

MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING OF STAPLETON AND CLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL, ON 10TH JANUARY 2024 AT 7PM IN CLEASBY VILLAGE HALL.

PRESENT: Councillor C Vigors
Councillor R Leckie (Chairman)
Councillor K Webster
Councillor C Mitchell
Councillor L Heritage
Councillor K Pearson

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It was agreed to add item 10.2.4 to the agenda so that the invoice could be paid on time.

1. 1.1 Apologies None received.

1.2 None.

2. To receive any declarations of interest.

2.1 Councillor C Mitchell declared an interest in item 11.1.

2.2 None received.

3. Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2023

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 8th November 2023 were agreed unanimously as a true and accurate record.

4. To receive report from Cllr A. Thompson.

Report received. Of note, North Yorkshire Council are expecting £90million deficit over the next 3 years but will make savings of £50 million as the transition to the Unitary Council proceeds. The largest areas of cost are Health and Adult services as 25% of the population of North Yorkshire is over sixty-five, and special educational needs. It was also noted that the Locality Budget for this year will be reduced from £10,000 down to £5,000 with the funding pot opening on 1st June 2024.

5. To receive bulletin from North Yorkshire Police

Received. It was noted from the Police Community Messenger service that Cleasby will be an area where speed checks will be conducted.

6. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes:

6.1 Parish Council email and domain name. Vision ICT have provided a quote to register the Domain name as £150 plus VAT, with a renewal price of £90 plus VAT every 2 years. Email addresses are £18 plus VAT each.

6.2 It was noted that North Yorkshire Council have informed parish councils of their decision to withdraw the facility of being able to display parish council information on their website in accordance with The Transparency Code. This provision will be withdrawn on 31st March 2025.

6.3 It was decided to seek three quotes for providing a website and hosting facilities, including going back to Vision ICT and asking them to provide a quote for a website.

Action SP

7. Village greens

7.1 A report was received from the Clerk following a meeting held with Cllr R Leckie, Cllr C Mitchell and Jayne Applegarth, Commons Registration Officer on 17th November 2023. It was noted the parish council will need to obtain our own OS number should we wish to reproduce any copies of any maps.

Action SP

7.2 Cllr C Vigors reported the Witch Elm tree, which was initially tied to a stake to hold it upright, had sometime ago come loose and gradually started to lean as it is top heavy. She has attempted to straighten it but has been unable to do so as the roots have started to grow at an angle making it impossible to correct the lean. It was suggested that the tree be dug out and replaced with a more balanced species, such as a Lime Tree, using funds that were given to the parish council by the former RDC from the Platinum Jubilee grant. Cllr K Webster agreed to speak to residents who had been involved in the initial planting of the Wych Elm tree to seek their opinions and any suggestions they may have.

Action KW

7.3 It was agreed to source some quotes to deal with the mole problem on Cleasby village green.

Action SP

8. Donation from Absolute- Broken Scar Solar Farm

8.1 The suggestions received so far were discussed. A few ideas were discarded such as a minibus for hospital visits, footpath from Cleasby to the old quarry, Biodiversity plan and unblocking of the drains, because they would either only be of benefit to a few not the majority, or they are financially unviable, or they fall under the responsibility of North Yorkshire Council. Other ideas need more investigation into costs such as kerbing to the edges of Cleasby village green and traffic calming measures in Cleasby. There was some debate between Councillors if the money should be used for projects in Stapleton. Cllrs Vigors, Webster, and Heritage stated that the funds should only be used in Cleasby as it is compensation for the disruption caused by the delivery of the Solar Farm to Cleasby residents. On-going.

Action SP

9. Potholes, Stapleton

9.1 It was decided to decline providing assistance or funding for the filling of potholes along a section of Strawgate Lane due as the expenditure would only be of benefit to a few and the lane is not under ownership of the parish council.

Action SP

10. Financial matters:

10.1 Bank reconciliation – Received.

10.2 Income and Expenses

The following payments were agreed:

10.2.1 Clerks salary	£433.44
10.2.2 HMRC	£108.40
10.2.3 CE & CM Walker	£25.60
10.2.4 Robinson's Bookkeeping and payroll	£25.00

10.3 To accept the following payments. None received.

11. Planning

11.1 ZD23/00295/OUT Outline Application with all Matters Reserved for Two Detached Dwellings, Land North of The Green, Cleasby. This application was discussed at length. It was resolved to respond to the consultation raising the agreed matters of concern. The Clerk to respond to the planning department.

Action SP

11.2 ZD23/00397/FULL. Full Planning Permission for Extension to Existing Dwelling, Vantage View, Strawgate Lane, Stapleton. It was noted this application has been granted.

11.3 ZD23/00592/ FULL Full Planning Permission for Detached Single Storey Double Garage, Paddock House, Cleasby, DL2 2QY. It was noted this application has been granted.

12. Donation request

12.1 It was agreed to make a donation of £100 to the Great North Air Ambulance Service.

13. To consider any correspondence.

13.1 North Yorkshire Council- Household recycling waste centres survey. Noted

13.2 Thank you letter from Citizens Advice. Noted

14. Items for discussion at the next meeting.

Chapel Lane, Cleasby,

Replacement of Witch Elm on Cleasby village green.

Projects for the Solar Farm compensation fund.

Members of the public were asked to leave the meeting for the next agenda item.

15. Clerk's Salary

15.1 It was agreed to increase the Clerk's salary from the 1st April 2024 to £11.44 per hour in line with the National Living Wage.

16. Date and time of the next meeting.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Wednesday 13th March 2024, 7pm, Cleasby Village Hall, with a ten-minute public speaking session prior to the meeting at 6.50pm

Meeting closed at 8.37pm

SIGNED: DATE:
(Chairman)