

MINUTES OF ORDINARY MEETING OF CLOUGHTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN ST. MARY'S CHURCH HALL ON MONDAY 5th JANUARY 2026 AT 7.30PM

Present: Councillors P Couch (Chairman), K Fanthorpe, S Staveley, A Thompson.

Absent: Cllrs. Baker, Bleasdale, Ford. 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.

96/25 APOLOGIES GIVEN IN ADVANCE OF MEETING:- **Received** from Cllrs. Baker, Bleasdale and Ford and Mrs Marley (Clerk to Council).

97/25 APPROVAL OF REASONS FOR ABSENCE:- **Resolved** the reasons of 'prior commitment' (Cllrs. Bleasdale and Ford) and 'health' (Cllr. Baker and Mrs Marley, Clerk to Council) be approved & accepted.

98/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST: None.

99/25 MINUTES

Having been previously circulated, **resolved** the minutes of the meeting of 1st December 2025 be **approved** as an accurate record & authorised for signature by the Chairman of the meeting.

100/25 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM No matters raised (the area was affected by a significant snowfall).

101/25 MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC OPEN FORUM None.

102/25 REPORTS

a) **Police:** the report for December incidents (emailed to councillors 5/1/26) was **received & noted**. Councillors commented that, in percentage terms, there had been a significant increase in some types of crime being recorded.

b) **Unitary:** No report to receive.

c) **Parish:** Cllr Staveley reported a meeting has been arranged for 8/1/26 with the representative of Kompan to discuss options for additional equipment in the playground. Cllrs Fanthorpe & Thompson would also attend. This relates to S106 monies discussed at Minute 108/25c). Cllr Staveley also reported 1] a worsening problem with a pothole on the main highway at the junction with Station Lane and 2] the grit box on Littlemoor corner needed refilling (Clerk to action both with Highways). Cllr Fanthorpe requested an update on the repairs to the drains on Newlands Road which occurred after a substantial rainfall in November

d) **Clerk:** no report to receive.

103/25 CHRISTMAS LIGHTS COMPETITION:-

The winners of the 2025 Christmas Lights Competition were announced as:- Best Overall (£20 and glass bowl) 13 Church Beck Cottages; Best House 1st (£15) 25 High Street and 2nd (£5) 34 High Street; Best Window (£10) 36 High Street. Cllr. Couch would deliver the prizes. Less houses decorated than in previous years so competition to be publicised more widely.

104/25 FRACKING [Minute 88/25 refers]:-

Cllr Fanthorpe reported the planning application has not yet been heard by NY Council. As the original objection was submitted in April 2025, new information continues to become known. A second submission had been made and a third one is now being written. Councillors agreed to receive this report for comment when it is available so that it can be submitted as a formal update to NYC. (Action: Cllr Fanthorpe). Also reported that Burniston Parish Council had requested the venue for the planning application should be large enough to accommodate potentially over a thousand members of the public.

105/25 INCREASING COUNCIL'S PUBLIC PROFILE [Minute 89/25 refers]:--

Cllrs Fanthorpe & Staveley distributed a short document for a future newsletter. The formatting of the document would need to be addressed but councillors were asked to comment on the content being put forward. Immediate ideas included widely promoting the first newsletter (perhaps a mail drop for every house), an option for residents to pick up a paper copy from points in the village and a register of those who need a paper copy as they don't have internet access. Setting up a Council Facebook page was also put forward as that option is known to work well in other Councils and would provide an easy forum for posting the newsletter.

Resolved a digital/online approach to a parish newsletter was the preferred option. This could be combined with drop in events to maximise contact with residents. A mocked-up example is to be shared at the next meeting. (Action: Cllrs Fanthorpe & Staveley)

106/25 SPEED DATA [Minute 90/25 refers]:-

Cllr Fanthorpe confirmed that the data from the four speed surveys has been received but there are some queries about the analysis so further work is being undertaken. At the December meeting, Cllr Bastiman had been supportive of receiving a bid to the locality fund to help with the cost of purchasing VAS equipment (and supporting posts). **Resolved** Cllr Fanthorpe to write to Cllr Bastiman to request a contribution to the cost of the equipment (even though the data was not yet available, the level of concern for residents was significant and this development would be welcomed by local people).

