

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CLOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 6th JANUARY 2025 AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillors P Couch (Chairman), D Baker, P Bleasdale, K Fanthorpe, D Ford, S Staveley.
1 member of public (left 8.03pm), Mrs J Marley (Clerk to Council).

Absent: NY Unitary Cllr. D Bastiman.

102/24 APOLOGIES GIVEN IN ADVANCE OF MEETING:- Received from NY Unitary Cllr. D Bastiman.

103/24 APPROVAL OF REASONS FOR ABSENCE:- Resolved the reason of nothing to report given by Unitary Cllr. Bastiman be approved & accepted.

104/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

105/24 MINUTES

Having been previously circulated, Minute 97/24 was amended by the deletion of Cllr. Fanthorpe and the insertion of Cllr. Staveley. The amended minutes of the meeting of 2nd December 2024 were then **approved** as an accurate record & authorised for signature by the Chairman.

106/24 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM No matters raised.

107/24 MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC OPEN FORUM None.

108/24 REPORTS

- a) **Police:** the report for December incidents had just been received & would be emailed to councillors.
- b) **Unitary:** no report to receive.
- c) **Parish:** Cllr. Fanthorpe reported 1] streetlight on Church Beck Cottages near the church steps was out (Clerk to report to street lighting); 2] the traffic mirror on the wall of the Blacksmith's Arms needed adjusting (Cllr. Couch to adjust); 3] the lake caused by the blocked drain outside the church rooms was still causing a problem (work planned by Highways for later in the week). Cllr. Bleasdale reported the ditch on Newlands Road near the national park sign had been dug out. Cllr. Ford reported on the Parish Liaison meeting which had proved very informative and where issues raised had included the problems with many grit bins apparently showing as no longer being NYC responsibility. Cllr. Staveley reported 1] the grit bin at the Whitby Road/Littlemoor Close junction had been filled; 2] there was some erosion of the pavement surface on West Lane & she would send photos to the Clerk; 3] greenery from the land immediately adjacent the old forge was overhanging the pavement on High Street. Cllr. Couch reported 1] the grit bin on Church Beck Cottages was empty; 2] he had removed a fallen branch from the oak tree in the Quiet Area.
- d) **Clerk:** no matters to report.

109/24 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION

The winners of the 2024 Christmas Lights Competition were announced as:- Best Overall (£20 and glass bowl) The Chestnuts, 14 Station Lane; Best House 1st (£15) The Paddock, Hood Lane and 2nd (£5) 13 Church Beck Cottages; Best Window (£10) 36 High Street. Cllr. Staveley will deliver the prizes.

110/24 UPDATES ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS:-

- a) Speed enforcement [Minute 94/24c) refers] – email from speed bureau to Cllr. Fanthorpe had been forwarded to cllrs. 31/12/24 and was **noted**. Resolved Cllr. Fanthorpe to ask bureau what their enforcement criteria are. Also **noted** was something called "Speederbot" which is an automated computer program that can detect when a vehicle exceeds 150% or more of the 30mph speed limit– Cllr. Fanthorpe is to investigate further
- b) Fracking [Minute 95/24a) refers] – there had been two meetings recently. The current Mineral Plan is being used by the working group and a planning application submission is awaited.
- c) Portakabins "Lot 3 Calfthwaite Farm" [Minute 95/24b) refers] – **noted** Clerk's report that NYMNP Planning enforcement was to take action.
- d) Grit salt bins/heaps [Minute 96/24) refers] – **noted** all bins/heaps in the parish which last month showed on NYC map as "not maintained by North Yorkshire Council" were now showing as "Owner: North Yorkshire Council".

- e) Biodiversity policy [*Minute 100/24a) refers*] – **resolved** policy be adopted with immediate effect.

111/24 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) **Quarry Bank - grit bins** [*Minute 94/24 refers*] – NYC had confirmed they had no record of a bin on Quarry Bank and asked if the Parish Council wished to take it over – **Resolved** Clerk to check location as there may be more than one bin & report to next meeting.
- b) Correspondence received after 30/12/24 & requiring a response before next meeting – none.

112/24 PLANNING MATTERS

- a) **Applications Received & Appeals Notified:-** None.
- b) **Decisions received:-** None.
- c) **Planning matters received after 30/12/24:-** None.

113/24 FINANCE & REGULATORY MATTERS:- None.

- 114/24 ACCOUNTS TO CERTIFY** – Having been previously notified, the following were approved for payment via online banking (Cllrs. Baker & Staveley to do the online authorisation within 24 hours):-
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| J Marley | Reimburse cash for Xmas Lights prizes | £50-00 |
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There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.33pm.