

CLAPHAM CUM NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL

Wednesday 18th September

MINUTES

Present: Cllrs John Dawson (Vice Chairman), Ann Sheridan, Diane Elphinstone, Maria Farrer

In Attendance: Steven Culver (Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer) & 4 members of the public

1. To receive apologies: Cllr Colin Price & Ann Stewart

2. Code of Conduct and Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

2.1 To receive any declarations of interest not already declared under the Council's code of Conduct or a member's Register of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests **None**

2.2 To receive, consider and decide upon any applications for dispensation **None**

3. To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 17th July & 14th August 2024 as a true and fair record

The Parish Council **RESOLVED** that the minutes should be approved and signed by Cllr Dawson as a true and accurate record.

4. Action Point Review - Updates on items not covered elsewhere on the agenda

Meeting 17-July-24

- i) The Clerk to request an update on the Police response to the vandalism to the Old School Building – **COMPLETE**
- ii) All Councillors to complete the NY Police Neighbourhood Policing Survey and to return to Cllr Elphinstone for consolidation prior to submission – **COMPLETE**
- iii) The Clerk to raise the issue of the ongoing streetworks at Clapham Station with Keane Duncan (NYC cabinet member for Highways) – **COMPLETE**
- iv) Cllr Elphinstone to write to Julian Smith MP requesting his support to improving mobile phone coverage – **COMPLETE**
- v) The Clerk to write to Julian Smith MP regarding the potential impact on Waste Water Treatment Works issues if the infrastructure is not improved in advance of any developments – **COMPLETE**
- vi) The Clerk to write to Ingleton VE Day 80 planning group suggesting a beacon be placed on Bowland Knotts - **COMPLETE**

5. To receive the Police Report

12 Incidents noted between 17th July & 13th September

3x Abandoned Call	29.08.24 Concern for walker – Ambulance called
2x Other Force Enquiries	02.09.24 Harassment – A65
29.07.24 RTC with Sheep A65 - Newby Junction	10.09.24 Mud on Road – B6480
13.08.24 Cows on A65 – Goat Gap	11.09.24 vehicle RTC A65 Newby Junction

6. Highways, Streetlight, Road Signage and Boundary Markers

6.1 To receive requests and decide further action on:

- i) Footpath between Station Road and Growing with Grace
The Council **RESOLVED** that this was not a matter for them since this is Highways Land
- ii) Church Avenue Sign by bridge
The Council **NOTED** that the missing sign had been reported by the Clerk and was now with "Craven" to reinstate.

7. Byways Open to All Traffic Update

The Council **NOTED** the "interim" report received from the Inspector with the decision that Thwaite Lane should remain a Bridlepath rather than become a Byway Open to All Traffic. The only reason that this is an interim report is that the "tunnel" section currently has no designation and it is recommended that this becomes a Bridlepath too and this now has to go through a consultation period.

8. To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary:

8.1 Parish Maintenance Matters

- i) To consider whether any work should be assigned to independent contractors
 - a) Potential Closed Churchyard Repairs.

Following the quinquennial review various potential repairs have been noted, none being “urgent” and a number already having been completed by the PCC. The Council **RESOLVED** to note the items but to take no action at the present time.

8.2 The community emergency plan, community defibrillator training and other topics related to the emergency services.

i) New Defibrillator at Green Close

The Council **NOTED** that the North Pennine Potholing Club had now installed a defibrillator at their facility at Green Close, now bringing the total within the parish to 5.

8.3 Neighbourhood Planning

The Council **NOTED** that the Inspector has now passed the Plan as clear to proceed to referendum after some minor amendments. The main issue being the quality of some of the plans used and so alternatives will now need to be sourced.

8.4 Climate Emergency

i) Dales House Bird Programme

YDMT has asked the Council to write a letter of support for a grant application to the National Lottery Fund in respect of nesting boxes for a number of bird species. The Council **RESOLVED** that they were happy with the draft proposed and the Clerk should sign the letter on behalf of the Chairman.

ii) Northern Powergrid Grants

The Council had been advised of a new round of grants for energy resilience projects being available. The Council **NOTED** these but felt there were no potential projects which may be eligible.

9. To consider and decide upon the following planning applications None received

10. To receive the following planning decisions / information None received

11. Financial Matters

11.1 The Council **NOTED automated payments and receipts made since last meeting;**

i) Bank Charges July & August - £10.00 & £9.00

ii) DD in favour of nPower July & August Electricity - £54.43 & £55.34

11.2 The Council **RECEIVED the detailed bank statements as at 31st August 2024 of;**

HSBC1 £4,553.79

HSBC2 £13,030.44

11.3 The Council **RECEIVED the Bank Reconciliations as at 31st July & 31st August 2024**

11.4 The Council **RESOLVED to approve the following payments**

i) Clapham Village Hall September Meeting - £17.00

ii) Clerks September Salary - £339.20

iii) Clerks Expenses for April – September - £40.35

iv) Data Commission Fee - £40.00 (this to be paid by the Clerk and reclaimed in March expenses)

12. Matters for Consideration

12.1 To receive and respond to items of correspondence received prior to this meeting

i) Mobile Telephone coverage in the village

Discussion was had as to whether 999 calls can still be made when no regular service is available (handsets often showing emergency calls only). This has subsequently been proved to be the case.

ii) Clapham Village Christmas Decorations

The Council had been approached by the Community Shop for potential funding of some decorations for the village for the “Christmas evening” to be held by local business on 28th November. Whilst the idea was supported in principle the Council had questions as to whether the businesses themselves were to contribute, who would the Council pay and who would organise. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Farrer would investigate there matters and revert at the next meeting

iii) Citizen's Advice request for donation

The Council had once again been approached by North Yorkshire Citizens Advice for a donation. It was **RESOLVED** that the Council would make a £100 donation as provided for in the budget and the Clerk to bring back the formal payment request to the next meeting.

12.2 To receive and respond to items of correspondence received too late for inclusion on this agenda

i) Yorkshire Dales Local Plan Consultation

The Council **NOTED** the plan has no designated housebuilding in Clapham

ii) Planning Application ZA24/26291/FUL – The Old Dairy, Hollin Lane, Mewith - Demolition of existing storage barn and construction of new extension to existing bungalow.

Concerns were raised regarding the scale of the proposed extension and the fact that previous planning stipulations had not been adhered to. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Sheridan would undertake further investigations and advise the Council whether an additional meeting was required in order to agree a response

iii) Planning Application ZA24/26274/HH – Westavon, Cross Haw Lane – Erection of single storey rear extension

The Council **RESOLVED** that they supported this application

iv) Forest of Bowland Landmark Trees funding

The Council **RESOLVED** that this was something to pursue and suggested either Keasden Crossroads or ST Matthew's churchyard as being potential locations. The Clerk is to contact the Ingleborough Estate and St Matthew's PCC for their views as the Landowners of the sites in question. The matter to be discussed further at the next meeting

13. To notify the Clerk of matters for inclusion on the agenda of the next meeting Landmark Tree & Annual Budget

14. Employment Matters

The Council noted the change in the Tax Code for the Clerk leading to a tax rebate in the month.

15. Parishioner Matters Arising

A question was raised regarding the status of any potential shelter for the Lancaster platform at Clapham Station. It was **RESOLVED** that the Clerk would contact Gerald Townson to raise the issue.

16. The Council CONFIRMED the date of the next meeting as 16th October 2024