



# SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

**DATE:** Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022  
**TIME:** 7.00pm  
**LOCATION:** Sharow Village Hall  
**PRESENT:** Councillors Kim Dodd (Chairing), Alison da Costa, Chris Gilbert (from 8.30pm), Paul Humberstone, Chris Thomson  
**CLERK:** Nick Reed (minutes)  
**IN ATTENDANCE:** Three members of the public (MoP)

21.59	<b>Declarations of interest</b> and requests for dispensation Cllr Thomson declared an interest in item 21.65 (22/00712/FUL), and Cllr Dodd declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 21.67
21.60	<b>Apologies</b> and reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Robert Forber. The Council also noted the resignation of Cllr Ruth Mason, and thanked her for her work while in office, particularly as designated liaison councillor with St John's Church.
21.61	<b>Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b> The minutes were APPROVED as a true record of the meeting and signed as such by the Chair.
21.62 21.621 21.622	<b>Ongoing issue from minutes</b> not related to other agenda items <b>21.621 New Road development</b> – The Clerk reported that V&A Homes had no significant information with which to update the Council <b>21.622 Half Moon pub</b> – Cllr da Costa reported that the working group continues to meet and plan, further developing plans to lease the building as a pub, shop, café and community hub. The community questionnaire has been circulated, with responses to be collected by the end of March. Further developments and funding possibilities are dependant on both the content and quantity of these responses, with possible funding sources including Pub is the Hub, the Plunkett Foundation, and V&A Homes, either in cash or kind. A professional valuation of the business for both sale or lease is being commissioned subject to V&A Homes agreeing to match agreed contributions from this council and a parishioner. It was noted that at present the owner does not wish to consider selling the business, although it would be of more interest to both the working group and potential private operators to run it on freehold rather than lease terms. The Council then noted with great disappointment that Harrogate BC has once again turned down an application for Asset of Community Value status for the Half Moon, once again asserting that while the case for future viability is sound, the case that the pub was viable in the past was not proven.
21.63	<b>Questions or comments from members of the public</b> not related to other agenda items A MoP raised the issue of the increasing deterioration of the surface of Sharow Lane. The Clerk reported that he had been copied into correspondence in which NYCC Highways acknowledged that a full plane and resurfacing job was necessary, but that this could not be scheduled before April 2023 for financial reasons, and that in the meantime NYCC would continue to inspect the road regularly and patch the worst parts of it.
21.55	<b>Reports from district / county councillors</b> NYCC Cllr Robert Windass reported that planning continues towards setting up the unitary North Yorkshire Council in order that it can “hit the ground running” on 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2023, notably with the election of its 90 members on 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2022. Cllr Windass also noted that Area 6 Highways is currently understaffed and that staff on secondment are being sought. Moving on to Harrogate BC matters in the continuing absence of a HBC link councillor, Cllr Windass noted that Ripon's Jack Laugher Pool is now open, and that a new pool for Knaresborough is planned to replace the outdated current one.

	In response to a question from a MoP, Cllr Windass said that his discretionary funding for the year was fully spent and that there was no possibility of funding towards vehicle activated signage at this time.
<b>21.65</b>	<p><b>Planning applications and decisions</b></p> <p>The Council considered 22/22712/FUL for a single-storey extension at High Sharow, Dishforth Road, and RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application. The Council considered 22/00786/TPO for the felling of a yew tree at “Allerford”, New Road, and RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application. The Council considered 22/00934/DVCON for variation of approved plans to allow for fenestration and internal layout changes at “Greenacres”, Sharow Lane, and RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application.</p> <p>The Council NOTED the issue of a Tree Preservation Order 85/2021 at Bramley House, Fairlawns, and a planning enforcement notice 22/00067/BRPC15 concerning potential non-compliance with approved plans at “Greenacres”, Sharow Lane.</p>
<b>21.66</b>	<p><b>Financial statement and approvals for payment</b></p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (February/March salary); HMRC (PAYE qtr 4) £1.52; Autela Payroll Services (payroll admin qtr 3) £43.50+VAT; DTMS Ltd (play area inspection x2) £120+VAT; Sharow Village Hall (Section 137 grant) £500; and Sharow Village Hall (room hire) £30.</p> <p>The Council’s cash book balance following these transactions was NOTED as being £2,159.92.</p>
<b>21.67</b>	<p><b>Commuted sums</b></p> <p>The Council RESOLVED to approve the following items as suitable areas of expenditure for Harrogate Borough Council commuted sums within the parish: flooring £5,040 and guttering, fascia work and a new fire door (up to £5,000) at Sharow Village Hall from village hall commuted funds, and memorial restoration (£2,330.15, contribution towards) from cemeteries commuted sums.</p>
<b>21.68</b>	<p><b>Spring clean</b></p> <p>Considering the possibility of organising a spring clean, the Council NOTED that St John’s organises regular litter picks and considered that this could productively be taken forward as a joint endeavour.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><b><i>ACTION: Cllr Humberstone to pursue with churchwardens</i></b></p>
<b>21.69</b>	<p><b>Queen’s Platinum Jubilee</b></p> <p>The Council heard that following a meeting organised by St John’s Church it was now known that Sharow School would be taking part in a display competition and decorating the church, the church was also organising a service of celebration on 5<sup>th</sup> June followed by a bring-and-share tea, and that the Village Hall was hosting an event with scones and tea on 12<sup>th</sup> June. The Council therefore RESOLVED that no independent action on its part was necessary, and wished all organisers success in their efforts.</p>
<b>21.70</b>	<p><b>Community Speed Watch</b></p> <p>Noting that it was some time since the request to set up a Community Speed Watch group to monitor Dishforth Rad, and that the chicane had been installed since then, the Council RESOLVED to approach North Yorkshire Police once again to see whether a CSW scheme could be considered within the parish.</p>
<b>21.71</b>	<p><b>Parish Council elections</b></p> <p>The Council NOTED that, as with all parishes in North Yorkshire, there will be elections to this Council on 5th May, with nominations open on 8th March and the deadline for nominations at 4pm on 5th April. The Council elected on 5th May will serve for five years, with four-year terms subsequently.</p>
<b>21.72</b>	<p><b>Correspondence</b></p> <p>There was none the content of which had not already been covered during the meeting.</p>

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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

**DATE:** .....