

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

Present: Councillors P Couch (Chairman), P Bleasdale, K Fanthorpe, D Ford, S Staveley. Four members of public (two left 7.40pm). Mrs J Marley (Clerk to Council).

Absent: Cllr. Baker.

63/25 **APOLOGIES GIVEN IN ADVANCE OF MEETING:-** Received from Cllr. Baker and North Yorkshire Cllr. Bastiman.

64/25 **APPROVAL OF REASONS FOR ABSENCE:-** Resolved the reasons of 'health' (Cllr. Baker) and 'prior commitment' (NY Cllr. Bastiman) be approved & accepted.

65/25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None.

66/25 **MINUTES**

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

67/25 **PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** No new matters raised.

68/25 **MATTERS RAISED IN PUBLIC OPEN FORUM** None.

Procedural note - With councillors approval agenda item 11a) was considered next.

69/25 **UPDATES ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS:-**

- a) Unoccupied property Station Lane [Minute 55/25 refers] – Cllr. Couch gave an update on his site visit which was **received & noted** and recommended the parishioners contacted Environmental Health in their own right.

Procedural note – At this point 2 members of public left the meeting.

70/25 **REPORTS**

- a) **Police:** the report for September incidents (emailed to councillors 1/10/25) was **received & noted**.
- b) **Unitary:** No report to receive.
- c) **Parish:** Cllr. Staveley reported the loose kerb on West Lane corner had been replaced and the poor surface of the pavement on West Lane marked up for repairs. Reference was made to the lack of a swing suitable for babies in the playground and it was explained that while Cloughton's playground had been designed for children over the age of 5 there was one available in the playground at Burniston & Cloughton Village Hall.
- d) **Clerk:** no matters to report.

71/25 **EA consultation on environmental permit for fracking** [Minute 57/25c) refers] – Cllr. Fanthorpe reported over 60 people had attended the Environment Agency's drop in consultation. The consultation timeline had been extended to 7/10/25 so it had not been necessary to hold the extraordinary council meeting on 15/9/25. Cllr. Fanthorpe's written report (circulated with agenda) was received and **resolved** it be submitted to the EA as this Council's observations on the proposals.

72/25 **Increasing Council's public profile** [Minute 58/25c) refers] – various suggestions were considered including holding "drop in" sessions and a newsletter – **resolved** Cllr. Fanthorpe to report to the December meeting.

73/25 **Standing Orders and Financial Regulations** – **noted** Clerk's report that these were in need of updating (having last been updated by council in 2021 and the Model Templates issued by NALC having been updated earlier this year). **Resolved** documents to be presented to Council by Clerk in due course.

74/25 **UPDATES ON MATTERS RAISED AT PREVIOUS MEETINGS:-**

- a) Increases in precept [Minute 55/25 refers] – **noted** the exchange of emails in early July between Clerk & parishioner had been emailed to councillors 1/9/25. A prolonged and robust exchange of views between the parishioner and councillors took place (during which the clerk left the room). Councillors re-iterated the reasons for their previous decisions. At the end of the exchange the parishioner left the room. The Clerk returned and councillors **resolved** the minute should read as above.

- b) Overnight camping, Saltpans [Minute 59/25a) refers] – **received & noted** report by Cllr. Couch that Burniston Parish Council supported a ban via Highways. **Received & noted** report by Clerk that to the best of her knowledge the highway extent did not go as far as the car park at Saltpans therefore a highway ban would not work. **Resolved** Clerk to contact Duchy to establish if any of the land was in their control and report to a future meeting.
- c) Speeding/Community Speedwatch [Minute 59/25b) refers] – **received & noted** Cllr. Fanthorpe's report – the good news was that 4 sets of speed data collection tubes would be installed for a seven day period (dates unknown); the bad news was that the lighting columns were light-duty and North Yorkshire Council would not agree to mounting vehicle activated signs on them. Any signs would have to be on separate posts (cost £500+VAT) and an electrical connection would be another £1,000+VAT)

75/25 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) Planning training at Helmsley 5.30-7.30 22/10/25 – **resolved** Cllr. Bleasdale to attend;
- b) Parish Member vacancy on NYMNP – **resolved** nobody wished to be nominated;
- c) Parish Election Recharge Policy (circulated with agenda) – **resolved** report be received and an election reserve be built into budget and earmarked reserves;
- d) Request for donation from N. Yorkshire CAB – **resolved** donation of £200 be made, Clerk to set up payment and Cllrs. Ford and Staveley to authorise;
- e) Correspondence received after 29/9/25 & requiring a response before next meeting:- 1] letter from Duchy re. rent review for playground and increasing annual rent to £69-50+VAT. **Resolved** the increase be reluctantly accepted; as rent had only recently been paid, Clerk to ask for invoice to cover the increase.

76/25 **PLANNING MATTERS**

- a) **Applications Received & Appeals Notified:-** None.
- b) **Decisions received:-** None.
- c) **Planning matters received after 29/9/25:-** None.

77/25 **ACCOUNTS TO CERTIFY** – The following were approved for payment via online banking (Cllrs. Ford & Staveley to do the online authorisation within 24 hours):-

N. Barnes	Moles and paths	£58-75
T Harland	Rural verge cutting	£900-00
M Eyres	External painting Reading Rooms	£320-00
Sneakytrick	Domain renewal	£10-00

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 9.41pm.