

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF SHERBURN-IN-ELMET PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE HARRY MOUNTAIN ROOM AT EVERSLEY PARK CENTRE ON MONDAY 19th AUGUST 2013 @ 7PM.**

**Present:** Councillors K. Devers (Chairman) P. Doherty, Mrs N. Moerman, Mrs J. Brown, Mrs J. Prescott, C. Lake, B. Packham, Mrs B. Thwaite and Mrs M.,. Hunt and Mrs M. Gibson (Clerk)

**Also present:** 10 members of the Public, District Councillor Jordan and Mr R. French and 2 others from SADRUG..

**35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors S. Haskell, M. Hobson, Pc Richardson and Mrs S. Hoyland (Project Officer)

**36. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

No Councillors had interests to declare.

**37. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday July 15th 2013 (previously circulated) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**38. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION.**

Residents again asking what is happening with regard to **Kirkgate School**, one resident concerned that at the meeting with NYCC nothing was mentioned about the library moving into this school they say Mr Fielding did not know about this suggestion, Councillor Packham assured people present that they did know about this. Chairman asked what the "friends" group were doing to try and save this building, the Parish cannot be responsible for everything, we would like to see this building saved but cannot commit public funds to paying £300k to buy and a further £150k to make it useable. We are still awaiting the reply from SIB to see if we have got the funds for the feasibility study. "Friends" asked if PC would do something with press and media coverage but Chairman stated he thinks this should be for the "Friends" themselves to take on board. Chairman asked if so many people want this building saved how come there are only 10 people at this meeting? Residents say that people do not trust the County and District to listen to them. Chairman stated that if enough people showed an interest then the District and County would have to listen. "Friends" asked where the Parish Council wish them to go from here. Chairman states he would like to see a properly worded petition ie "would you like to save Kirkgate School and would you be willing to pay more council tax to save this also to go ahead themselves with media coverage. Chairman also states we cannot allow this group to take over every Parish Council meeting. Residents should be aware we are trying to do what we can to save this building, but we do represent the whole of the population of Sherburn. We are also looking into the other offers made at the meeting with NYCC such as furtjher use of library and High School. Resident then asked about **Dog Fouling around the village and also bottles etc on the Eversley Park play area (not the small enclosed area)** Chairman reports we have got the **Dog fouling** signs to go around the village, we are awaiting them to be put out. The Eversley Park area is cleaned 3 days a week at the present time, the resident states he regularly picks up 2 carrier bags of bottles glass etc when bringing his grandchildren to play on the area. Councillors agreed we would look into costs of more days cleaning, but this is a continual problem as soon as it is cleared rubbish is dumped again.

### **39. PRESENTATION BY MR R. FRENCH FROM SADRUG (SELBY RAIL USERS)**

Mr French thanked the Council for their invitation. Mr French stated there are problems with Sherburn station, this needs considerable money spending on it but as the Franchises are at present up for renewal there is no chance of significant improvement until these are decided. He has a meeting with the Stakeholder Manager in the next few weeks to try and resolve the car parking problem at Sherburn station, will let Councillors know when this is arranged if they wish to attend. South Milford station has car parking problems too, this is used just as much by Sherburn people as South Milford. Access is not easy large pot holes etc and this station needs more lighting, crossing the line at this station is also dangerous as not much time to get across when 90mph trains are approaching the station. Network Rail say this time is adequate but SADRUG do not agree. This is also a problem at Sherburn station, which was going to get a bridge, but this has been put on hold. Footfall has increased by 50% in the last year at Sherburn so more footfall more likely the rail companies would spend money on it. Mr French states that all crossings will be going automatic in the next few years. Crossings all over the country will be run by York area. At the moment East Coast Rail is in public ownership and making money but this is due to be sold off in February 2015 and will go private again. New trains which are bymode (electric and diesel) are to be purchased for this line. They will travel electric to Edinburgh and then diesel onto Inverness. Safety is paramount and all new trains will have an automatic stop even at 125mph this would stop a train in case of driver not obeying signals. Chairman stated that South Milford station should be Sherburn South, Mr French states this is for the Parish Councils to fight out between them. Chairman also asked why it is £6.50 from South Milford to Leeds but much less from Micklefield - this is because Micklefield is in Leeds Metro area. For South Milford to come under this someone would have to pay the shortfall of income (namely North Yorkshire County Council ) Mr French states that Northern Rail could terminate their service at Micklefield if they wanted to. SADRUG are trying to get Selby, Sherburn linked to Leeds services through Church Fenton. There will be improvements on Selby/Hull line from next year, Sunday services and 1 extra service on an evening. Also commuter services will be re-timed from 2016 with 6 trains every hour over the Pennines and are trying to get at least 1 more to Selby and South Milford. York/Hull shuttle service is being discussed which would start from 2014. Also a later 19.55 service on the evenings from Selby.

