



SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

DATE: Monday 16th March 2020
TIME: 7.45pm
LOCATION: Sharow Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Robert Forber (Chair), Kim Dodd, Chris Gilbert (from 8.45pm), James Thornborough
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: NYCC Cllr Robert Windass, 2 members of the public (MoP)

19.66	Declarations of interest in agenda items There were none
19.67	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Alison da Costa, Ruth Mason and Jonathan Webb.
19.68	Minutes of the last meeting These were ACCEPTED as a true record of the 20 th January meeting and signed as such by the Chair.
19.69	Ongoing issues from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
19.691	Play area bins: Cllrs Gilbert and Webb were not present at this stage so this item was deferred until the May meeting.
19.692	Risk Register: The council discussed this matter, noting that a duty of care can be described as “failure to do something a reasonable person could do”, and that with the opening of the play area the council has more obvious risks to assess and manage than previously. It was noted that many areas of concern within the parish, e.g. flooding and highways, were not the responsibility of the parish council, and that in terms of many such risks the parish council’s role is to be available for parishioners to report or comment on issues, and pass relevant information on the relevant principal authority or agency in a timely manner. Having discussed the issue at some length, the council accepted Cllr Thornborough’s offer to prepare a risk assessment and risk management policy for Sharow Parish Council. Action: Cllr Thornborough to pursue
19.693	Tree/Hedge Planting: The Clerk reported that provided the school and/or church were interested, the Woodland Trust have free trees available for planting within the parish. The council thanked Helen Webb for her work on this matter, and looked forward to the results of her work with the church and school, and Cllrs Gilbert and Mason.
19.70	Questions / comments from members of the public A MoP asked about the rise in precept for 2020-21, which per November’s minutes was due to the need to increase reserves to a prudent level after unexpected expenditure on non-capital elements of the play area installation, notably ground clearance and insurance. A MoP raised the issue of the newly-installed traffic chicane on Dishforth Road, and a discussion ensued during which it was noted that traffic travelling west into the village is not always giving way as it should. The Council noted that the chicane had already been hit by a vehicle, but that this appeared to be a driver simply not seeing it. The opinions were also raised that: the sightlines approaching the chicane are inadequate due to an incline westbound and a left-hand bend eastbound; the signage was too close to the chicane and not obvious enough; the chicane should be on the north side of the road to further slow traffic entering the village; and, that there should be hatching or further signage outside the village hall. Action: Clerk to ask NYCC Highways for a response to these concerns



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19.71	County / District councillors' reports County Cllr Windass reported that the 2020-21 county council budget would show a 1.99% council tax rise, plus 2% for adult social care. The members' seminar planned for the following week had been cancelled along with all other non-essential meetings due to the impending threat from the coronavirus. Cllr Windass added that the council was looking at the economics of home-school transportation as a means of making financial savings. Finally he noted that NYCC Highways had been working at and beyond capacity following the flooding in February, with blocked gullies all over the county on the country's largest road network. Reporting from Harrogate BC on behalf of Cllr Bernard Bateman who remains indisposed, Cllr Windass noted: that the Local Plan has now been accepted by the Secretary of State; that the refusal of planning permission for the proposed motorway service area at Kirby Hill had been appealed to the Secretary of State; and that new blue bags are available for paper/card recycling
19.72	North Yorkshire Police Report The council noted the report as circulated from PS Clare Mayes, which showed 12 incidents of crime in the parish in the quarter to 9 th March 2020. Seven of these were highways incidents, including five of "highway disruption" due to flooding. PS Mayes noted that in order for the police to properly serve the community all incidents should be reported, via 999 in an emergency and 101 otherwise.
19.73	Financial statement and approvals for payment The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Clerk's wages February and March; Autela Group Ltd (payroll qtr 4) £49.75; and Sharow Village Hall (room hire) £30.00. The cash book balance after these payments was noted as being £3,188.17
19.74	VE Day 75 The Clerk reported that: St John's Church had been keen to mark VE Day 75; that the Village Hall already had an appropriate event on Sunday 2 nd May but that this was likely to be postponed; and that it seemed likely that the event as a whole would be postponed. <i>Clerk's note: since the meeting it has been confirmed that the national VE Day 75 celebrations are postponed until further notice.</i>
19.75	Berrygate Lane Following the flood disruptions of February when Dishforth Road was impassable, the council considered a proposal from a parishioner to support the removal of the small section of kerb at the north-west end of Berrygate Lane. The council RESOLVED to ask NYCC Highways to consider removing this patch of kerb, which is badly kept and runs out not far down the lane, in the interests of enabling two-way traffic flow on as much as possible of Berrygate Lane <i>ACTION: Clerk to write to NYCC Highways</i>
19.76	20s Plenty The council discussed this campaign and RESOLVED to move towards lobbying for a 20mph limit throughout the parish (except for the A61). Cllr Forber is to be the "parish champion" for this campaign.
19.77	Planning applications and decisions Applications: The council considered application 19/00796/FUL for the erection of a single-storey extension to the Grange, Hutton Bank, and RESOLVED that it had no objection to the application. The



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	<p>council further considered application 19/00882/TPO for various tree works at St John’s House, Sharow Lane and RESOLVED that it had no objections to these.</p> <p>Decisions: There were none to report.</p> <p>Enforcements: The council NOTED that planning enforcement had found no breach of planning regulations under case 20/00027/BRPC15 at land comprising field north and west of Crosslands, and further NOTED that a case has been raised as 20/00098/PR15 for an alleged change of use from public house to dwelling at the Half Moon Inn, Sharow Lane.</p>
<p>19.78 19.781 19.782 19.783 19.784</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>NYCC: formal approval of the Prohibition of Heavy Vehicles (Dishforth Road Corridor) Order 2020</p> <p>Harrogate BC: information about the “Crime not to Care” campaign against flytipping</p> <p>NYCC: Notification of a consultation on a new policy for developer contributions for education</p> <p>YLCA: Advising that coronavirus enquiries from parish councils should go in the first instance to the government’s public health website and/or the regional NHS Trust. The council discussed this emerging situation and noted that local volunteers based around St John’s Church were already working to support local self-isolating people, e.g. by helping with shopping or collecting prescriptions.</p>

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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

SIGNED: (Chair)

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