



# SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

**DATE:** Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
**TIME:** 7.20pm (following the Annual Parish Council Meeting)  
**LOCATION:** Sharow Village Hall  
**PRESENT:** Councillors Robert Forber (Chair), Alison da Costa, Gemma Escott, Chris Gilbert, Gary Simpson  
**CLERK:** Nick Reed (minutes)  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** 4 Members of the Public [MoP]

24.01	<b>Declarations of interest</b> and requests for dispensation There were none.
24.02	<b>Apologies</b> and reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Paul Humberstone and Chris Thomson.
24.03	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b> The minutes were APPROVED as a true record of the meeting, and signed as such by the Chair.
24.04	<b>Ongoing issue from minutes</b> not related to other agenda items
24.041	<b>Dishforth Road / New Road development</b> – The Council heard from a representative of V&A Homes that meetings continue with North Yorkshire Council about affordable housing and Section 106 requirements for the development, with viability appraisals completed by both sides. Current thinking is that Section 106 contributions will be unchanged, with various options on the table for the reallocation of affordable housing types and numbers. The Council NOTED that a formal proposal for variation of conditions should be imminent, and that the Clerk would consult Councillors on receipt. In response to a question from a MoP, the representative said that the timescale of the work would not affect the proposed resurfacing of New Road and Sharow Lane this year.
24.042	<b>Footpaths</b> – The Council heard that there has been no response to the letter to the landowner regarding the blocking of the path to Blue Bell Wood, but that the barbed wire blocking the path has recently been extended. Cllr da Costa is collecting evidence of footpath usage prior to 1987, and parishioners able to attest to this are asked to contact her for a form to fill in for submission to NYC. It is also believed that the backlog for processing such application for public right of way status is currently several years.
24.043	<b>Highways</b> – The Council heard that a speed survey is being organised by North Yorkshire Council Highways prior to the removal of the chicane, with another to take place afterwards to inform what further traffic calming measures, including the possible reinstatement of the chicane in a flipped orientation, might be needed following removal.
24.044	<b>Half Moon pub</b> – Noting the planning application to be discussed under item 24.06, the Council also heard that a valuation visit is expected within the next month, to obtain a market value for the pub both as a sale and rental opportunity. There will be a “pub night” at Sharow Village Hall on 15 <sup>th</sup> June to raise money and awareness for the ongoing campaign to restore the Half Moon to being a pub and hopefully community hub.
24.05	<b>Questions or comments from members of the public</b> not related to other agenda items A MoP asked about the street lights [numbers 4&5] which are out on Dishforth Road, and the Clerk noted that various departments of North Yorkshire Council have been working, albeit slowly, to bring these back into service due to a complex electrical situation. A MoP noted that various properties in the parish would be taking part in a charity Open Gardens event on Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> June, with maps available from the church car park between 11am-4.30pm.

24.06	<p><b>Planning applications and decisions</b></p> <p>The Council considered ZC24/01302/CLEUD for the use of a building as a single dwelling at the Half Moon Inn, Sharow Lane, and <b>RESOLVED</b> that it strongly opposes this application. While noting that there is no limit to the number of times a CLEUD can be applied for, the Council considers a third application, with two having been turned down and a live appeal on the first one, to be unnecessary and potentially vexatious. The Council also notes that the applicant’s supporting information has changed each time they have applied for a CLEUD, just as was the case with the change of use applications at the same premises.</p> <p>The Council NOTED that the appeal against the refusal of 23/00055/NENFNO, an enforcement notice against unlawful change of use at the same premises, is now being heard via written submissions rather than in person.</p> <p>The Council further NOTED the granting of ZC24/00588/FUL for a single storey extension and new double garage at Sharow Cross Lodge, Sharow Lane, and the partial granting of ZC24/00847/TPO for tree work at 1 Fairlawns, Dishforth Road.</p>
24.07	<p><b>Financial statement and approvals for payment</b></p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (April/May salary, and expenses/training); AJ Gallagher (£874.39, insurance 2024-25); Plunkett Foundation (£200+VAT, membership 2024-25); Yorkshire Local Councils Association (£234, membership 2024-25); Wild Garlic Ltd (£231, website/domain hosting and management); Morgan’s (£230, caretaking / VAS admin); DTMS Ltd (£160+VAT, play area inspection); Ian Smithson CPFA (£120, internal audit 2023-24); Autela Ltd (£73.61+VAT, payroll admin); and Sharow Village Hall (£30, hire for meeting).</p> <p>Receipts were noted of a £7,034 towards the parish precept, and £205.36 retrospective payment for grass cutting, both from North Yorkshire Council.</p> <p>The Council’s cash book balance following these transactions was NOTED as being £4,348.27.</p>
24.08	<p><b>D-Day 80</b></p> <p>The Council NOTED that no event is planned for the parish given the large-scale commemoration event planned in Ripon on the evening of 6<sup>th</sup> June, but that the church bells would be “ringing out for peace” at 6.30pm on that evening.</p>
24.09	<p><b>Caretaker tasks</b></p> <p>The Council AGREED to ask the caretaker to tackle/spray the weeds by the Dishforth Road wall.</p>
24.10	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>Defibrillator training has been set for 21<sup>st</sup> May, at 10.30am in the Village Hall.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Date of next ordinary meeting: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July

SIGNED: ..... (Chair)

DATE: .....

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