



# SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

**DATE:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023  
**TIME:** 7.00pm  
**LOCATION:** Sharow Village Hall  
**PRESENT:** Councillors Robert Forber (Chair), Alison da Costa, Gemma Escott (after item 22.70), Chris Gilbert, Paul Humberstone, Gary Simpson, Chris Thompson  
**CLERK:** Nick Reed (minutes)  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Six members of the public (MoP)

22.67	<b>Declarations of interest</b> and requests for dispensation There were none
22.68	<b>Apologies</b> and reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Chris Thompson.
22.69	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> January</b> The minutes were APPROVED as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.
22.70	<b>Ordinary vacancies</b> The Council RESOLVED to co-opt Gemma Escott to the vacant seat. Cllr Escott signed the acceptance of office and duly took her place for the remainder of the meeting.
22.71 22.711	<b>Ongoing issue from minutes</b> not related to other agenda items <b>Dishforth Road / New Road development</b> – A representative from V&A Homes noted that ground had been broken on the development, with the hedgerow on Dishforth Road trimmed in order to protect the ability to form the site entrance in due course. In response to concerns about the hedge works, V&A has met with Cllr da Costa and a MoP expert in the field. This group will be meeting again in June after the nesting season to consider any other work necessary, and a sympathetic treatment of the heritage hedgerow on Back Lane at the southern border of the site.
22.712	<b>Parish caretaker</b> – The Council NOTED that Morgan’s Estate Management has accepted this contract, and is working with interested community members to establish a scheme of work for the village planters and other suitable landscaping / groundskeeping work.
22.713	<b>Commuted sums</b> – The Council NOTED that the current sums earmarked to the Village Hall (£4,931.70), sports facility (£2,386.30) and St John’s Churchyard (£705.03), but not allocated to any particular project, would be carried forward to the new authority under the same terms and conditions.
22.72	<b>Questions or comments from members of the public</b> not related to other agenda items A MoP reported that streetlights numbers 4 and 5 on Dishforth Road remain out. The Clerk noted that reports had been uploaded via the NYCC portal and that he would chase the streetlighting team..
22.73	<b>Reports from district / county councillors</b> NYCC Cllr Nick Brown reported that the new authority’s area planning committee for Skipton and Ripon had been constituted, with seven councillors including himself. The North Yorkshire Authority Local Plan, which would eventually supersede the district plans including Harrogate’s, is expected to take four years to prepare. Cllr Brown added that he would be meeting with Yorkshire Water on 6 <sup>th</sup> April to cover a variety of issues mainly related to sewage works. In response to a comment from a MoP about road traffic collisions on Dishforth Road, Cllr Brown noted that any such incidents should be reported to himself and the parish clerk for information.
22.74	<b>Planning applications and decisions</b> There were no new applications to consider.

	The Council NOTED the granting of 22/04794/TPO for the felling of an elm tree at The Willows, St John's Close.
<b>22.75</b>	<b>Financial statement and approvals for payment</b> The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (February/March salary); HMRC (PAYE qtr 4); Morgan's (caretaking inc graffiti removal) £150; GoDaddy (Half Moon group website renewal) £9.99+VAT; and Sharow Village Hall (hire for this meeting) £30.00 The Council's cash book balance following these transactions was NOTED as being £3,004.58
<b>22.76</b>	<b>Half Moon pub</b> The Council heard that the Half Moon group was now constituted as a company limited by guarantee as Sharow Community Pub Group Ltd. A proposal to purchase the pub had been submitted in February, with no reply received from the owner. However, intent and ability to purchase has now been demonstrated to the planning authorities and other interested parties. Proposals to buy and to refurbish the pub are eligible for match funding of up to £200,000 via the government's Community Opportunities Fund. The Council noted that the appeal by the owner against Harrogate BC's refusal of retrospective planning permission for change of use is due to be heard in April. <i>[Clerk's note; the hearing has been postponed due to civil service strike action.]</i>
<b>22.77</b>	<b>Coronation</b> The Council re-affirmed its financial support of Coronation events at the Village Hall of up to £200, and RESOLVED to take the lead in organising games and activities for the event on 7 <sup>th</sup> May from 2-5pm, with the Village Hall providing refreshments.
<b>22.78</b>	<b>Street names</b> The Council considered possible street names for the Dishforth Road / New Road estate, including references to Wilfred Owen, JMW Turner and Charles Piazzi Smith, and Half Moon, for the wood which used to stand there after which the pub was named. <b><i>ACTION: Clerk to pass these ideas on to the developers</i></b>
<b>22.79</b>	<b>Litter pick</b> The Council AGREED to organise a community litter pick on Saturday 29 <sup>th</sup> April, from 9-11pm, to end up at the Village Hall coffee morning.
<b>22.80</b>	<b>Asset register</b> The Council APPROVED the asset register, as updated to correct a previous error in only having three planters instead of four, and to reflect the Council assuming ownership of the village defibrillator.
<b>22.81</b> 22.811	<b>Correspondence</b> NYCC / Harrogate BC: Final briefing documents ahead of the institution of the unitary North Yorkshire Council on 1 <sup>st</sup> April.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

**SIGNED:** ..... (Chair)

**DATE:** .....

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