Mr French asked if anyone uses bus stop outside South Milford station - nobody does. Councillor Doherty asked what is being done about overcrowding on trains from South Milford, especially as we are going to be getting lots more housing this is now urgent. Mr French states that this depends on the new franchise, what happens about more trains, or more capacity. Councillor Packham thanked Mr French for his presentation which had been very informative, and also for all his hard work for the Train services through SADRUG.

### **40. POLICE ISSUES**

There were no Police issues..

### **41. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES;**

**To Report and take comments on;**

**County Councilor reports as follows:**

#### **Budget Cuts**

North Yorkshire are committed to saving £92million but they have been told they need to save a further £66million making a total of £160million. They will be consulting on Bus Services in the near future. **Agreed this go on next months agenda.**

## **Road Closures**

Closure of Kirkgate not been too bad, but complaints at late notice to residents of this closure.

## **Railway**

As Mr French already reported they are looking at Car Parking for the station.

## **Beech Close**

It is suggested that resident only parking be 1 side of the street and yellow lines on the other. Parish Council will be consulted on this.

Chairman states that while parking is being mentioned the enforcement officer will only be in any area 1 hour every 3 months, should we consider employing someone ourselves? County Councillor will find out costings for this. Councillor Moerman states surely this should be self financing with the fines?

## **Parking on Kirkgate**

County Councillor states there are problems on this area where the yellow lines have been taken out, the County are working on this problem.

## **42. CORRESPONDENCE**

- i) To Receive letter from YLCA regarding updated “Good Councillors Guide” Resolved that 2 copies be ordered at a cost of £5.80**
- ii) To Receive letter regarding Permaculture Gardens around the village.**  
Idea is to get plantation spots around the village for fruit/veg cultivation.  
Been sent to all Councillors. Councillors did not think anywhere in village to do this.  
Clerk to email and tell them this.
- iii) To Receive ballot paper from NYCC for Selby Area Committee to co-opt members – Names forward William Mark Holmes from Monk Fryston PC and Liz Johnston from Brayton PC. Resolved we vote for Mark Holmes.**
- iv) To Receive notice of NY Rural Housing event 25th September 10am- 4pm at Tithe Barn, Poppleton, York. (copies been sent to all Councillors) Councillor Prescott wished to attend this. Resolved this be approved. Clerk to send booking form.**
- v) To Receive letter regarding suggestions to re-vamp “Txts4Teens” at the Library. Copies been sent to all Councillors. Clerk to ask this resident to contact Chairman direct to discuss this further.**
- vi) To Receive complaints regarding cigarette ends outside betting shop Low Street also about VAS between South Milford and Sherburn. Action been initiated with SDC.**
- vii) To Receive notice of AGM from Rural Action Yorkshire on the 12th October also asking if we wish to nominate a Trustee to their Board. No one wished to be nominated.**
- viii) To Receive notification that Post Office in the village is closed for refurbishment from the 9th to the 20th September.**
- ix) To Receive letter regarding Sustainable Community Funding. Copy been sent to all Councillors. No action agreed.**

## **43. PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS**

### **a) PLANNING**

- i) Planning – Meeting in PC office 6.45pm - see separate minutes. Councillor Packham reports that Copley Lane Quarry going to planning committee in September.**
- ii) Industrial Estate Working Group – also on Planning minutes.**

## b) COUNCIL

- i) **Project Officers Report** – These were accepted.
- ii) **Report on YLCA Healthcheck** - Nothing back yet, although it may be on emails that clerk cannot access.
- iii) **Update on old School Kirkgate (notes of meeting 1st August with NYCC attached)** SDC say they cannot put a TPO order in the tree, suggest we ask owners to put a covenant on the sale to protect the tree. Written to NYCC asking about this. Reply from NYCC that their position is the same as before when we wished to protect the facade of this building they are not willing to put any covenants which would restrict the sale of the property. **Resolved we do go ahead and get a TPO on the tree at this site. Councillor Doherty would liaise with Clerk about this.**
- iv) **Report on Sherburn Mile 2014** - Councillor Lake would go ahead with a feasibility study and report back to next meeting for a date to be fixed.
- v) **Update on “Flying Futures”**- Councillor Brown reports that they did not seem to be interested in ideas passed on to them. They are looking at getting funding for Visitor Scheme but nothing back yet.
- vi) **To Report on HS2 Rail Link** - Clerk reports this appears to be same route as previously.
- vii) **To Report on CCTV at the Cross**- Reply from Mayfair states they still monitor the camera at the Cross but the Fairway camera which is linked to this is not on their contract with SDC and they do not think this is working. They no longer have the maintenance contract and they do not know who has. Chris Burton suggests a meeting with Council to discuss Fairway camera. **Resolved that Chairman and Councillors Packham, Hobson and Haskell should meet with them. Project Officer to arrange this asap.**
- viii) **To Consider vacancy on the Parish Council – 2 applications received. (Two councillors requested a paper vote for this vacancy) a vote was taken and Mr Matthew Gibson was unanimously elected.**
- ix) **To Consider website setting up new accounts and remove backup option**- Councillor Haskell not at meeting so agreed this be held over to next PC meeting.
- x) **To Consider date for Party in the Park 2014** - Councillor Lake would look at feasibility study and report to next PC meeting.
- xi) **To Discuss Millenium Beacon** - Chairman states that this needs painting. This belongs to White Rose so Councillor Packham would ask them to get this painted.
- xii) **To Report on Sherburn Aerodrome Liaison meeting - minutes on file from this meeting.**
- xiii) **To Consider purchase of new Computer for Office.** Clerk reports ordered computer from our contact some of parts 1 year warranty but most up to 5 years will give us full details when fitted (should be this Wednesday or Friday).

