



## **STAPLETON AND CLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Minutes of the meeting held Wednesday 13th May 2026**

**At 7pm, Cleasby Village Hall**

**There was a 10-minute public speaking session prior to the start of the council meeting.**

### **Present:**

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| Chairman -Cllr R Leckie      | Cllr C Mitchell |
| Vice-chairman- Cllr C Vigors | Cllr E Leckie   |
| Cllr K Webster               |                 |
| Cllr K Pearson               |                 |
| Clerk S Perks                |                 |

### **1. Apologies**

- 1.1 Apologies were received from Cllr L Heritage.
- 1.2 The reason of absence for absence was approved.

### **2. Declaration of Interest**

- 2.1 To receive any declarations of interest. Non received.
- 2.2 There were no applications for dispensation.

### **3. Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

- 3.1 The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2026 were agreed as a true and accurate record.

### **4. To receive report from Cllr A. Thompson.** Non received

### **5. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes:**

- 5.1 New Defibrillator- An update from the Clerk in relation to having a mini electrical post installed in either Stapleton or Cleasby was received and noted that responsibility lies with NYC Highways department for installation, not the Street Lighting team.
  - 5.1.1 An update from Cllr Vigors if Cleasby and Stapleton village hall give permission to have a defibrillator installed on the outside of the building, subject to planning/ listed building consent was received. It was noted the village hall would be happy to support that, so long as the parish council are entirely responsible for all costs including associated installation and on-going running costs.

### **6. Village greens**

- 6.1 To receive any new issues relating to the village greens.

Cllr C Vigors asked if any more information has been received about the new house being built in Cleasby and Northern PowerGrid's proposal to install new posts in front of the houses on Cleasby village green. The Clerk confirmed that no update since the initial proposal has been received.

6.2 An update from the Clerk was received in relation to the TPO's not being formally registered by North Yorkshire Council and it was agreed that NYC could have a copy of the Tree Survey that the parish council had undertaken.

6.3 An update from the Clerk on the removal of the diseased Ash trees in Stapleton was received and it was noted that Rennison Tree Specialist were still waiting on Northern PowerGrid to make the overhead wires safe before they could remove the trees.

6.4 No update from Nathan Harding, Transport Planning Officer regarding the proposal from North Yorkshire Council to improve accessibility for users of the buses in Stapleton was received.

6.5 A discussion about building/ installing benches in the bus stops in Stapleton took place and it was agreed not to install benches.

## **7. Litter Signs**

7.1 It was agreed to request use of the yellow highways litter sign that Councillor Thompson secured for use in our area along the main road to Cleasby. **Action SP**

## **8. Potential Housing in Cleasby Questionnaire – The Conservative Party.**

8.1 An email from a resident was received, sharing a concern that only *some* residents had received the above consultation and that if views of residents were being sought on this matter then *all* residents should have received a questionnaire. The resident requests that if the Parish Council has concerns on this matter that they voice them to Councillor Thompson.

8.2 The above request was considered, and it was decided that as parish councils are legally required to remain politically impartial not to take any further action.

## **9. Community Speed Watch (CSW)**

7.1 The application forms from North Yorkshire Police were received and it was agreed that Cllr K Webster would try to recruit volunteers via a leaflet drop.

## **10. Keep Britain Tidy- There is no such thing as the Dog Poo Fairy Campaign**

7.1 The campaign material was reviewed, and it was decided not to proceed.

## **11. Financial matters**

11.1 Bank reconciliation – A report from the Clerk was received.

11.2 Income and Expenses. ***The following payments were approved.***

11.2.1 Robinson's Bookkeeping and Payroll, £50.00

Oct-Dec 2025 & Jan-Mar 2026

11.2.2 CE & CM Walker Ltd- April grass cutting £576.00

**11.3 *The following payments were accepted.***

11.3.1 North Yorkshire Council -Precept 1<sup>st</sup> instalment £4700.00

**12. Planning**

12.1 **ZD25/00383/FULL**- Full planning permission for construction of 1 no. dwelling and change of use for part of site from paddock to domestic (additional information attached to the case file on the 21.4.26) at High Bank Farm Cleasby Road Stapleton Darlington North Yorkshire DL2 2QE - AMENDED PROPOSAL- **No objections.**

12.2 **ZD26/00264/LBC** - Listed building consent to remove the current concrete roof covering and install an age-appropriate natural slate tile: Teddington House, The Green Cleasby Darlington – **No objections.**

**13. The below correspondence was considered.**

13.1 North Yorkshire Council Parish Liaison: Public Space CCTV Review - Request for Information

13.2 North Yorkshire Council Household Waste Recycling Centre Registration Scheme

14. The meeting dates for the coming year were set as 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2026, 11<sup>th</sup> November 2026, 13<sup>th</sup> January 2027 & 10<sup>th</sup> March 2027.

**15. Items for discussion at the next meeting.** On-going matters

**16. Date and time of the next meeting.**

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2026, 7pm, Cleasby Village Hall, with a ten-minute public speaking session prior to the meeting at 6.50pm.

Meeting closed at 19.47pm

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