

MINUTES OF MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING OF STAPLETON AND CLEASBY PARISH COUNCIL, ON 13TH MARCH 2024 AT 7PM IN CLEASBY VILLAGE HALL.

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

1. **To receive apologies.**

1.1 Apologies from County Councillor A Thompson received.

1.2 None to consider.

2. **To receive any declarations of interest**

2.1 None received.

2.2 None received.

3. **Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2024**

The minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Wednesday 10th January 2024 were agreed unanimously as a true and accurate record.

4. **Solar Farm development**

The Council welcomed Kaitlin Beattie, Assistant Project Manager at Downing, who updated the council on the progress of the solar farm. The site is now live producing a lower energy capacity rate which will then be running at full capacity by the end of next week. There will then be 10 days of PAT testing to check meets operational standards, then the Asset Management Team and independent advisors will produce a punch list working with the contractors to make any corrections as needed. After this the site operational team will hand over to the Asset Management Team based in London to take over the site. There is no time scale in place for this yet, will all depend on the outcome of the punch list and any works that need to be done.

The biodiversity team have confirmed the back hedge will not be cut to allow it to grow and provide screening to the houses on the other side of the river. They have confirmed any failed trees will be re-planted and they are due to be on site 20th/21st of this month to see how the trees have taken. Their action for this year is to focus on weed control, then after the construction phase has finished at the end of the summer they will seed fine grasses and wild flowers.

Kaitlin confirmed the site will export to national Grid, which is capped at 3KW- production varies across days and seasons. 2KW will be for Northumbria Water. She also confirmed that there will not be any reconstruction of the verges until all construction has finished and will find out the process for getting the road repaired. She does have the photos taken of the road before any construction started. Cllr C Mitchel asked if the wildflowers will be monitored by DEFRA? Kaitlin confirmed there is a Land Team as part of the Asset Management Team who will be

involved in monitoring the site. Cllr K Webster asked if we can be kept informed of the progress for the road repairs and that the parish council be included in any meeting regarding repairs to the road and verges, Kaitlin agreed. Cllr L Heritage asked who has the final sign off on the project? Kaitlin confirmed an independent contractor has the final sign off. Kaitlin agree to attend the next meeting in May depending on availability to provide the council with a further update.

5. To receive report from Cllr A. Thompson.

None received.

6. To receive a bulletin from North Yorkshire Police

Received.

7. To discuss any matters arising from the minutes:

7.1 Parish Council website- Clerk to chased Vision ITC for a quote and seek 2 further quotes.

7.1.2 It was agreed to apply to the Locality Budget when it opens again in June 2024 for funding for a website.

7.1.3 Creating content for the website- Clerk to write something for Church newsletter, asking for photos of both villages, history, children to draw pictures, details of any clubs or societies in the village etc.

7.2 **Solar Farm Funds.**

After much discussion it was agreed with 5 votes for and 1 against that £700 be given to Cleasby village hall to help cover the costs of the heaters. The clerk will speak with Area 1 Highways to find out the process the having the edge of Cleasby village green kerbed, and what the likely cost would be, and also find out about other traffic calming measures suitable for the village.

8. **Village greens**

8.1 It was noted that the Wych Elm although had been re-staked has come down in one of the storms in January and has been completely removed.

8.1.2 The Wych Elm has been replaced by a Chestnut tree provided by Mr Harrison which was grown from the original Chestnut tree on the village green..

8.3 **Moles**

8.3.1-It was agreed to accept the quote from A breeze Pest Control.

9. **NYC Urban grass cutting 2024/2025**

The council ratified our decision to continue to cut the urban grass cutting areas ourselves.

10. **H2S Transport Review**

It was decided not to respond to the NYC Home to School Travel Policy consultation.

11. **Grass Cutting Contract**

It was agreed to renew the grass cutting contract with CE&CM Walker for the 2024/25 season at a rate of £140 + VAT per cut.

12. **Financial matters:**

12.1 Bank reconciliation – recieved.

12.2 Income and Expenses

The following payments were approved:

12.2.1 Clerks salary	£433.44
12.2.2 HMRC	£108.40
12.2.3 Clerks expenses- postage, gmail account	£22.56
12.2.4 Gallagher Insurance (3 rd year of Long Term agreement)	£427.32

12.3 To accept the following payments.

None to receive.

13. **Planning**

None.

14. **Meeting dates for the coming year**

The dates for the coming 2023/24 year were agreed to be set as Wednesday 8th May, 17th July, 11th September, 13th November, 8th January 2025 and 12th March 2025, all starting at 7pm.

15. **To consider any correspondence.**

None received.

16. **Items for discussion at the next meeting.**

Dog litter

Solar Farm projects to fund.

Tree survey

Strawgate Lane – signage warning pedestrians/ animals

Laurell Strawgate Grove

Residents only parking- cleasby

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

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be Wednesday 8th May 2024, 7pm, Cleasby Village Hall, with a ten-minute public speaking session prior to the meeting at 6.50pm. The Annual Meeting of the parish council will be held before the council meeting, starting at 6pm.

SIGNED: DATE:
(Chairman)