

Topcliffe Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Topcliffe Parish Council
to be held on Thursday 5th October 2023 at 7.00pm in Topcliffe Village Hall

Present: Cllr J Moores (Chairman); Cllr R Beckwith; Cllr C Bumby; Cllr B Collard and Cllr D Roberts.

Also Present: Three members of the public and the Clerk, Alexandra Robson.

23/052 Apologies

All councillors were present.

23/053 To Note any Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest.

23/054 Public Participation

No resident comments.

23/055 To Receive Reports from Ward Councillor

Cllr D Whitfield has resigned from the post of Ward Councillor and the electoral process will be followed by NYC.

23/056 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7th September 2023 be approved

23/057 To Consider Issues Relating to Parish Open Spaces including:

1. HGV Traffic Management

Another enforcement day was completed and there were four that could potentially be prosecuted. So far none have progressed but Cllr Moores has been in touch with MP K Hollinrake who is going to have a meeting to discuss the issues.

Other local parishes have also objected to the planning application at Asenby, discussed last month, as there are significant safety concerns.

2. Progress with Front Street sewage issues

The pit has been redug and new pumps are in, with the pipes being flushed regularly.

3. Cemetery

A group of councillors had visited the cemetery to review the wall and trees. The wall will be monitored for safety and the pillar reviewed. A dead tree had been identified by the War Graves Area Manager. Councillors requested to meet them to give a more clear picture of their concerns.

Issues with the wall and pillar were identified as this has been hit by a vehicle.

It was resolved that the Clerk will contact the insurance company and War Graves Commission

23/058 To receive a quote for central village grass cutting 2024 from current provider

£300 per cut has been quoted with the expectation of the cuts being done fortnightly in the height of a growing season.

It was resolved that this quote be accepted and the contractor secured for the 2024 season

Consideration was given to the sheep wash cutting, which will be required 3 or 4 times per year.

A local contractor will be asked to provide a price for this.

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23/059 To consider and agree next steps for the land and building used by Topcliffe Bowling Club

Some clearing has been done by the club, as they do not intend to start up again.

There is a small building and outdoor space on the site.

Councillors will consider gifting the building or possibly renting it, following some remedial work.

A survey will be done to gather the views of residents.

It was resolved that the Clerk will prepare a survey to circulate to residents

23/060 To receive the ROSPA Play Area Report and agree remedial actions

Some remedial work has been identified and this will be undertaken.

It was resolved that the Clerk will engage a local contractor to complete the remedial work

23/061 Finance

To approve payments

To note receipts

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It was resolved that payments be made and receipts noted

It was resolved that the external audit report be noted

23/062 Planning

None at the time of the agenda

23/063 Correspondence

Baldersby PC had been in touch regarding the 80 years D Day Celebrations and the Chairman will contact the BPC clerk to discuss.

There are two lights out in the village which Councillors will report via the NYC portal.

23/064 To agree the date and time of the next meeting as Thursday 2nd November 2023

The meeting closed at 7.53pm