



SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

DATE: Monday 20th September 2021
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Sharow Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Robert Forber (Chair), Alison da Costa, Kim Dodd, Paul Humberstone, Ruth Mason
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Five members of the public (MoP)

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| 21.26 | Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were none |
| 21.27 | Apologies and reasons for absence Apologies were received, and reasons for absence accepted, from Cllr Chris Gilbert |
| 21.28 | Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 19th July The minutes were APPROVED as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair. |
| 21.29 | Casual vacancy The Council RESOLVED to co-opt Chris Thomson to the vacant seat. ACTION: Clerk to meet Mr Thomson for the declaration of acceptance of office to be properly signed |
| 21.30 21.301 | Ongoing issue from minutes not related to other agenda items New Road development – Jon Beeson of V&A Homes addressed the meeting to introduce the company as the new landowner / developer of the New Road site. He reported that the company's plans for the site were very similar to those for which planning permission had already been granted, and that they hope to have applications to vary the approved plans (e.g. for their property design) in by October, with a decision then expected around the turn of the year and work beginning in March / April 2022. Mr Beeson added that after the events of the last 18 months, many homes were being slightly redesigned to allow more straightforward use of home office space, and that unlike the previous developers V&A were going to put some 2-3 bed semi-detached properties on the open market to allow their possible sale to older local people wishing to downsize. 24 affordable properties are to be managed by Broadacres Housing Association as the registered provider. Finally, Mr Beeson noted that V&A's plans do include a footpath along the south side of Dishforth Road. The Council welcomed this aspect of the development, and thanked Mr Beeson for his time. |
| 21.302 | Cycle / pedestrian access to Ripon – The Clerk reported that following the Council's support in principle for a safe cycle/pedestrian route between Ripon and Sharow, three potential routes had been considered. The southern route along Bell Bank was unsuitable due to marshy ground conditions, and the northern route along the ridge from the A61 to Sharow School would not be possible due to the landowners making it clear they would not consider allowing the route across their land. The remaining route would involve a cycle path on what is now the usually overgrown grass verge on Dishforth Road, then going down a possibly pedestrianised Sharow Lane, up the footpath opposite Lowfield Lane, and either across Dishforth Road on a pelican crossing or turning onto the Road and then up Berrygate Lane. The Council RESOLVED to support this potential route. The Council further RESOLVED that, should Harrogate BC not approve the new Dishforth Road pavement/footpath as proposed in 21.301 above, that pedestrian/cycle provision at the east end of the parish should also be included in any agreed sustainable transport plan. ACTION: Clerk to progress along with cycle campaigners and Sharow Primary School |
| 21.31 | Questions or comments from members of the public not related to other agenda items A MoP raised again concerns regarding the layout of the chicane on Dishforth Road, and reported that two pedestrians had been hit by vehicle mirrors on the narrow stretch of Dishforth Road pavement. |

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| 21.32 | <p>Reports from district / county councillors</p> <p>NYCC Cllr Robert Windass reported that county council elections would go ahead in May 2022, with elected councillors serving for the final year of NYCC and then four years of the new unitary authority, which is confirmed as coming into being on 1st April 2023. A steering group is considering constituency boundaries; with approximately 60,000 people per constituency there are sticking points about suitable boundaries in Whitby and Nidderdale. Cllr Windass added that NYCC care facilities are suffering significant staffing problems, due mainly to staff from EU member states returning home; this has meant that agency staff have been needed, with inevitable budgetary implications.</p> |
| 21.33 | <p>Planning applications and decisions</p> <p>The Council considered 21/03646/OUT for outline planning permission for a new property, detached garage and access at “Bramley House”, Fairlawns, and RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application. The Council then considered 21/03751/FUL for single-storey extensions to the side and rear of 20 Glebe Meadow and RESOLVED that it supports this application. There were no principal authority decisions or enforcement issues to note.</p> |
| 21.34 | <p>Financial statement and approvals for payment</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (August/ September salary); HMRC (PAYE qtr 1) £149.40; Planning 4 Pubs (Asset of Community Value application advice) £1,250.00; Prolectric Services Ltd (new bollard head for car park) £425.00+VAT); Morgan’s Estate Management (play area maintenance) £200.00; DTMS Ltd (play area inspection) £120.00+VAT; and Sharow Village Hall (room hire) £30.00</p> <p>The Council’s cash book balance following these transactions was NOTED as being £1,706.89, with receipt of the second part of the precept imminent.</p> |
| 21.35 | <p>Cycle / pedestrian access from Sharow to and from Ripon</p> <p>There was no need for further discussion following that noted as item 21.302 above.</p> |
| 21.36 | <p>Half Moon pub</p> <p>The Council noted that information is currently being gathered by the Clerk for a re-application to register the pub as an Asset of Community Value, and that a local resident has gathered sufficient interest from parishioners to consider bidding to run the pub as a community hub. The Council RESOLVED to set up a Working Group, chaired by Mr Dan Robinson, to progress both of these aims.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>ACTION: Clerk to liaise and report back to the Council as appropriate</i></p> <p>The Council then further RESOLVED to circulate a letter around Sharow and neighbouring parishes, with one side concerning the Half Moon campaign and the other side soliciting views on the potential purchase of VAS (per minutes <i>passim</i>).</p> |
| 21.37 | <p>Dishforth Road speeding</p> <p>The Council considered commissioning seven-day surveys of speed on Dishforth Road, one near the play area and one at the east end of the parish, at a cost of £220+VAT, and RESOLVED to do this.</p> |
| 21.38 21.251 | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>NY Police: Report of 6 incidents within the parish between 15th July – 16th September; three minor traffic incidents, and one each of anti-social door knocking, scam phone call, and damage to a wall.</p> |

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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