



SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

DATE: Tuesday 17th February 2026
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Sharow Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Robert Forber (Chair), Alison da Costa, Chris Gilbert, Paul Humberstone, and Gary Simpson
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 2 Members of the Public [MoP]

25.49	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were none.
25.50	Apologies and reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Gemma Escott and Chris Thomson.
25.51	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th November 2025 These were APPROVED as a true record of the meeting, and signed as such by the Chair.
25.52	Ongoing issue from minutes not related to other agenda items
25.521	Dishforth Road / New Road development – There was nobody in attendance, nor a report, from Thomas Alexander Homes, but the Council NOTED that work appears to continue apace on the site. Issues with muddy tyres transferring muck onto the roads, and HGVs queueing on Dishforth Road, seem to have been resolved, with North Yorkshire Council Planning and Highways aware but not needing to intervene. A MoP had raised the issue of a gap being cut in the New Road hedge, but it was noted that this is part of the site plan approved via the planning application process.
25.522	Half Moon pub – The Council heard that the owner’s appeal against enforcement action has been successful and that the pub is therefore deemed to have undergone a change of use. While the Council is disappointed by this outcome, it acknowledged that no further action is necessary or appropriate, and noted that the pub group intends to look forward constructively, for example by holding further “pub nights” in the Village Hall.
25.523	Defibrillator – The Council noted that Cllrs Simpson and Thomson are taking on guardianship of the defibrillator, and would shortly be receiving training, and thanked them for doing this.
25.524	Joint Parishes Group – January’s meeting was noted, however due to circumstances including weather no officer from North Yorkshire Council was able to attend.
25.53	Questions or comments from members of the public / North Yorkshire Council representative (not related to other agenda items) A MoP raised the issue of Yorkshire Water tankers three-point-turning within the village (action: Clerk to contact YW and NYC Highways). The question was also raised of whether street lighting by the entrance to St John’s Churchyard is sufficient (action: MoP to contact Clerk with details of potentially deficient lights). Finally, the idea was raised of a designated “happy to chat” bench to help combat loneliness, perhaps the one at the Berrygate Lane / Dishforth Road junction, and the Council agreed that this was an idea worth looking into.
25.54	Planning applications and decisions There were none to consider.

25.55	<p>Financial statement and approvals for payment</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (salary, expenses and training); HMRC (PAYE qtr 3); Yorkshire Accountants Ripon (£30+VAT, payroll admin qtr 3); LexisNexis (£220, Arnold-Baker on Local Council Administration); DTMS Ltd (£300+VAT, play area inspections x5); Streetscape £640+VAT, play area renovation); PKF Littlejohn LLP (£40+VAT, external audit fee); and Sharow Village Hall (£30, room hire).</p> <p>The Council’s cash book balance following these transactions was NOTED as being £4,671.62.</p>
25.56	<p>Speed survey</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to commission a speed survey at either end of Sharow village, but not until the current tranche of roadworks in and to the east of the parish is complete – perhaps May.</p>
25.57	<p>Bus services</p> <p>Noting the response from North Yorkshire Council that Ripon local buses are timetabled rather than on-demand, the Council agreed to ask whether the RA3/RA4 services might be extended to Sharow to allow greater flexibility in parishioners wishing to get to Ripon and beyond by bus.</p>
25.58	<p>Caretaker tasks</p> <p>It was agreed to ask the caretaker to wash the Highways signs within the parish to ensure that they have the best possible visibility, especially with the quantity of development vehicles as noted under item 25.521 above.</p>
25.59 25.591 25.592 25.593	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>North Yorkshire Council: Acknowledging receipt in good order of the Council’s 2026-27 precept requirement.</p> <p>St John’s Church PCC: Thanking the Council for the Section 137 award towards maintenance of the public areas of the churchyard.</p> <p>HSBC: Noting that the safeguard review of the Council’s banking has been completed to the bank’s satisfaction.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

SIGNED: (Chair)

DATE:

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