



SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

DATE: Monday 18th May 2022
TIME: 7.30pm (following the Annual Parish Council Meeting)
LOCATION: Sharow Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Robert Forber (Chair), Alison da Costa, Chris Gilbert, Paul Humberstone
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Three members of the public (MoP)

22.08	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were none
22.09	Apologies and reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Robert Forber. The Council also noted the resignation of Cllr Ruth Mason, and thanked her for her work while in office, particularly as designated liaison councillor with St John’s Church.
22.10	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 21st March The minutes were APPROVED as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.
22.11	Ordinary vacancies The Council NOTED that there were two ordinary vacancies following the elections of 5 th May, and that nobody had yet put themselves forward for co-option. <p style="text-align: center;"><i>ACTION: All to consider potential candidates for co-option at the July meeting</i></p>
22.12	Ongoing issue from minutes not related to other agenda items
22.121	New Road development – The Clerk reported that V&A Homes had no significant information with which to update the Council, with the revised planning application for the site still in progress
22.122	Half Moon pub – The Council heard that the Harrogate BC Planning Department had been in touch and had confirmed that the current application for change of use would be “called in” for a decision by the Planning Committee if officers recommend approval. An issue is that HBC is struggling to appoint a valuer to consider the leasehold terms proposed by the owner, to inform the planning process. The Council agreed that it was good news that the Committee would decide were the application to potentially be approved, and agreed with the working group that any further lobbying at this point would probably be counter-productive and the application should be allowed to take its course.
22.123	Queen’s Platinum Jubilee – The Council heard that various events were planned to celebrate this unique event, including a “strawberry scone and Pimm’s” event at the Village Hall on 4 th June and a bring and share picnic in the car park / Berrygate Lane / Dishforth Road triangle on 5 th June. The Council RESOLVED to make a Section 137 payment of no more than £250 to cover the costs of the latter event.
22.124	20s Plenty – The Council NOTED with approval the recent online presentation from the 20s Plenty campaign, which included details of many 20mph limit zones in Scarborough, Leeds, and various rural areas of North Yorkshire.
22.125	Community Speed Watch – The Council NOTED that no response had yet been received from NY Police from the request for a Community Speed Watch scheme to be re-considered on Dishforth Road. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ACTION: Clerk to pursue with NYP and/or NYCC</i></p>
22.13	Questions or comments from members of the public not related to other agenda items The condition of the area around Sharow Cross was brought up by a MoP. The Council NOTED that the area is indeed in need of routine maintenance, and asked the Clerk to contact the National Trust on the matter.

22.14	<p>Reports from district / county councillors</p> <p>There were none. The Council NOTED the elections of Nick Brown to the NYCC / new unitary authority seat of Wathvale, and of Sam Green to the Harrogate Borough Council seat vacated by Bernard Bateman. The Clerk reported that both councillors had been in contact since the election and were looking forward to representing Sharow on their respective principal authorities.</p>
22.15	<p>Planning applications and decisions</p> <p>The Council considered 22/01441/FUL for works including an extension at Basnett House, Sharow Lane, and 22/01799/FUL for an extension at 7 Keldale Gardens, and RESOLVED that it had no objection to either application.</p> <p>The approvals were noted of applications 22/01197/FUL for an extension at Sharow Cottage, Sharow Lane, and 22/01233/TPO for various tree works on Glebe Meadow.</p>
22.16	<p>Financial statement and approvals for payment</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (April / May salary); Parish Clerk (expenses/training) £361.65; Information Commissioner’s Office (annual GDPR registration) £40; Yorkshire Local Councils Association (annual membership) £219; Morgan’s (play area maintenance) £140; Would Garlic Ltd (website and domain renewal) £121; and Sharow Village Hall (room hire) £30. The Council also RESOLVED to approve the annual insurance renewal at a price of not more than £900, noting that the terms were being queried but the renewal needed paying by 1st June. The receipt was noted of £5,718 from Harrogate BC (precept #1 of 2) and V&A Homs (contribution to Half Moon independent valuation) £500. The Council’s cash book balance following these transactions was NOTED as being £6,434.48.</p>
22.17	<p>Commutated sums</p> <p>The Parish Council RESOLVED that a new cricket net for Sharow Cricket Club was a suitable expenditure under commuted sums, having been advised by the Harrogate BC commuted sums officer that it could be considered as capital expenditure as it would remain on site even though not fixed.</p>
22.18	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>22.181 Environment Agency – acknowledgement of query regarding abandoned car at Sharow Mires.</p> <p>22.182 NY Police Fire & Crime Commissioner – notice of three-month public consultation on proposed changes to fire and rescue services</p> <p>22.183 Harrogate BC returning officer – reminder for all councillors to return their election expenses by 2nd June, even if the expenditure was nil.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

DATE:

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