



SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

DATE: Monday 18th January 2021
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Virtually via Zoom
PRESENT: Councillors Robert Forber (Chair), Alison da Costa, Kim Dodd, Ruth Mason
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: NYCC/HBC Cllr Robert Windass, two members of the public (MoP)

20.58	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were none
20.59	Apologies and reasons for absence Apologies were received, and reason for absence accepted, from Cllrs Chris Gilbert and Jonathan Webb
20.60	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16th November The minutes were APPROVED as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.
20.61	Casual vacancy The Council noted that there had still been no firm approaches from parishioners wishing to fill the current vacancy, and AGREED to step up the search for a suitable candidate. <i>ACTION: All to progress; this to be on March's agenda</i>
20.62 20.621	Ongoing issue from minutes not related to other agenda items Half Moon pub – Ahead of the planning item under 20.65, the Council NOTED the quantity and quality of submissions received from parishioners in support of the Half Moon being registered as an asset of community value (ACV), and commended parishioners for their commitment to the continued use of the Half Moon as a public building.
20.63	Questions or comments from members of the public not related to other agenda items A MoP raised concerns about the continuing speed of traffic on Dishforth Road, and suggested that the play area might benefit from the application of bark chippings. A MoP also offered to trim the lower branches of the walnut tree by the church car park in order to prevent these branches obstructing the view of Dishforth Road traffic <i>ACTION: Clerk to establish ownership of the tree and pass the offer on to the owner</i>
20.64	Reports from district / county councillors NYCC Cllr Windass reported that Covid remains a problem across the county, with Harrogate figures among those rising. NYCC is having to draw from its resources to keep things running as normal. With that in mind, setting the 2021-22 budget had been problematic, but it seems likely that council tax will rise by 1.99% and the social care element by 1.5%. The weather has also impacted the county over the last week, but efficient gritting has enabled all A roads and most B roads to remain open. Finally, Cllr Windass noted that the appeals against refusal of planning permission for motorway service areas at junction 50 of the A1(M) for Moto and Junction 48 for Applegreen were being held together on 16 th February. With the hearing being held virtually, Cllr Windass encouraged interested parties to log in to the hearing's YouTube channel to establish the level of interest in the case. Regarding Harrogate BC, Cllr Windass reported that sadly Cllr Bernard Bateman has been seriously ill again, and that he (Cllr Windass) would stand in as HBC councillor liaison for Sharow for the time being. He reported that no HBC staff were being furloughed, but instead reassigned, with for example sports and leisure staff working in environmental health. The Council thanks Cllr Windass for covering both the district and county council briefs, and wished Cllr Bateman well for a speedy recovery.

<p>20.65</p>	<p>Planning applications and decisions</p> <p>The Council considered application 20/05210/FUL for the conversion of the Half Moon public house, Sharow Lane to a single dwelling, and RESOLVED to object to the application in the strongest possible terms. The Council considered that none of the issues raised in objection to the previous change of use application had been addressed. In particular, few actions required under Harrogate Local Plan section HP8 before a pub-to-residential conversion could be allowed had happened, notably: the freehold was not on the market; HBC had not been consulted about the sale/lease price; and, no business case had been made that the premises was currently not viable as a business. Indeed, an advertised lease of £20,000p.a. suggests an achievable turnover of around £150,000, thus implying that there is indeed a viable business. Finally and most worryingly, having heard from a potential tenant of the pub, and consulted the letting agents, it is clear to the Council that the pub has already been converted, that this application is therefore effectively for retrospective permission, and that to re-open as a pub the owner would have to reinstate, at least, the beer cellar, a commercial kitchen, and the bar itself. Cllr Windass confirmed that he would investigate whether he as a locum ward councillor was able to call this application in to be heard by the HBC Planning Committee. <i>Clerk's note – this is the case and Cllr Windass will be calling the application in.</i></p> <p>ACTION – Clerk to draft letter informing parishioners of the situation and the new application; All to circulate this; Clerk to draft objection and circulate Councillors</p> <p>The Council considered application 20/04428/FUL for substantial alterations to “Winterton”, Berrygate Lane, and RESOLVED that, although the scale of works was not ideal, the Council had no objection on planning grounds.</p> <p>The Council noted the approvals of applications 20/03767/FUL for an extension at 4 Keldale Terrace, 20/03835/FUL for an extension over garage at 17 Orchard Close, and 20/02004/FUL for four dwellings at “Greenacres”, Sharow Lane. Regarding this last, which the parish council strongly opposed, the Council noted its concern that HBC appeared to consider any work within the village to be allowable as “filling in”, even where this resulted in significant loss of gardens, trees and open space.</p>
<p>20.66</p>	<p>Financial statement and approvals for payment</p> <p>It was RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (December/January salary); Parish Clerk (expenses/training qtr 3) £229.10; and DTMS Ltd (play area inspection) £72.00.</p> <p>The Council’s cash book balance after these activities was noted as being £5,553.74</p>
<p>20.67</p>	<p>Vehicle activated signage (VAS)</p> <p>The Council considered once again the purchase and maintenance of temporary VAS within the parish, and were of the opinion that this would not represent good value for money. However, having heard from a MoP on the matter, the Council agreed that this was something that they might consider were it to be funded by public subscription rather than via the precept.</p>
<p>20.68 20.681 20.682 20.683 20.684</p>	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Harrogate BC: Noting the receipt in good order of the Council’s precept requirement for 2021-22.</p> <p>MoP: Request for consideration of electric vehicle charging points in the church car park. <i>Clerk's note – this was passed on to the Churchwarden, who were keen on the idea in principle.</i></p> <p>NY Police: Police report of seven incidents in November/December – two damage-only collisions, two manner or driving complaints, two attempted scam frauds, and one possible Covid breach.</p> <p>ONS – information about the 2021 Census, taking place on 21st March, mostly remotely, and request for information about residents who are without internet access and/or transient communities.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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