



# SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

**DATE:** Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2020  
**TIME:** 7.45pm  
**LOCATION:** Virtually via Zoom  
**PRESENT:** Councillors Robert Forber (Chair), Alison da Costa, Kim Dodd, Chris Gilbert, Ruth Mason  
**CLERK:** Nick Reed (minutes)  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** NYCC Cllr Robert Windass, two members of the public (MoP)

20.46	<b>Declarations of interest</b> and requests for dispensation There were none
20.47	<b>Apologies</b> and reasons for absence Apologies were received, and reason for absence accepted, from Cllr Jonathan Webb
20.48	<b>Minutes</b> of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September The minutes were APPROVED as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.
20.49 20.491 20.492	<b>Ongoing issue from minutes</b> not related to other agenda items <b>Play area bins</b> – The Council heard that the play area continues not to be littered since bins were removed, and therefore the Council RESOLVED that no further action was necessary beyond keeping a watching brief. <b>Half Moon pub</b> – The Clerk reminded councillors that testimony from as many parishioners as possible about the social benefits of the pub would be helpful in drafting the Asset of Community Value application. Cllr da Costa mentioned that a potential tenant of the premises had been in touch. <b>ACTION: Cllr da Costa to liaise with Clerk; all to solicit “bullet-point” lists of pub benefits</b>
20.50	<b>Questions or comments from members of the public</b> not related to other agenda items A MoP commented on the sale of land within the parish by the Church Commissioners, wishing to make it clear that the St John’s Parochial Church Council had no part to play in the decision or the land holding. It was reported that it is understood but not confirmed that the sale has gone / is going through to a local consortium. A MoP asked about the situation with the Greenacres planning application (20/02004/FUL) and the Clerk reported that the decision had not been “called in” by the HBC Planning Committee. <b>ACTION: Clerk to contact Harrogate BC Cllr Bernard Bateman to pursue calling the application in</b>
20.51	<b>Reports from district / county councillors</b> NYCC Cllr Windass reported that both Harrogate BC and NYCC had been greatly occupied, apart from obvious Covid response measures, with working on proposals for the new unitary authority/ies for North Yorkshire. He also reported that 53 of the County’s 235 care homes have had Covid cases, that weekly testing of all staff and residents is now in place, and that the county was benefiting from valuable lessons learned during the first “wave” of the virus. New support was in place across the county, but there were current spikes in Scarborough, central Harrogate and northern Knaresborough.
20.52	<b>Financial Statement and Approvals for Payment</b> It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (October/November salary); Parish Clerk (expenses/training qtr 2) £173.40; Autela Payroll Services (payroll admin qtr 2) £64.32; Morgan’s Estate Management (play area maintenance) £140.00; DTMS Ltd (play area inspection) £72.00; and PKF Littlejohn LLP (external audit fee) £360.00. The receipt was noted of £4,718 as the second and final part of the parish precept from Harrogate BC. The Council’s cash book balance after these activities was noted as being £6,337.34.

<p><b>20.53</b></p>	<p><b>Planning applications and decisions</b></p> <p>The Council considered application 20/03653/FUL for the construction of an all-weather surface manege at land north and west of “Crosslands”, Sharow Lane, and RESOLVED that it had no option but to oppose the application as it stands. The site plans are unsatisfactory and unprofessional, and do not make it clear what the visual impact will be of the proposed surface. It si also not clear whether the development will impact on the roots of the lime tree to the south-east, and beech trees to the north, of the site. The Council indicated that it would be willing to reconsider the application if it came back with professional site plans, an arborist’s report, and ideally verified pictures from an architectural visualiser.</p> <p>The Council considered application 20/03767/FUL for a new side extension and a replacement side extension at 4 Keldale Terrace, and RESOLVED that it had no objection to the application.</p> <p>The Council considered application 20/03835/FUL for an extension over garage at 17 Orchard Close, and RESOLVED that it had no objection to the application.</p>
<p><b>20.54</b></p>	<p><b>2020-21 Budget</b></p> <p>The Council considered the budget as circulated, and noted a request from St John’s PCC for an increase in the annual Section 137 grant for churchyard maintenance. The Council RESOLVED to increase the Section 137 budget by £200 with a view to that being added to the St John’s grant, and RWESOLVED to approve the budget thus amended, with a precept requirement of £9,013 (£424 less than the current year’s precept).</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>ACTION: Clerk to inform Harrogate BC of the precept requirement</i></b></p>
<p><b>20.55</b></p>	<p><b>Vehicle activated signage (VAS)</b></p> <p>The Council considered the possibility and potential costs of purchasing and maintaining temporary VAS (i.e. signage requiring moving from time to time) within the parish, and were of the opinion that this would not represent god value for money. However, they Council wished to find out whether neighbouring parishes would consider sharing VAS with Sharow.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>ACTION: Clerk to write to neighbouring parishes and via the YLCA email system</i></b></p>
<p><b>20.56</b></p>	<p><b>North Yorkshire local government</b></p> <p>The Council considered the recent proposals from Harrogate BC and NYCC concerning the possible creation of unitary authority/ies to replace NYCC and its districts, and possibly the City of York. The Council RESOLVED that it did not wish to comment formally on the proposals.</p>
<p><b>20.57</b> 20.571 20.572 20.573 20.574</p>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>PKF Littlejohn: external audit report, noting that the accounts and governance statements for 2019-20 were in accordance with Proper Practice, and that there were no matters of concern.</p> <p>NY Police: Noting that 13 incidents had been reported in September and October, seven of which were connected with the flooding of Dishforth Road / Sharow Lane on 1-2 November.</p> <p>MoP: Concerned with the speed of tractors on Sharow Lane.</p> <p>Finally, the Council RESOLVED that future meetings should start at 7pm.</p>

The meeting closed at 10.15pm.

**SIGNED:** ..... (Chair)

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