## c) FINANCE

- i) **Update on Library Garage** – Chairman reports that there is a problem with this area, not clear what exactly the area is and it states admittance only in Library hours. They also mention £700 for a separate alarm system. **Resolved that Chairman and Councillor Packham meet with them about this and report back to next meeting.**
- ii) **To Report on Winter Weather Agents tool kit** –Councillor Moerman reports that this is to list vulnerable people in the village who may need help in bad weather and setting up a list of volunteers to help these people. **Resolved that Councillor Moerman do a feasibility study and report back to next meeting.**
- iii) **To Report on Section 106 money - Re: Primary School Places.** Councillor Packham feel we should write to SDC asking that the s.106 payments for the schools should

be in place before development takes place not after housing begins. **Resolved that we do this. Copy to be sent to Councillor Packham before it is sent out.**

iv) **Next Finance Committee meeting Wednesday 28th August 7pm in PC office.**

v) **Cheques for payment - Cheques totalling £9000.34 (see separate list) were approved and signed by the Council.**

#### **d) LAND & PREMISES**

i) **To Receive/approve LAP minutes from meeting 22nd July (attached)** these minutes were approved street lighting work to go to next Finance meeting and also get further prices for notices regarding asbestos. Check with YLCA if needed.

ii) **Report from Village Centre Working Group** - Councillor Brown reports that she and Councillor Packham met with SDC on 1st August regarding the club providing toilet facilities. SDC are meeting in September with the club to discuss this further also the access problem. .

ii) **To Report on Skate Park proposal for Opening Ceremony** - Posters are up around the centre, skate park and notice board about the video competition. Councillor Thwaite will talk to the youths using this area when around the park. Groundwork will keep us informed of date for opening event.

#### **e) PERSONNEL**

i) **To Approve Clerks 5 day holiday from Wednesday 4th September to Monday 16th September 2013 - this was agreed.**

#### **44. OTHER REPORTS**

a) **Selby Rail Users** –Already dealt with in Presentation at start of meeting..

b) **Gala Committee** - Councillor Lake reports they are doing a Children in Need disco as well as the Halloween disco this year. They have commissioned 6 brackets on street lights down Moor Lane to extend the lighting this year.

c) **C.A.B.** – Letter received thanking PC for their donation. Stating they do not charge for their services and all donations are put to good use.

d) **Community Association** –. Councillor Prescott reports they are at present doing as many flower beds as they can cope with around the village. They are looking at signs for the waste bins around the village, getting prices which they will bring to next Finance meeting.

e) **Eversley Park Centre** – To Report both gas boilers now past repair (parts not available). Quotation received of £3874.53 which includes upgrading pipework to meet present day standards. **Agreed they should get 2 more quotes and bring to next Finance meeting.**

f) **Yorkshire Local Councils Association** – no report.

g) **Youth Drop In** – Defunct at the moment. Agreed Councillor Packham look at costings for the Parish Council to provide a Youth Worker to try and get this re-started.

h) **C.E.F.'s** – Next meeting 3rd September in the EPC.

i) **Rugby Club** – Councillor Lake reports they are not happy about skate park extension as the drain is still causing problems. **Councillor Lake will check this drain.**

j) **Angling Club** - No report.

k) **White Rose Football Club** – No report.

l) **Fairways area** – No report.

#### **45. CLERKS REPORT/COUNCILLORS REQUESTS FOR MATTERS FOR NEXT**

##### **AGENDA- Items for information only**

a) **To Receive request from Gala Committee for funding towards street light fixings for Xmas lights** - Agreed this go to Finance next week.

**b) Request for Fair visit 2nd September to 9th September.** Forms filled in and bond cheque left with request. We charged £400 last time they attended - **Agreed this go ahead at same charge as last time.**

**Items for next agenda**

- a) Wild Flower meadow Eversley Park.**
- b) Seat Moor Lane near flower tubs.**