playschool re. painting of the outside of the Reading Rooms and **resolved** to paint outside of premises in 2025. Clerk to talk with playschool re areas to paint, dated etc, get prices etc and report to a future Council meeting.
- b) **Received** consultation on allowing remote attendance at meetings (circulated with agenda) and **resolved** councillors to respond individually, Clerk to email the response link to councillors.
- c) **Resolved** it be **noted** the Model Agreement had been extended for a further year to cover 2025/26 and would then terminate;

- d) Correspondence received after 29/10/24 & requiring a response before next meeting – none.

85/24 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications Received & Appeals Notified:-

- 1) NYM/2024/0591 – Erect manure storage building, land south east of Ellis Close Farm, Harwood Dale Road – **resolved** no objections.
- 2) ZF24/01462/HS – Erect single storey side extension to form store area and sun room, 14 Littlemoor Close – **resolved** no objections.

b) Decisions received: –

1. ZF24/01420/HS – Install two dormer windows to front and one dormer to rear at Milestones, Quarry Bank – **granted with conditions**.

c) Planning matters received after 29/10/24:- none.

86/24 FINANCE & REGULATORY MATTERS

- a) Noted** the National Joint Council for Local Government Services has agreed a pay award for the 2024/25 financial year which averaged an increase of 62p/hour. **Resolved** to resolve to pay this award (backdated to 1/4/24) to staff employed by council on 1/4/24 along with any resulting additional pension contributions.
- b) Model Agreement 2025/26 – noted** the sum of £5,600-01 plus admin had been offered and **resolved** to accept the sum offered.
- c) A draft budget and report had been circulated with the agenda. Resolved** the report be **noted** and the draft budget for 2025/26 be **approved** without change. Further **resolved** the 25/26 precept be set at £7,464.

87/24 ACCOUNTS TO CERTIFY – Having been previously notified, the following were approved for payment via online banking (Cllrs. Ford & Staveley to do the online authorisation within 24 hours):-

Playsafety	Playground inspection	£117-60
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There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.