

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF SHERBURN-IN-ELMET PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE HARRY MOUNTAIN ROOM AT EVERSLEY PARK CENTRE ON MONDAY  
20th APRIL 2015 AT 7.00PM**

**Present:** Councillors S Haskell (Chairman), P Doherty, Mrs J Prescott, B. Packham, M. Hobson, Mrs M. Hunt, Mrs J. Brown, Mrs B. Thwaite, C. Lake, Mrs S Hoyland (Projects Officer) and Mrs M. Gibson (Clerk) .

Also present 19 members of the public. Also Representatives from Indigo Planning.

**MEETING BUSINESS**

**117. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received from Councillor M. Jordan.

**118. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Councillors had interests to declare.

**119 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 16th March were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**120. POLICE MATTERS**

There were no Police issues

**121. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

All members of public were here regarding Indigo Planning issues so no questions were raised.

**122. Indigo Planning Presentation. Representatives were Doug Hann, Sarah Wozencroft, John Thompson and James Broadhead.**

Mr Hann outlined their proposals for 270 houses, including 40% affordable housing, landscaping and transport access to this site.

It is proposed to erect an island off the bypass for traffic to access this site, only pedestrian and cycle access will be via Hodgsons Lane. When site finished bollards will be erected on Hodgsons Lane to allow emergency vehicle access if necessary. Indigo have had a full traffic survey both North and South of the village and also the traffic lights. They are also having an environment survey carried out to see what impact this housing would have on the local environment. Chairman asked when the traffic survey was done-Indigo stated between 7.30 and 9.30am they also have results from last survey on the bypass. Public states this is useless as most factories work 3 shift systems and would not show on these times.

Councillor Thwaite asked if it was school holidays last week as this affects the amount of traffic also-Indigo state the schools were open last week. Chairman asked that Indigo carry out another survey at the hours when the shifts are changing over- 5.45am and 2pm and 5.30pm are the busiest times in the village and the bypass as that is shift change times. Resident states that when you try and get out of Sir Johns Lane in the evenings into the village you can be queuing all the way to the traffic lights. Also Moor Lane is also 'chock a block' at these times. Agreed we send email to Indigo with the busiest times and they would look again at a survey at those times. Residents asked how planners were going to stop motor cycles using the so called pedestrian cycle route into the village as these are already a

nuisance on other estates in this village. There was no reply to this comment. Sarah reports they are going to landscape this site and retain any hedges and trees. They had 47 people attended the open presentation last Friday. Residents from adjoining the site stated they did not get these leaflets- Chairman thought this was disgusting that the most affected people were left off this leafleting. Residents asked what the village is going to do for services with yet more housing as well as the 700 already passed. Councillor Packham expressed concerns that this village is getting a 30% increase in population and (at present) only Athelstan School and the Doctors are likely to get money for extensions. What makes the planners think we need more housing in this village? Sarah states that Selby District Council have identified more housing needs in this village-Chairman asked why this village has been identified for housing when Tadcaster is underdeveloped and we always get more than our fair share because they will not have development there. Sarah states they have consulted with District and County Council, who state that both High School and Hungate School have some capacity at the present time. Councillor Packham states that this is before the 700 planned houses are erected. We have already met our Core Strategy for housing and if 270 more houses are to be built we need to know what this company will be doing for this village? Sarah asked what the villagers require, suggestions from last weeks event were swimming pool extension at High School, car parking for the village etc. Councillor Hobson states we have had these promises before and nothing is ever forthcoming -Indigo state that provisions should be factored into the permission to make sure the village gets what it wants. Chairman asked who is going to buy these houses, Councillor Thwaite stated that the Moor Lane site could not sell their housing and finished up selling to a Housing Association to get rid of them. Chairman asked when it is envisaged this development would be started -Sarah states 3- 6 months before planning application goes in, to be approved by the end of the year. They then have to get developers on side and work should start in 2017. Chairman asked how many at a time- Sarah states probably 30-35 at a time.

Councillor Hobson asked how the Developers intend to cope with water on this site as properties in Moor Lane already flood since the Moor Lane development took place every time it rains gardens are flooded and resident of 4 Hodgsons Lane states his garage is flooded also. This will only be worse with more development and more concrete instead of fields to cope with the water. Residents in Moor Lane showed photographs of their gardens after the slightest rain. Indigo state Selby report that this is not a flood risk area- residents state this is rubbish! Indigo insist they do a robust Risk Assessment of flood risk damage on all their sites top water will not go into Bishop Dyke but into small dike at the side of the site- Residents pointed that this runs into Bishop Dyke anyway!!! They need to get a Company or person with local knowledge to do this survey. There is also a lake of drifting sand under this area which should be considered before development is allowed. Resident also asked what will happen with regard to sewage for this proposed development, the Moor Lane pumping station cannot cope with the present housing as wagons are always on the Moor Lane site pumping out as it is full-Indigo state if more pumping stations needed this will be included in the scheme. Councillors Lake states when he moved to the village 10 years ago he had checked and was told this was not a flood area, then a few years later 'hey presto' he is in a flood risk area. This area has a very high water table and does not take much rain to flood. One resident asked if they know there is a Gas Main across this site. Indigo state that all such services would be checked and avoided with development. Nos. 2 & 4 Hodgsons Lane were concerned about their access and awaiting a detailed response from Indigo. Councillor Hobson asked how many of the 47 people who attended the Friday presentation were for this development. Indigo state it is rare that anyone welcomes development but the people who attended were more constructive than most with quite useful feedback.

