

Topcliffe Parish Council

Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of Topcliffe Parish Council
held on Thursday 6th July 2023 at 7.00pm in Topcliffe Village Hall

Present: Cllr J Moores (Chairman), Cllr R Beckwith and Cllr C Bumby

Also Present: Two members of the public, Cllr K Foster, North Yorkshire Council and Alexandra Robson, Clerk.

23/031 Apologies

It was resolved that apologies be received and accepted from Cllr D Roberts. Cllr B Collard was not present.

23/032 To Note any Declarations of Interest

None

23/033 Public Participation

No comments from members of the public.

23/034 To Receive Reports from Ward Councillor

Cllr Kevin Foster gave a verbal report on behalf of Cllr Whitfield.

- Cllr Foster advised that Cllr D Whitfield was still very ill, an update will be given when available
- A Let's Talk Transport consultation is live at NYC
- 30 network links are expected to be developed as a community group, as a pilot and 5 will be trialled initially
- An announcement made that £7 million will be provided for food banks
- Cllr Foster is putting a motion to NYC to have disposable vapes banned
- Cllr Foster requested feedback on the NYC reporting system regarding how is this working? Parish Councils are being advised that they should be using these portals rather than contacting the local ward member, as they are a point of escalation
- 20s Plenty decision made by NY Council Executive is that it will not be implemented across North Yorkshire
- Speeding policy is being reviewed but there will be a system via NYC to apply for tools to assist with mitigation of speeding
- Cllr Foster has been given authority to allocate the Locality Budget on behalf of Cllr Whitfield.

23/035 Minutes

It was resolved that the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 1st June 2023 be approved as a correct record

23/036 To Consider Issues Relating to Parish Open Spaces

1. An update was given from the Clerk regarding the progress of the Platinum Park.

- The accessible footpath is in place
- Our new allotments have been marked out and dug over, a water supply has been put in and the allotment fence due next week. A communal shed and water trough will be put in
- New play equipment is in place
- Grass mounds have been put in and watering is being undertaken by Mark Robson
- The boundary sheep prevention fence is in
- It will come in just over budget for the extra fence and the groundworks taking an extra day
- Container needs painting with chalkboard paint
- Anticipated opening is the weekend of the 21st July

Discussion took place regarding the Bowling Club and the viability of this. Feedback was given regarding the historic lease agreement and possible steps forward. Consideration will be given to the future of this space at the September meeting.

It was resolved that the council will approach the Bowling Club members and come to an agreement regarding the club arrangements

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A discussion took place regarding the legal agreement for right of access to the playing field. The Clerk will contact a legal adviser and the land owner advised that the land continues to be used for recreational purposes as agreed.

2. HGV Traffic Management

Cameras are averaging 72 lorry movements per day but the roadworks on the bridge have reduced this to 50.

NYC have agreed that there could be appropriate cameras used and the Chairman is working with Cllr Foster and Cllr Andy Brown to bring this to fruition.

Monitoring at the entry/exit points for the village are being manned regularly and prosecutions are underway.

The position of the TRZ zone is still the key issue and Councillors feel that until that zone is moved to the edge of the village this will not improve. A review is due after new signage has been in place for 6 months. Cllr K Foster has requested copies of the communication regarding this and will address this with the highways department.

23/037 Finance

Receipts £9.91 interest

VAT has been reclaimed for last year and the path and other significant work this year to date.

It was resolved that receipts be noted and payments approved

23/038 Planning

ZB23/01281/FUL The Angel at Topcliffe

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ZB23/01/01248/FUL Severfield (UK) Limited

It was resolved that the Parish Council is supportive of these applications

23/039 Correspondence

Nothing further.

23/040 It was resolved that the date and time of the next meeting is Thursday 7th September 2023 at 7.00pm

The meeting closed at 8.08pm