



SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting

DATE: Monday 20th May 2019
TIME: 7.45pm
LOCATION: Sharow Village Hall
PRESENT: Robert Forber (Chair), Cllrs Alison da Costa, Kim Dodd, Chris Gilbert, Ruth Mason
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Seven Members of the Public (MoP)

1	Opening of the meeting Mr Gilbert opened the meeting and welcomed all those present.
2	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from District Cllr Bernard Bateman.
3	Minutes from the last Annual Parish Meeting It was agreed that the minutes of the last Annual Parish Meeting, held on 15 th May 2017, be approved as a true record.
4	Matters arising from the minutes There were none.
5	Report on Parish Council Business 2018-19 The following report was read out: Robert Forber (Chair), Kim Dodd (Vice-Chair), Alison da Costa, Chris Gilbert, Ruth Mason and Jonathan Webb served as councillors for the full year, with Nick Reed in position as Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer for the full year. The Council met six times over the year for a full agenda of business, with no additional meetings necessary for urgent planning applications or other business. The Council has continued to address concerns regarding speeding in the village and traffic generally, by contributing to the final year of the VAS (vehicle activated sign) scheme run by North Yorkshire County Council,, and by investigating and advocating for the introduction of further speeding prevention measures. The Council has been active in alerting parishioners to the frequent use of the village by extra traffic during roadworks on the A1(M) and at Hewick Bridge, and has been instrumental in achieving a 7.5 tonne limit throughout the village with good signage from the A61 roundabout and A1(M). Other highways issues on which the Council has advocated on behalf of parishioners include wheelchair access on Dishforth Road, and the campaign to move the school bus stop away from the potentially dangerous current site to one with wider pavements and better sightlines. The Council has continued to monitor any progress with proposals for development in Sharow, both in regard to specific applications and to the Harrogate District local plan. The Council has continued to work to provide a playground on the land at the junction of Berrygate Lane and Dishforth Road. Having obtained generous funding from the FCC Community Action Fund, the contract was awarded to Playforce Ltd, with work beginning in February 20129 and the play area finally opening shortly after the end of the year under review. The Council has continued to monitor and work to resolve fly-tipping issues within the village and especially on the riverbank. A litter pick was organised in the summer of 2018 which was a successful and enjoyable day and well supported by Harrogate Borough Council. The Parish Council reviews its standard documents and policies annually. These documents, as required by the Transparency Code for Smaller Authorities to which the council works, are regularly



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	uploaded to the Council's website at sharowparishcouncil.btck.co.uk , or are available on request from the clerk.
6	<p>Reports from community organisations or representatives. Reports were received as follows:</p> <p>Sharow Village Hall (Steve Roberts, Chair). The committee and a few willing volunteers have been working hard to put on different events to help raise the money required for the Hall's running costs. The Hall has had new visitors for different events, and new groups using the facilities, which is pleasing and helps the running costs.</p> <p>A number of projects have been completed over the year, including: removing the serving area in the hall and replacing it with reclaimed kitchen units for more storage and new work surfaces; with a donation from Two Ridings Community Foundation, purchasing and fitting a hot water boiler and tap; remodelling the kitchen to fit another cooker; installing an extractor fan which was required following a visit by Harrogate Food Hygiene Department; and installing new curtains in the hall – we thank the person responsible for their generous donation. Three committee members have obtained certification in food hygiene, and a licence has now been granted for preparing and cooking meals on site.</p> <p>The next main project is to resurface the car park as it has been extremely muddy during the bad weather. It is hoped, with the clearance of commuted funds from Harrogate Borough Council, to extend and resurface the car park with reconstituted tarmac in June.</p> <p>The Parish Council was thanked for its continued support of the Village Hall.</p> <p>St John's Sharow Parochial Church Council (Ruth Grenfell, Reader). Apologies from other PCC members, their meeting clashes with this one. The PCC is delighted with the building work which has now been completed at St John's, and the completion of the new car park. Both these developments have been welcomed by the general public within the village as well as the congregation. The church hosts ever more activities undertaken by Sharow Primary School.</p> <p>Sharow Cricket Club (Robert Forber, Chair). Sharow has taken part in both the Nidderdale League and Wednesday Evening league, with some encouraging results and performances. The field is in better condition than it has been for some years, as the club is trying a number of potential new mowers ahead of buying one, thanks in part to a discretionary grant from Co Cllr Robert Windass. Thanks were due to match ball sponsors Chris Cowper and Pippa Appleyard.</p>
7	<p>Public questions or statements There were none</p>

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Nick Reed, Clerk to Sharow Parish Council.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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