

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CLOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2026 AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillors P Couch (Chairman), D Ford, K Fanthorpe, S Staveley, A Thompson. North Yorkshire Councillor D Bastiman.

Absent: Cllrs. Baker, Bleasdale. Mrs J Marley (Clerk to Council).

Informative – in the absence of the Clerk to Council, notes of the meeting were taken by Cllr. Fanthorpe and an audio recording of the meeting was also taken to aid writing of the minutes.

111/25 APOLOGIES GIVEN IN ADVANCE OF MEETING:- Received from Cllrs. Baker and Bleasdale and Mrs Marley (Clerk to Council).

112/25 APPROVAL OF REASONS FOR ABSENCE:- Resolved the reasons of 'prior commitment' (Cllr. Bleasdale) and 'health' (Cllr. Baker and Mrs Marley, Clerk to Council) be approved & accepted.

113/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

114/25 MINUTES

Having been previously circulated, **resolved** the minutes of the meeting of 5th January 2026 be **approved** as an accurate record & authorised for signature by the Chairman of the meeting.

115/25 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM No public present.

116/25 MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC OPEN FORUM None.

117/25 REPORTS

a) **Unitary:** Cllr Bastiman reported significant activity had taken place in readiness for the planned NY Strategic Planning Committee meeting scheduled for 30th January to hear the Europa application for a well site in Burniston. This included accompanying 3 members of the Committee on a site visit and preparation of presentations to ensure the time allocated to local councils was used to maximum effect. Cllr Bastiman believes that the extensive efforts made through local democracy has had a significant impact on the NY Councillors and wished to place on record the input from Cllr Fanthorpe to represent the views of Cloughton PC. He also confirmed that he had received a bid for funding the Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) from Cllrs Fanthorpe & Staveley which had gone forward to be considered. Cllr Bastiman reminded members that the green waste collections would begin again on 11th March and continue until December. The cost of this service had increased to £52 per annum.

b) **Parish:** Cllr Ford reported he'd received concerns from a resident of Ravenscar. Following changes to the bus routes, it now requires two separate bus journeys to reach the GPs and supermarket in Newby which is particularly problematic for older residents. Action – Cllr Ford to follow up the suggestion that the changes may be revised and revert to the previous route which would resolve the problem. Cllr Staveley reported more potholes appearing on the highway – the one at the junction with Station Lane had been filled in but this is an ongoing issue in general. Cllr Fanthorpe reported that actions had been taken since the last meeting regarding the overnight parking of camper vehicles at Salt Pans Lane. This included contact with the Duchy about replacement signs, completing NYC's online consultation about the unexpected consequences arising from the trial ETRO on Marine Drive, advising (unsuccessfully) the national app site provider for campervan owners that this is private land and feedback from a local farming family about their concerns. Cllr Fanthorpe had booked a slot with the MP at her surgery on 13th February to seek her support and ideas for further action. Action – Cllr Fanthorpe to feedback at next meeting. Cllr Fanthorpe also reported that the mirror on the Blacksmith's Inn (which helps drivers at the Beck Lane/High Street junction) was displaced in the recent high winds. Cllr Couch was aware that someone has already tried to sort this but the angle was not correct. A local resident has offered to help with the correct placing – details passed to Cllr Couch to follow up. Action – Cllr Couch

c) **Clerk:** no issues raised due to Clerk's absence.

118/25 FRACKING [Minute 104/25 refers]:-

Cllr Fanthorpe reported that the third report reinforcing the Council's objection to the planning application had been submitted on 19th January following comments

gratefully received from Councillors. Cloughton Parish Council had been offered a 5 minute presentation slot to speak against the proposal (along with the other two neighbouring councils, NY Councillors who object and the local protest group, Frack Free Coastal Communities). The meeting of NYC's Strategic Planning Committee had been postponed on 29th January by North Yorkshire Council at the request of the Planning Inspectorate who was to consider a request made to the Secretary of State by interested parties to call in the application. A decision is now awaited as to whether this application will be "called in" (which means it will then be heard at a national level) or returned to NYC to decide. Councillors agreed we should lend our support to this action by writing to the Secretary of State to make the same request for it to be called in. Action – Cllr Fanthorpe.

