



SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

DATE: Monday 15th July 2024
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Sharow Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Robert Forber (Chair), Alison da Costa, Gemma Escott, Paul Humberstone, Gary Simpson, Chris Thomson
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 9 Members of the Public [MoP]

24.11	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were none.
24.12	Apologies and reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Chris Gilbert
24.13	Minutes of the annual and ordinary Parish Council meetings held on Monday 20th May These were APPROVED as a true record of the meetings, and signed as such by the Chair.
24.14	Ongoing issue from minutes not related to other agenda items
24.141	Dishforth Road / New Road development – The Council heard from a representative of V&A Homes that the variation in conditions relating to Section 106 has been agreed with North Yorkshire Council, meaning that the affordable housing allocation changes from 24 units to 8, but other S106 responsibilities remain unchanged. Work will now restart on site after a 2-3 month lead-in. In response to comments received before and during the meeting about the ecological impact of the site, the Council heard that this is being monitored, and that hedgerows will be tidied up at the end of the current nesting season.
24.142	Highways – The Council noted the removal of the Dishforth Road chicane, and that a second speed survey is being organised by North Yorkshire Council Highways to inform what further traffic calming measures, including the possible reinstatement of the chicane in a flipped orientation, might be needed. The Council considered that increased police speed camera attendance might be helpful, and resolved to invite a NY police representative to the September meeting. In response to various comments about road safety, it was noted that any accidents however minor should be reported to NY Police, but that near-misses, however alarming, are not relevant information for traffic management planning.
24.143	Half Moon pub – The Council heard that a third application for Certificate of Lawful Use as a Dwelling had been turned down, but that the appeals against the refusal of the first CLEUD, and of the enforcement notice served on the owner by NYC, were still ongoing. The pub night held at the Village Hall had gone very well, raising both money towards and awareness of the Half Moon campaign. Another similar event is planned for the Autumn.
24.144	Parishes Forum – The Council heard that the recent Forum meeting had concentrated on commuted sums, and that NYC's Director of Communications was intending to attend the next one. NYC Cllr Nick Brown is pursuing Yorkshire Water over various issues raised at the previous Forum.
24.15	Questions or comments from members of the public not related to other agenda items A MoP asked about the hedges on New Road, suggesting them to be dangerous to pedestrians. It was noted that any such complaints should be reported to the Council c/o the Clerk, and that as ever property owners are responsible for the maintenance of their own hedges, although this can be difficult in Spring and early Summer due to bird nesting season. The public footpaths at Stoney Lane and Back Lane were noted as being very overgrown, and the Clerk was asked to report this to NYC footpaths.

<p>24.16</p>	<p>Planning applications and decisions The Council considered ZC24/01970/FUL for a two-storey side extension and overhang above existing frontage at 10 Orchard Close, and ZC24/01737/FUL for a replacement garage and garden store at Garden House, Sharow Hall, and RESOLVED that the Council has no objection to either application. There were no principal authority decisions to note.</p>
<p>24.17</p>	<p>Financial statement and approvals for payment The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (June/July salary, and expenses/training); Morgan’s (£530.00, caretaking and movement of VAS); Autela Ltd (£75.80+VAT, payroll admin); and Sharow Village Hall (£30, hire for meeting). Receipts were noted of a £117.34, grasscutting contribution from North Yorkshire Council, and £2, refund of overpayment from Yorkshire Local Councils Association. The Council’s cash book balance following these transactions was NOTED as being £3,444.77.</p>
<p>24.18</p>	<p>Half Moon valuation report The Council noted that due to a grant being obtained from the North Yorkshire Council Stronger Communities Fund there was no longer a need for this Council to consider making a financial contribution towards the valuation report. The Council reiterated its support for the report being done, and RESOLVED that it was content to manage the Stronger Communities grant and related expenditure on behalf of the Half Moon Campaign Group.</p>
<p>24.19</p>	<p>Welcome sign The Council considered the designs circulated and RESOLVED to commission two smaller signs rather than one larger one, at a cost of no more than £600 for the pair.</p>
<p>24.20</p>	<p>Caretaker tasks The Council AGREED to ask the caretaker to recommend how to deal with the vegetation on the north side of Dishforth Road between the end of the footpath and the Fairlawns entrance.</p>
<p>24.21</p>	<p>Correspondence There was none, the content of which was not covered under the agenda items above.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

Date of next ordinary meeting: Monday 16th September

SIGNED: (Chair)

DATE:

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