



SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

DATE: Wednesday 17th January 2024
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Sharow Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Robert Forber (Chair), Alison da Costa, Gemma Escott, Chris Gilbert, Paul Humberstone
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 14 Members of the Public [MoP]

23.50	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were none.
23.51	Apologies and reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Gary Simpson and Chris Thomson.
23.52	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 20th November The minutes were APPROVED as a true record of the meeting, and signed as such by the Chair.
23.53	Ongoing issue from minutes not related to other agenda items
23.531	Dishforth Road / New Road development – The Council heard that discussions are still being held between V&A Homes and North Yorkshire Council regarding the potential variation of Section 106 sums and affordable housing percentage. The Council reiterated its desire and expectation that it would be consulted on any Section 106 / commuted sum variation. The Council also heard that the fallen branch from the Back Lane tree which had fallen onto the site is being removed and the perimeter hedge protection and security fence reinstated, and that one of the street names selected for the estate had been suggested by a Sharow School pupil, who would be rewarded with a prize by V&A.
23.532	Vehicle activated signage – The Council noted that this is now installed and that training in its use has been undertaken by the parish caretaker.
23.533	Highways issues – The Council noted various ongoing highways issues within the parish including hedge maintenance on Dishforth Road, leaves on footpaths, potholes, longstanding street light failures, and the general poor condition of New Road, Sharow Lane, and Stoney Lane. The Clerk has written to NYC Highways requesting a meeting to discuss these issues and the chicane (following the discussion of item 23.58 below).
23.534	NYC joint parishes meeting – Cllrs Forber and da Costa had attended the first of these sessions organised by NYC Cllr Nick Brown and reported that this had been a useful gathering, especially regarding issues which are common to many parishes. The next meeting is on 8 th February.
23.54	Questions or comments from members of the public not related to other agenda items There were none
23.55	Report from principal authority councillor There was none, NYC Cllr Brown having sent his apologies
23.56	Planning applications and decisions The Council considered ZC23/04565/CLEUD for a Certificate of Lawful Use as a single dwelling at the Half Moon Inn and RESOLVED that it opposes this application and does not understand why it has been submitted, given that an appeal against the refusal of the previous, almost identical, CLEUD application has not yet been heard.

<p>23.57</p>	<p>Financial statement and approvals for payment The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (December/January salary, and expenses/training); HMRC (£32.60, PAYE qtr 3); Autela Ltd (£86.64+VAT, payroll admin qtr 1/3); and Sharow Village Hall (hire for this meeting) £30. The Council’s cash book balance following these transactions was NOTED as being £1,489.13</p>
<p>23.58</p>	<p>Dishforth Road chicane The Council noted the receipt of the independent review of the chicane’s existence and placement commissioned by North Yorkshire Council, and NYC’s response to that. Of the options to leave the chicane as it is, reverse the priority without moving the chicane, flip the chicane to the north side of the road with priority unchanged, or remove the chicane completely, NYC recommend the last of these options. However, after a long and constructive discussion, the Council RESOLVED that this would return the parish to the unsatisfactory situation of no traffic calming which the chicane was installed to ease, and that its preference would be to flip the chicane to the north side of the road, with improved signage in both directions. The Council further noted that NYC Highways were holding off a final decision until they had heard the result of this discussion.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ACTION: Clerk to progress with NYC</i></p>
<p>23.58</p>	<p>Caretaker tasks There were none beyond contracted works, although the Clerk was asked to enquire about the timetable for planter management.</p>
<p>23.59 23.591 23.592</p>	<p>Correspondence MoP re footpath to Blue Bell Woods: Regarding this, the Council heard that Cllr da Costa now has application forms for parishioners to request setting this path up as a public right of way. Any parishioner who can attest to having walked the path back to 1987 should liaise with Cllr da Costa. NYC: Noting the receipt in good order of the 2024-25 precept requirement.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Date of next ordinary meeting: Monday 18th March

SIGNED: (Chair)

DATE:

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