119/25 INCREASING COUNCIL'S PUBLIC PROFILE [Minute 105/25 refers]:--

Cllrs Fanthorpe & Staveley had distributed a short document at the January meeting outlining the possible content of a future newsletter. The formatting of the document will need to be addressed but councillors were asked to comment on the content being put forward. **Resolved** defer to March meeting as it was felt the input of the Clerk would be particularly welcome.

120/25 SPEED DATA [Minute 106/25 refers]:--

Cllr Staveley has offered to help with the analysis of the data from the survey sites. Action – Cllrs Staveley and Fanthorpe. Cllrs Fanthorpe & Staveley have also prepared a bid for funding from Cllr. Bastiman's locality fund – see Minute 117/25a) above.

121/25 UPDATES ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS:-

- a) S106 Joint Working Group [Minute 108/25c) refers] – in the light of new information [circulated with agenda] received from the Commuted Sums Office, **resolved** to amend the decision taken at Minute 108/25c) of the January meeting – Cloughton PC to join with Burniston PC on a Joint Working Group for S106 money. Cllrs. Fanthorpe and Staveley to attend the first meeting on 4th February. Formal draft papers had been circulated to members of the Working Group. The 3 bids from Cloughton were expected to be:
 - Additional playground equipment more suitable for toddler age – a quotation had been received from the company, Kompan, which supplied the existing equipment.
 - Replacement benches and picnic tables for the Quiet Area
 - Improvements at the cricket club, including possibly new practice nets.
- b) Standing Orders and Financial Regulations [Minute 107/25b) refers] – **received** amended draft [emailed to councillors 23/1/26]. It was not clear from the audio recording whether councillors had understood the interpretation of Standing Orders 3f and 3g, so clarification is to be sought at the March meeting.

122/25 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) From Duchy - **noted** the rents for Quiet Area and Playground are being commuted to nil for the reign of King Charles III. **Resolved** to confirm acceptance thereof and Clerk authorised to sign the necessary acceptance paperwork;
- b) Police reports - **noted** the Police have stopped providing the routine month end reports as of 20/1/26. Councillors regretted this decision as the information has been actively discussed at each meeting and trends noted. **Resolved** Clerk to request a six monthly report to ensure Council retains oversight of this important matter.
- c) NYC consultation on local planning enforcement plan [emailed to councillors 26/1/26] - Councillors agreed that the overall dilution of enforcement was regrettable as dealing with problems arising from the planning process was often ineffective. **Noted** that some of the previous good practice associated with a smaller principal authority had been lost. **Resolved** defer to March meeting for more thorough discussion.
- d) Correspondence received after 27/1/26 requiring a response before next meeting – none.

123/25 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications Received & Appeals Notified:-

1) 25/04534/FUL Erect 2 storey rear extension and front porch at 8 Quarry Bank, Burniston - **resolved** no objections;

b) Decisions received: – none.

c) Planning matters received after 27/1/26:- None.

124/25 FINANCE & REGULATORY MATTERS

a) Working From Home Allowance – **received** report [*circulated with agenda*] from Clerk requesting additional payment to offset the tax relief she will not be able to claim from 6/4/26. Councillors wished to record that Mrs Marley is known to consistently work in excess of her contracted hours and her work as the clerk is highly valued. Councillors would not wish her to be out of pocket for the work she is doing but didn't properly understand the issue. **Resolved** defer to March meeting when it was hoped the Clerk would be present to provide further information.

b) Rural verge cutting [*Minute 94/25b) refers*] – one bid has been received for verge cutting in May/June and Aug/September. A second contractor was approached but had confirmed they did not wish to be considered. **Resolved** quotation from T Harland, Agricultural Contractor of £700+VAT for first cut and £750+VAT for second cut be accepted.

125/25 ACCOUNTS TO CERTIFY – The following was approved for payment via online banking (Cllrs. Ford & Staveley to do the online authorisation within 24 hours):-

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(Flying Start training, Cllr. Thompson)

£73-00

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.17pm.