



SHAROW PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting

DATE: Wednesday 18th March 2024
TIME: 7.00pm
LOCATION: Sharow Village Hall
PRESENT: Councillors Robert Forber (Chair), Alison da Costa, Chris Gilbert, Paul Humberstone, Gary Simpson, Chris Thomson
CLERK: Nick Reed (minutes)
IN ATTENDANCE: 3 Members of the Public [MoP]

23.60	Declarations of interest and requests for dispensation There were none.
23.61	Apologies and reasons for absence Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Gemma Escott and Chris Gilbert
23.62	Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 17th January The minutes were APPROVED as a true record of the meeting, and signed as such by the Chair.
23.63 23.631 23.632	Ongoing issue from minutes not related to other agenda items Dishforth Road / New Road development – 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 estate, with viability appraisals having been completed by both sides. It is hoped that a recommendation will be agreed soon, and the Council NOTED again that it would expect to be consulted by NYC on this. NYC joint parishes meeting – Cllrs Forber and da Costa had attended the February meeting, where the head of NYC Area 6 Highways had taken questions and responded to comments. Yorkshire Water continue to be the cause of many issues and much annoyance across the area, and attenders had asked Area 6 to be more robust in their dealings with YW where highways are affected. It was also noted at the meeting that the 2024-25 NYC budget is £800m down on the current year; 70% of this is from efficiency savings following the merger of the county and district councils, and the remaining 30% from budget cuts.
23.64	Questions or comments from members of the public not related to other agenda items A MoP reported that the picket fence at the Village Hall had now been completed, and the Council agreed that it is a great improvement.
23.65	Planning applications and decisions The Council considered ZC23/00588/FUL for a single storey side extension, conversion of garage to habitable room, and erection of a new double garage at Sharow Cross Lodge, Sharow Lane, and RESOLVED that it has no objection to this application. The Council NOTED with approval the refusal of ZC23/04565/CLEUD, the repeat application for Certificate of Lawful Use as a dwelling at the Half Moon pub, Sharow Lane.
23.66	Financial statement and approvals for payment The Council RESOLVED to approve the following payments: Parish Clerk (February/March salary); HMRC (PAYE qtr 4); DTMS Ltd (£200+VAT, play area inspections qtrs3-4); K. Kontogeorgiou (£46.19, website and domain hosting for Half Moon campaign); Sharow Village Hall (£500, Section 106 grant); and Sharow Village Hall (£30, hire for meeting). The receipt was noted of a £500 members discretionary grant from North Yorkshire Council. The Council's cash book balance following these transactions was NOTED as being £568.59.

<p>23.67</p>	<p>Highways issues</p> <p>The Council noted the report of the meeting of Cllr da Costa and the Clerk with North Yorkshire Council Area 6 Highways officers. Considering the chicane, the Council noted that NYC prefer to remove the chicane rather than flip it as had been the Council’s preference at January’s meeting (item 23.58), with the removal accompanied by improved speed awareness “signs and lines” in both directions and a vehicle activated sign installed at NYC expense. A speed survey would be undertaken before chicane removal and again after a while (perhaps six months), and if the second survey showed further traffic calming remained necessary then the chicane would be reinstated but on the north side of the road. The Council also heard that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NYC would write to the owner of the field to the west of the village hall reminding them of their responsibilities regarding hedge trimming, and would potentially side out the pavement; • New Road and Sharow Lane are to be patched in 2024-25, and the part of Stoney Lane which is public highway would be added to the schedule of works for this project; • Consideration would be given to widening Berrygate Lane at the junction with the A61. While there is no prospect of installing traffic control when this road is overwhelmed due to Sharow Lane flooding, the location is under consideration as a “school street” depending on the results of a current trial; • NYC has raised an order to refresh the white lines at the eastern end of Dishforth Road; • The issue with street lights 4 and 5 near the village hall is a complicated electrical supply problem, which will involve excavating the pavement. Highways are liaising with the street lighting team to progress this; • The Parish Council’s policy for a 20mph limit throughout the parish (except the A61) was noted; • And finally, that there is no prospect of creating an off-road cycling/pedestrian link between Sharow and Ripon, as it would be prohibitively expensive even if it were practicable. <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ACTION: Clerk to progress these matters with NYC</i></p>
<p>23.68</p>	<p>Footpaths</p> <p>Following on from the above, the Council noted that the footpath from Lowfield down to the river along Bell Bank is in an “awful” condition. This issue has been logged by NYC footpaths and repairs approved, however no funding is available as yet.</p> <p>Regarding the access issue on the path from Lowfield Lane to Blue Bell Wood, and the potential issue on the path from St John’s Church to the trig point, the Council heard that the landowners deposited notices under Section 31(6) of the Highways Act 1980 in 2009 and 2007 respectively. These notices declare that the landowner does not intend to allow public access to a previously permissive footpath. They can be overturned if evidence of (at least) 20 years’ continuous public access prior to the notice can be proved. Parishioners able to do this (ideally with supporting evidence e.g. photos, diary entries) are asked to contact the Clerk.</p> <p>In the meantime, the Council AGREED to write to the owner of the Lowfield Lane – Blue Bell Wood path offering to create a fenced pathway to prevent any concerns regarding sheep worrying by dogs.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>ACTION: Cllr da Costa to draft a letter for the Council to send</i></p>
<p>23.69</p>	<p>Caretaker tasks</p> <p>There were none beyond contracted works.</p>

23.70	Correspondence
23.701	NYC: Notice of York and North Yorkshire Mayoral election on 2 nd May
23.702	YLCA: Notice of D-Day 80 commemorations on 6 th June <i>ACTION: Cllr Forber to liaise with Church and Village Hall about possible events and their funding</i>

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Date of next ordinary meeting: Monday 20th May

SIGNED: (Chair)

DATE:

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