



SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

DATE: Tuesday 20th September 2022
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Sharow Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Robert Forber (Chair), Alison da Costa, Paul Humberstone, Chris Thompson
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: Three members of the public (MoP)

The meeting was preceded by a moment of reflection on the life and reign of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

22.31	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were none
22.32	Apologies and reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Chris Gilbert
22.33	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 18th July The minutes were APPROVED as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.
22.34	Ordinary vacancies The Council NOTED that there were two ordinary vacancies following the elections of 5 th May, and that nobody had yet put themselves forward for co-option. The Clerk reminded Councillors that it is a requirement rather than a request that vacant seats be filled by co-option. <i>ACTION: All to consider potential candidates for co-option at the November meeting</i>
22.35 22.351 22.352	Ongoing issue from minutes not related to other agenda items New Road development – Jon Beeson (V&A Homes) addressed the meeting and introduced the latest version of the site plan, which factors in the affordable housing mix recommended by Broadacres Housing Association, who have now been allocated the site's affordable housing provision. Mr Beeson added that engineers are now working on their parts of the scheme, and that plans would be circulated via the Clerk at the time they are submitted to Harrogate BC for variation of conditions. Half Moon pub – The Council heard from the Half Moon Working Group that Harrogate BC's valuation report had been received in early September and had concluded that the pub is not viable. However, the report did not consider any option for the site other than a drink-led pub, and did conclude that the asking rent has been too high. The Council heard that the HBC planner's report is due in early October, with the decision then going if necessary to the Planning Committee meeting of 25 th October.
22.36	Questions or comments from members of the public not related to other agenda items A MoP asked if the award of commuted sums from the New Road development to the village hall at Copt Hewick rather than Sharow was still active. The Clerk reported that it was, but that the Council's objection to this was being considered.
22.37	Reports from district / county councillors NYCC Cllr Nick Brown reported that the scrutiny committee was to meet the day after this meeting to progress plans for the new unitary authority, with planning proving a major issue. Cllr Brown added that he would continue to represent the interests of the Parish Council with NYCC Highways.

22.38	<p>Planning applications and decisions</p> <p>The Council considered 22/03267/FUL for a loft conversion with four rooflights at Clarence House, Sharow Lane, and RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application.</p> <p>The approval was noted of application 21/04795/FUL with amended plans, for a new detached house at Sharow Close, Dishforth Road.</p>
22.39	<p>Financial statement and approvals for payment</p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (August/September salary); DTMS Ltd (£300+VAT, play area inspection over five months); and Sharow Village Hall (hire for this meeting) £30.00</p> <p>The Council’s cash book balance following these transactions was NOTED as being £2,475.18</p>
22.40	<p>Litter pick</p> <p>The Parish Council considered the issue of community litter pick, and RESOLVED to hold this over until the Spring in order to tie in with Keep Britain Tidy’s national scheme as in previous years.</p>
22.40	<p>Correspondence</p> <p>22.401 PKF Littlejohn LLP – noting their acceptance of the Council’s declaration of exemption from external audit, and that the 2021-22 audit process is therefore complete</p> <p>22.402 The Council heard with strong disapproval that organised shooting was taking place in or near Sharow village during the funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II.</p> <p>22.403 There was no other correspondence not related to agenda items above to consider</p>

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

SIGNED: (Chair)

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