



SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

DATE: Monday 18th September 2023
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Sharow Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Robert Forber (Chair), Alison da Costa, Gemma Escott, Chris Gilbert, Paul Humberstone, Gary Simpson
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Five Members of the Public [MoP]

23.23	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were none
23.24	Apologies and reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Chris Thomson.
23.25	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17th July The minutes were APPROVED as a true record of the meeting, and signed as such by the Chair.
23.26	Ongoing issue from minutes not related to other agenda items
23.261	Dishforth Road / New Road development – A representative from V&A Homes reported that the next phase of development involving the formation of the estate entrance off Dishforth Road is waiting on technical approvals regarding drainage from Yorkshire Water, which has been received, and NYC Highways, which has not yet. Once the latter is received a Section 278 agreement allowing work on the highway will be signed. They added that a planning application would be submitted to vary the Section 106 agreement, which may affect commuted sums payable for community benefit in the parish. <i>[see also item 23.29]</i>
23.262	Half Moon pub – The Council heard that the owner now has two appeals ongoing, one against the refusal of a Certificate of Lawful Use for the building as a dwelling, and one against the enforcement notice requiring them to reinstate a full pub set-up. The latter appeal is to the Planning Inspectorate, and it is possible / likely that it will not be heard for months. The Council RESOLVED to restate its position strongly on both these issues.
23.263	Overgrown foliage – It was noted again that hedges and ground detritus are encroaching on the already narrow pavement to the west of the village hall on Dishforth Road. It was again noted that the responsibility for cutting back the hedges and undergrowth lies with the landowner, and remains with them even if they choose to subcontract the work to a tenant or third party.
23.264	Vehicle activated signage – the Council noted that the parish caretaker is willing to be trained in moving the VAS between posts, and to undertake this work. A date for installation is being sought from the contractors.
23.27	Questions or comments from members of the public not related to other agenda items There were none on topics which are not covered elsewhere in these minutes.
23.28	Report from principal authority councillor NYC Cllr Nick Brown reported that the council’s planning function was being reorganised around parliamentary constituency rather than former district council boundaries, and that this was taking place alongside senior staff reorganisation. The Council is looking “slowly but surely” at cost savings, with the reserves inherited from the former county and district councils allowing it more of a safety net than some local authorities. A meeting between all Yorkshire principal authorities and Yorkshire Water took place on 11 th September, with YW stating that £8.6bn would be invested in restoration works over the next five years. Finally, Cllr Brown noted that his locality budget welcomes applications from parishes for up to £1,000 each.

23.29	<p>Planning applications and decisions</p> <p>The Council considered ZC23/03103/TPO, for various works to a trees subject to protection orders at “Sharow Close”, Dishforth Road, and RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application. The Council also considered ZC23/04066/DVCMAJ for modifications of the Section 106 legal agreement, and RESOLVED that it was unable to make a comment as no information had been provided as to which parts of the agreement the applicant was wishing to change, or how. The Council did however note that it would expect a development of this size and impact to provide substantial contribution to community facilities within the parish. <i>[See also item 23.261]</i></p>
23.30	<p>Financial statement and approvals for payment</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (August/September salary); Morgan’s (parish caretaking May-August) £800; DTMS Ltd (play area inspection) £120+VAT; and Sharow Village Hall (hire for this meeting) £30. The Council’s cash book balance following these transactions was NOTED as being £3,046.25.</p>
23.31	<p>Parish Council forum</p> <p>The Council noted with approval NYC Cllr Brown’s intention to set up this body, and RESOLVED to appoint Cllrs Forber and da Costa as representatives to it.</p>
23.32	<p>Pedestrian access to Bluebell Bank via Sharow Lane</p> <p>The Council NOTED that access to this path has been blocked by the landowner, following an apparent incident of sheep worrying. The Council expressed its sadness at this development, and its hope that the landlord could be positively engaged with to reopen the access, potentially with a fenced path across the field. Noting that representations have been received suggesting that this path has been used for at least 40 years, the Council would consider an application under Section 6 of the Highways Act 1980, which would involve one or more statutory declarations, but that this would be a lengthy and expensive process with no guarantee of success.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ACTION: Clerk to identify and contact landowner</i></p>
23.33	<p>Defibrillator training</p> <p>The Council, having assumed management of the defibrillator, RESOLVED to organise training in the use of the facility, at a cost of up to £400 if needed.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ACTION: Cllr Forber to progress</i></p>
23.34	<p>January meeting</p> <p>Due to changes of dates caused by Christmas and New Year’s Days falling on Mondays, the Council RESOLVED to move January’s ordinary meeting from Monday 15th to Tuesday 16th.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ACTION: Clerk to inform NYC</i></p>
23.35	<p>Caretaker tasks</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to ask the Caretaker to cut the grass between the car park and Dishforth Road.</p>
23.36 23.361	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>NYC: Noting the adoption of the Parish Charter by the new unitary authority.</p>

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

DATE:

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