Chairman thanked Indigo for their attendance and told them that this Council will be expecting them to do a proper traffic survey and also a more comprehensive survey of the probable water and drainage problems for this site. This Parish Council does not feel that this development is needed and would be stringent in its comments when plans are put forward for the development of this site.

### **123. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**To Report and take comments on.**

**County Councillor reports;**

At the moment the Council is in "purdah" before the election and no major decisions are being taken. County Councillor had visited Barlby Library last week but as this is much smaller than Sherburn it was not comparable with our Library.

County Councillor had attended the Minerals & Waste plan meeting last week but no specific proposals were put forward.

The 3G proposals for the High School - there will be a meeting in the near future to look at funding for this upgrade it is hoped the Football Foundation will be putting in some funding and then 106 monies also will be needed.

Cabinet member had attended the High School last week and County Councillor had pointed out the poor condition of this building, so hope more funds will be made available for the repairs work. At present they get £8k per year for this. John Wagstaff does such a good job the school actually looks better than it is.

### **124. CORRESPONDENCE**

**i) To Receive letter from SDC regarding Procedure for Parish Clerks for forthcoming elections.** copy been sent to all Councillors.

**ii) To Receive letter from NYCC regarding changes to yellow lines in Croftway/Kirkgate.** Proposals are to partially reinstate restrictions on Kirkgate (outside no34) to provide sufficient space for vehicles to return to the correct side of the road in advance of the 20mph zone and the bend opposite no.28. Also remove section of double yellow lines on the west side of Croftway at the junction of Kirkgate. County Councillor reports that this is to accommodate a Disabled parking area for a resident of this area. County Councillor wanted yellow lines re-instating but without success.

**iii) To Receive Election notice from SDC for Parish Council.** There are only 11 names put forward so we will not be having a Parish Council election and still have the one vacancy on this Council.

**iv) To Receive invitation to the 30th Anniversary Service of the St. Leonard's Hospice at York Minster on 7th June at 4pm.** No councillors able to attend.

**v) To Receive letter from SDC they are sending Community Officer out to look at problem tree on Beechwood Croft.** This was checked earlier in the year when it had no leaves and now it has leaves it is a problem again.

**vi) To Receive letter from resident in Church Hill Terrace about speeding traffic in Church Hill making it impossible to exit their properties.** Councillor Hobson says he agrees with this resident vehicles get passed the speed humps and then charge off out of the village. Clerk reports this resident would be happy to volunteer to use the speed gun we have been promised in this area. This resident would be contacted when we get this speed gun organised.

**vii) To Receive notification of CEF meeting this afternoon regarding Defibrillators.** Councillor Prescott had attended this meeting and reports that Andy Pound is hoping all Parish Councils will agree to have one of these. Councillor Prescott had told him this Parish

would be interested. Cost would be approx £2k full details would be sent for full council decision.

viii) **To Receive request for Disabled bay in Finkle Hill to be re-marked** he had problems parking to take an elderly lady to the dentists. County Councillor would take this up with NYCC.

ix) **To Receive letter from NYCC asking if we wish to have the Vehicle Activated Speed signs again at a cost of £3000. As this does more or less the same job as the proposed speed gun we are being offered and that is free agreed we say no to this sign this year.**

## 125 PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS

### a) PLANNING

i) **Report on Planning meeting** - Councillor Doherty reported that meeting had dealt with 4 plans there were no contentious plans, separate planning minutes will be forwarded.

ii) **Report from Transport/Traffic sub-committee** - No meeting held, but if/when the 270 house plans are put in a meeting will be called.

### b) COUNCIL

i) **Project Officers Report (previously sent)** - Project Officer reports that the lock has again gone missing from the Eversley Park area. **Resolved this report be accepted.**

Councillor Lake has received reply from Home Office regarding Japanese Knotweed saying they cannot be involved or intervene with Local agencies regarding this matter.

ii) **Report on YLCA Health Check** - Clerk still waiting for updated Legal Topic Note.

iii) **Report from sub-committee Community Action Plan**-No meeting held.

iv) **Update on NYCC Youth Services**- Nothing to report.

v) **To Discuss "The Hub" proposals**- Nothing to report.

vi) **Update on Dog Fouling bins**- This item on Project Officer's report.

