



SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

DATE: Monday 20th January 2020
TIME: 7.45pm
LOCATION: Sharow Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Kim Dodd (chairing), Alison da Costa, Chris Gilbert, Ruth Mason, James Thornborough (from item 19.55)
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: NYCC Cllr Robert Windass, 3 members of the public (MoP)

19.52	Declarations of interest in agenda items There were none
19.53	Apologies Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Robert Forber and Jonathan Webb.
19.54	Minutes of the last meeting These were ACCEPTED as a true record of the 18 th November meeting and signed as such by the Chair.
19.55	Casual vacancy The council RESOLVED to co-opt James Thornborough to fill the vacant seat, and Cllr Thornborough then signed the declaration of acceptance of office and took his seat.
19.56	Ongoing issues from minutes (not covered elsewhere on the agenda)
19.561	Grass cutting and maintenance: The Clrk reported that he had been in contact with the Church Commissioners as landlords of the field from which vegetation is overflowing onto the narrow pavement, and is hoping to arrange a meeting on site in the near future.
19.562	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. Action: Cllrs Gilbert and Webb to pursue
19.563	20s Plenty: The Clerk reported that he had contacted the campaign but had yet to hear back from them. He also noted that two parishioners had contacted the council expressing their approval of the initiative, having read about it in the minutes. Action: Clerk to pursue
19.564	Traffic calming: The Clerk reported that NYCC Highways had attended and marked out the spot for the chicane to be installed, which is a few metres east of the Village Hall on Dishforth Road. The council noted that with this installation and the imminent construction of 60 units of housing, this might be a moment to consider collating a risk register for the parish. Action: Cllr Thornborough to bring a risk register proposal to March meeting
19.57	Questions / comments from members of the public A MoP thanked the council for lobbying for traffic calming measures, and for taking an interest in tree planting and similar environmental issues, <i>pace</i> item 19.63. Another MoP noted that drainage on New Road remained an issue, and the Clerk reported that NYCC Highways are maintaining regular checks and will be requiring a rigorous drainage plan for this area from the developers of the new estate at Dishforth Road / New Road. On the issue of dog waste councillors had sympathy with the MoP's comments, while regretting that there are few practical measures which can be taken, with signage already in place around the parish ACTION: Cllr Gilbert to place a note about considerate dog ownership in Roundabout magazine



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19.58	County / District councillors' reports <p>County Cllr Windass reported that gritting was going well, with 107 farmers sub-contracted to assist when necessary and 55 tons of salt in hand, and that the system had not yet faced any great challenge as the winter had thus far been mild. He reported that major improvements would shortly be starting to the exits at junction 47 of the A1(M), to which NYCC was contributing £0.5m of the total £3.1m cost. The improvements at Bond End, Knaresborough, were obvious but air quality tests to confirm this have to wait until a full year after the work was completed. The logistics are now in place to double the frequency of the Harrogate-York rail service to two trains per hour.</p> <p>Cllr Windass reported that school exclusions in North Yorkshire, having been well below the national average from 2014-16, were well above it from 2016-18, and that NYCC is working to ensure that exclusion is not used for spurious reasons. He reassured the meeting that the Grove Academy has a new backer and will not be closing, contrary to rumour.</p> <p>Finally, Cllr Windass reported that discussions at various levels of members and officers were ongoing regarding the 2020-21 budget, but that a 1.99% council tax rise, plus 2% for social care, was highly likely to be the outcome.</p>
19.59	Financial statement and approvals for payment <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Clerk's wages December and January; Autela Group Ltd (payroll qtr 3) £47.08; Sharow Cricket Club (grass cutting) £20.00; St John's Church PCC (s137 grant for churchyard maintenance) £600, and Sharow Village Hall (room hire) £30.00.</p> <p>The cash book balance after these payments was noted as being £3,752.08</p>
19.60	Play area inspections <p>The council discussed the quotation sent by DTMS Ltd and RESOLVED to engage them to carry out a monthly inspection from April – October, plus December and February, for the year 2020-21. Cllr Thornborough offered to meet the company on site with a view to councillors and/or local volunteers conducting spot inspections in between times.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk to liaise with DTMS</p>
19.61	VE Day 75 <p>The council noted that Friday 8th May is both the 75th anniversary of VE Day and a bank holiday, and that various national activities (i.e. proclamations, bellringing) are being co-ordinated. The council AGREED that it would be desirable for this event to be marked in the village, but that the Village Hall and Church would be the obvious places for this and that they may wish to lead on the organisation of it.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">ACTION: Clerk to liaise with St John's and the Village Hall and the matter to be on the March agenda</p>
19.62	Local Electricity Bill <p>The council discussed and PASSED the following motion:</p> <p>Sharow Parish Council notes that the Local Electricity Bill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• aims to address the current situation, whereby the very large financial setup and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity generators to do so,• if made law, would make these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a renewable electricity supplier's operation and therefore empower councils, together with their communities, to sell locally generated renewable electricity directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> would result in councils or community organisations that set up local renewable electricity companies receiving revenues that could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities <p>The parish council accordingly RESOLVES to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs during the 2017-19 Parliamentary session; and further RESOLVES to write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, expressing its support.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk to write to the organisers</p>
19.63	<p>Tree / Hedge Planting</p> <p>The council heard that plans for potential tree planting within the parish had met with “enthusiastic support” at the PCC meeting. Mrs Helen Webb had already volunteered to help lead any potential community response to these initiatives, and Cllrs Gilbert and Mason agreed to form a working group along with her.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Action: Clerk to put the group in touch with the PCC</p>
19.64	<p>Planning applications and decisions</p> <p>Applications: The council considered application 19/05143/FUL for the erection of a 40m x 20m all-weather menage to the north and west of “Crosslands”, Sharow Lane and RESOLVED to oppose the application on the grounds of design and visual appearance, and impact on nature and landscape. The Council noted that the proposed development was moving a patch of historic grazing land towards being a developed plot, also potentially spoiling a historic view of Ripon Cathedral.</p> <p>Decisions / Enforcements: There were none to report.</p>
19.65 19.651 19.652 19.653 19.654	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>Harrogate BC: acknowledging receipt of the parish council precept demand for 2020-21.</p> <p>Harrogate BC: notice of Community Infrastructure Levy main modification consultation, taking place online and at venues including Ripon Community House until 31st January.</p> <p>Harrogate BC: noting that Harrogate’s Street Aid scheme had raised over £2,000 during the festive season, and that grants are available for anyone who is currently, or has a history of, sleeping rough in the Harrogate district.</p> <p>Two MoP: Comments about traffic calming as noted above under item 19.564</p>

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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

SIGNED: (Chair)

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