107/25 UPDATES ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS:-

- a) Duckpond at Cober Hill [Minute 86/25c) refers] – **noted** the various responses received [circulated with agenda] from NYC and the Environment Agency. Helpful responses from the EA and North Yorkshire Council who were going to see what help they could offer to get the pond cleared because of the flooding risk. Nothing from Cober.
- b) Duchy signpost Saltpans [Minute 86/25c) refers] – **noted** Duchy's response of 5/12/25 [circulated with agenda] confirming they intend, once again, to erect signs prohibiting overnight parking. These new signs will be more robustly fixed to deter people from removing them but future management of the site is also under review. Cllr. Fanthorpe reported that a parishioner had told her that an app, "Search for Sites" exists which alerts campervan owners to unofficial sites for camping. Although the Saltpans Lane site had been removed from the narrative, it still showed on the map of the area so may be a source of information for people looking for overnight camping. **Resolved** Cllr Fanthorpe to contact the Duchy for a definitive statement on the status of people accessing the land so this could be communicated to those who run the app.

108/25 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) A letter of thanks had been received from NY Fire & Rescue Service in response to the letter of appreciation sent by the Council about the management of the Fylingdales fire. The response, from the Chief Fire Officer, confirmed that our grateful thanks would be passed on to those who had been involved in tackling the fires.
- b) Consultation by NYC on PSPO to address "Control of unauthorised camping (wild / fly-camping) and the lighting of fires and BBQs" (emailed to councillors 27/12/25). **Noted** the Clerk had already been in communication with NYC to express our disbelief that this consultation was not formally shared with parish councillors for their response (it was only because Cllr Ford had seen a general online post that it came to our attention). The timing of the consultation (which is mostly over the festive period) is also unhelpful. The 9 localities listed as being potentially covered by a PSPO do not include the site in our parish and this fact must be relayed via the consultation. **Resolved** that all Councillors would individually complete the online consultation as residents in their own right and (because the closing date for comments fell before the next PC meeting) a submission be made by Cllr. Fanthorpe on behalf of the Council.

On a related note, North Yorkshire Council was reviewing the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) to stop motorhomes parking overnight on Scarborough's Marine Drive which was introduced in November 2024 for an 18 month period. Councillors discussed the fact that the displacement of motorhomes arising from the ETRO has coincided with a significant increase of overnight parking at the viewpoint at Salt Pans Lane. Along with increased usage have come problems with litter being left behind, barbecues being used irresponsibly and nuisance behaviours such as loud music. All completely inappropriate in a rural and tranquil setting. Councillors agreed that the lack of facilities for waste disposal and the fact that the Salt Pans location is out of view means that this is a wholly unacceptable place for overnight camping. In addition, this is a small area to accommodate

relatively large vehicles. **Resolved** that all councillors would individually complete the consultation and a formal response would be made by Cllr. Fanthorpe on behalf of the Council as a whole.

- c) Correspondence received after 28/12/25 & requiring a response before next meeting:- an invitation had been received from Burniston Parish Council inviting representation from our Council on a working group to prepare applications for the S106 monies. **Resolved** to decline this invitation as Cloughton Parish Councillors was clear about the bids it wished Council to make [*Minute 94/25f* referred].

109/25 PLANNING MATTERS

a) Applications Received & Appeals Notified:-

- 1) NYM/2025/0701 Excavations, earthworks and erect agricultural livestock building (part retrospective) at Hodgsons Moor Farm, Gowland Lane - **resolved** no objections;

b) Decisions received: -

- 1) ZF25/00619/FL Retrospective application for storage building on land at Field 2972, Station Lane - granted with conditions;
2) NYM/2025/0702 Vary condition 3 of NYM/2023/0493 to allow commercial use of manège (retrospective) at Westfield Farm, Station Lane - granted with conditions;
3) ZF25/01294/HSA Vary conditions 1 (amended plans), 4 (holiday use) and 5 (28 day occupation) in relation to ZF25/00036/HS at 17 Station Lane - granted with conditions

c) Planning matters received after 28/12/25:- None.

110/25 ACCOUNTS TO CERTIFY - The following were approved for payment via online banking (Cllrs. Baker & Staveley to do the online authorisation within 24 hours):-

J Marley	(reimburse Xmas lights prize money)	£50-00
Duchy of Lancaster	(backdated rent for playground 29/9/25-28/9/26)	£23-40

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.05pm.