



SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

DATE: Monday 19th July 2021
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Sharow Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Robert Forber (Chair), Alison da Costa, Chris Gilbert, Ruth Mason (from 7.40pm)
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public (MoP)

21.12	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were none
21.13	Apologies and reasons for absence Apologies were received, and reasons for absence accepted, from Cllrs Kim Dodd and Paul Humberstone
21.14	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17th May The minutes were APPROVED as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.
21.15	Casual vacancy The council noted interest from a parishioner in the vacancy, and that it expects the seat to be filled by co-option at September's meeting
21.16 21.161 21.162 21.163	Ongoing issue from minutes not related to other agenda items New Road development – The Council NOTED that the site is now owned by a Harrogate-based company for whom this would be their largest project to date. The company has been in contact with the council and appears keen to co-operate on issues including the Back Lane hedge, a possible footpath on the Dishforth Road edge of the development, and the status of the Half Moon pub. The Clerk was instructed to continue a dialogue as appropriate. Play area surfacing – The Council NOTED that the new surfacing had been installed and looks good, and that the funding donation has been received from a parishioner, to whom THANKS were given. Half Moon pub – The Council considered the recent email from the Harrogate BC enforcement officer, and raised a number of concerns with it, particularly concerning whether or not the downstairs area was suitable to re-open as a pub, and whether a suitable separation remained between the commercial and domestic areas of the building. <i>ACTION: Clerk to raise these questions with HBC</i>
21.17	Questions or comments from members of the public not related to other agenda items A MoP raised the condition of the planters at the village entrance and on Sharow Lane. Cllr Forber volunteered to try and improve the former, with the play area maintenance company to be approached regarding the latter.
21.18	Reports from district / county councillors There were none
21.19	Planning applications and decisions There were no new applications to consider. The Council noted the granting of applications 20/01088/RG3/FUL for a pair of semi-detached houses to replace the existing garage block north of 14 Church Close, and 21/01393/FUL for the erection of a portico over the front door at "Sharow Close", Dishforth Road.

21.20	<p>Financial statement and approvals for payment</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (June/July salary); HMRC (PAYE qtr 1) £189.29; Autela Payroll Services (payroll admin qtr 1) £43.50+VAT; Streetscape Ltd (installation of play area surfacing) £8,985.60+VAT; Wild Garlic Ltd (design, upload and domain costs for new website) £588.00; DTMS Ltd (play area inspection) £120.00+VAT; Morgan’s Estate Management (play area maintenance) £120.00; and Sharow Village Hall (room hire) £30.00</p> <p>The Council NOTED the receipt of £8,985.60 from a parishioner for the play area surfacing per item 21.162, and £1,776.31 VAT126 reclaim from HMRC.</p>
21.21	<p>Cycle / pedestrian access from Sharow to and from Ripon</p> <p>The Council noted various correspondence and plans from a parishioner and the Ripon Cycling Campaign regarding the potential development of an off-road cycle/footpath from North Street, Ripon into Sharow village. The Council RESOLVED that it supports this idea in principle, and instructed the Clerk to look into various potential routes and land ownership issues, liaising with the campaigners and any other individuals or bodies necessary.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: Clerk to progress</p>
21.22	<p>“School Street”</p> <p>The Council considered a proposal to support closing Berrygate Lane between the car park and Church Close for up to half an hour at the beginning and end of the school day, to improve the safety and general experience of children accessing the school. The Council RESOLVED to support this proposal, subject to St John’s Close residents being able to claim exemption from the closure.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">ACTION: Clerk to progress</p>
21.23	<p>Cricket Club / Village Hall grass cut</p> <p>The Council considered a request from Sharow Cricket Club for financial support towards cutting the long grass at the Village Hall field outside the cricket field boundary, and RESOLVED to make a Section 137 donation of £120 towards this as a one-off payment. This payment was then made alongside those authorised under item 21.20.</p>
21.24	<p>Dishforth Road pavement</p> <p>The Council noted correspondence from several parishioners about hedging and vegetation overgrowing the pavement. The Clerk reported that after an exchange of correspondence the new owners of the field alongside the footpath, whose responsibility this is, had recently arranged for the hedge to be cut back, and the Council agreed that it was now in an acceptable condition.</p>
21.25 21.251 21.252 21.253 21.254	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>NY Police: Report of 7 incidents within the parish between 10th May – 15th July; three minor road incidents, two suspicious circumstances, one criminal damage (vehicle fire) and one theft</p> <p>NYCC Highways: Notification that their maintenance services have been transferred from Ringway Ltd to a Teckal company, which may generate extra income and economies of scale</p> <p>PKF Littlejohn: notification that the Council’s exempt status from external audit has been accepted</p> <p>Queen’s Platinum Jubilee team: Information about the national beacon lighting at 9.15pm on Thursday 2nd June 2022. The Council noted that past events of this nature have taken place at the trig point to the north of St John’s Church, and that this may well again be appropriate.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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