



SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

DATE: Monday 18th November 2019
TIME: 7.45pm
LOCATION: Sharow Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Robert Forber (Chair), Alison da Costa, Kim Dodd, Ruth Mason
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: NYCC Cllr Robert Windass (until 8.40pm), 1 member of the public (MoP)

19.38	Declarations of interest in agenda items Cllr Dodd declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 19.46.
19.39	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Chris Gilbert and Jonathan Webb.
19.40	Minutes of the last meeting These were ACCEPTED as a true record of the 16 th September meeting and signed as such by the Chair.
19.41	Ongoing issues from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
19.411	Grass cutting and maintenance: Councillors noted the clearance of encroaching undergrowth on the narrow pavement between the village hall and Sharow Cross. The Clerk reported that the estimated cost of installing paving slabs against the hedgerow to prevent future problems of this nature would be around £1,000, and the Council AGREED that as the area is the responsibility of NYCC Highways and/or the landlords of the adjacent field it was not appropriate for the council to incur this expenditure. <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: Clerk to write to landlords, and to seek advice from NYCC Highways</p>
19.412	Play area bins: There was no progress to report on this, either from parishioners looking after the bins or Harrogate BC concerning the institution of a commercial bin for collection. <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk to pursue with HBC</p>
19.42	Questions / comments from members of the public A MoP raised concerns about speeding within the parish, and the recent flooding on New Road. It was noted that traffic calming measures were on the agenda at 19.47 and 19.48, and regarding the flooding, the council were of the belief that this was due to a burst water main on Dishforth Road, but will keep a watching brief. <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: Clerk to consult NYCC Highways about whether the New Road gullies had been cleared</p>
19.43	County / District councillors' reports County Cllr Windass reported that NYCC had provided a loan to Welcome to Yorkshire to ease cashflow problems, and that this was secured against the W2Y building. With winter coming he noted that the county council has 87 gritters in use, and contracts to use a number of tractors for additional gritting. They also run two snowblowers, and will be gritting 2,800 miles of road. Improvements at junction 47 of the A1(M) have been put out to tender, with work to be concentrated at nights and off-peak times. The council has been looking at the Harrogate – York railway line to see if an expanded service can be timetabled, but this is not straightforward as the track crosses the East Coast Main Line. Cllr Windass noted that the Allerton Waste recovery Plant has now saved 100,000 tonnes of carbon from going to landfill since coming on stream. Finally he informed the council that the proposed motorway service area at Kirby Hill was up for discussion at the Harrogate BC Planning Committee on the day following this meeting, another proposed service area at Baldersby also applied for. <i>(Clerk's note; the application was refused by the Planning Committee on 19th November.)</i>



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	<p>Cllr Windass also noted that Harrogate BC Cllr Bernard Bateman has not been able to attend recent parish council meetings due to ill health, and the council, wished Cllr Bateman a swift recovery.</p>
19.44	<p>Financial statement and approvals for payment The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Clerk’s wages October and November; Morgan’s Estate Management (play area maintenance £120 and footpath management £100); Sharow Village Hall (s137 grant for activities / maintenance) £500, and Sharow Village Hall (room hire) £30.00. The receipt was noted of the second part of the annual precept from Harrogate BC, of £3,817.00. The cash book balance after these movements was noted as being £5,096.44</p>
19.45	<p>2020-21 Budget The council considered the various proposed budgets as circulated, and noted that its reserves are lower than might be seen as prudent, due mostly to expenditure on the play area which was not covered by the WREN Foundation grant (e.g. clearance of the area, maintenance). The Council RESOLVED to approve the budget, with a precept requirement to Harrogate Borough Council of £9,437. This represents a rise of £1,803, or £3.84 per elector.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk to inform Harrogate BC</p>
19.46	<p>Commuted sums The council considered a request from Sharow Village Hall that commuted sums be used for part funding of the lifting, hard-coring and re-laying of the slabs around the hall, which have started to move and are a trip hazard. The council RESOLVED to approve the use of commuted sums for this project.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: Clerk to inform Harrogate BC</p>
19.47	<p>20s Plenty The council noted the “20s Plenty for Us” campaign, a national campaign to lobby for 20mph speed limits in defined areas, and noted that the campaign states that 20mph limits are more effective in larger areas than simply on the roads where schools are. With that in mind the Council RESOLVED to join the campaign with a view to lobbying for a 20mph speed limit throughout the parish, except for the A61, and to allocate up to £100 for any memberships or materials needed to progress this.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk to liaise with the campaign</p>
19.48	<p>Traffic calming The council noted correspondence from NYCC Highways, stating that a chicane will be installed on Dishforth Road “in the next couple of months”. While agreeing that this is a very welcome development, councillors expressed a desire for more information, including on the positioning of the chicane/s, ahead of the installation.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk to liaise with NYCC Highways with a view to setting up a meeting</p>
19.49	<p>Landscaping The council noted correspondence from the Woodland Trust offering free trees, and from Harrogate BC inviting councils to apply for funding to create “pocket parks”. However, the council AGREED that it does not possess suitable land to take advantage of either of these offers.</p>
19.50	<p>Planning applications and decisions Applications: There were none to consider Decisions / Enforcements: There were none to note. However, councillors noted that the new entrance installed on Dishforth Road immediately to the west of Sharow Lane has been made in tarmac rather</p>



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	than gravel, and asked the Clerk to investigate whether this is within the terms of the application as granted. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ACTION: Clerk to investigate</i></p> <p style="text-align: right;">#</p>
19.51	Correspondence
19.511	YLCA: Noting that both Harrogate BC and NYCC are engaged in consultations to prepare strategies for tackling loneliness. The Council agreed to consider the strategy/ies when they are produced.
19.512	YLCA: Noting that local councils are invited to take part in co-ordinated national events on Friday 8 th May 2020 to celebrate the 75 th anniversary of VE Day
19.513	Skelton Newby Hall and Sharow Schools Federated Governing Body: Request for people interested in becoming governors, especially people with marketing skills.
19.514	As above: Also noting that 15 and 30 hour local authority funded nursery places are now available.

The meeting closed at 9.25pm.

These minutes were recorded and prepared by Nick Reed, Clerk to the Council.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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