### c) FINANCE

i) **To Agree/approve Finance Minutes from meeting held on Monday 13th April 2015 (attached)** - **Resolved that actions and proposals be accepted.**

ii) **Update on Grass Cutting**-.Clerk reports that the "defer action" form was returned on the 30th March to NYCC.

iii) **Update on Audit** -Clerk organising Internal Audit as soon as year end bank statements arrive.

iv) **Quotes for tree work were put to Part 11 session of meeting.**

iii) **Cheques totalling £23,292.95 (see separate list) were approved and signed by the Councillors.**

### d) LAND & PREMISES

i) **To Agree minutes of LAP meeting held on Monday the 6th April 2015 - No LAP meeting held as not quorate**

### e) PERSONNEL/TRAINING

i) **To review Project Officers duties and Clerks current work load - this item also transferred to Part 2 as this involves staff.**

Clerk read out letter from resident asking why the Council are proposing to set on another staff member at £20k per year to run the "hub" when the library is not due to come to this Council until 2017. Where is the money coming from? Who will interview this staff member?  
**Agreed Chairman take this letter and respond accordingly.**

## 126. OTHER REPORTS

- a) **Selby Rail Users** – Councillor Packham reports they are still trying to get more parking at Sherburn and South Milford stations it is hoped this will be part of new franchise also the CCTV for South Milford Station. There are to be more trains between Sherburn and York and also Selby and Leeds. Councillor Packham also reports that there is a suggestion of "station adoption" he will look into what exactly this involves and report back to next meeting.
- b) **Gala Committee report**-Councillor Lake said all coming along nicely.
- c) **C.A.B** - No meeting held.
- d) **Community Association** -Councillor Mrs Brown reports they are sending letters to all Takeaways in the village asking for a contribution or helpers for the litter picks.
- e) **Eversley Park Centre** – Clerk reports audit was done this last week and all in order.
- f) **Yorkshire Local Councils Association** – No meeting held.
- g) **C.E.F.'s** -Nothing to report
- h) **Rugby Club** – Councillor Lake reports he has had a word with them, and he is also looking into the unclaimed field to find out more details. Councillor Mrs Thwaite will contact them about their safety checks.
- i) **Angling Club** - Councillor Hobson reports that Mark Adams wishes to erect a perimeter fence to stop access to the pond at night. This would cost £2000 but Mr Adams would erect this. Councillors Mrs Thwaite pointed out that there is a public footpath along the top end of this pond which would have to be left accessible at all times. **Resolved that Councillor Hobson check with NYCC that they have no problem with this fence being erected and report back to next meeting.**
- j) **White Rose Football Club** - No meeting held. Councillor Mrs Thwaite reports that Rob is struggling with his safety checks etc. We should diarise this and that would help him. Clerk has received a quotation of £260 for the removal of steps and erect a ramp also to replace skirt around the Tennis Club at this area. **Resolved this be approved. Clerk to check with Tennis Club if they are doing skirting work themselves.**
- m) **Community Mini Bus** - Councillor Mrs Brown reports that they have got funding for a new mini-bus. The Govt supply this and will let them know when/where they collect it. Councillors congratulated Councillor Mrs Brown on the success of this funding.
- k) **Fairways area** - Clerk reports that a square has been cut out of the fencing on this area, Mr Varley reports that this was done with bolt cutters, he has been to Proctors and got another piece for £15 and repaired this.
- l) **Aero Club Liaison Committee** - No report.
- n) **Village Centre Project** -.Still no notification of funding for this project. Councillor Packham reports that District Council will send letter to confirm this and also specified amount to be forthcoming.

## 127. CLERKS REPORTS REQUEST FOR MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA

### Items for information only

- a) **Website regarding failure to Invoice for updating our website.**  
Clerk reports that the website have not invoiced us for the update of the website for 16/7/13-16/7/14. Can we accommodate their invoicing for this work. **Resolved that is this year is finished off we cannot accept this invoice.**
- b) **Complaint regarding youths throwing stones and eggs at property adjoining our garden by the library. Clerk has mentioned this to the Police and they say resident must report this every time they have problems.**
- c) **Letter complaining regarding proposed removal of toilets in the village centre.**

**Resolved that Chairman would reply to this letter.**

**d) Problems with Cricket Club-** Councillor Hobson had complaints regarding youths standing on cricket pavilion and urinating over the fence into peoples gardens. Clerk pointed out that this area does not belong to the Parish Council.

**Items for next agenda:**

**i) Parking in Beech Grove (Councillor Mrs Thwaite).**