

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF SHERBURN-IN-ELMET PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE HARRY MOUNTAIN ROOM AT EVERSLEY PARK CENTRE ON MONDAY 17TH DECEMBER, 2012 @ 7PM.

Present: Councillors K. Devers (Chairman), S. Haskell (Vice Chairman), P. Doherty, Mrs B. Thwaite, Mrs M. Hunt, Mrs J. Brown, C. Lake, A. Parmenter, B. Packham, and M. Hobson, Mrs S. Hoyland (Project Officer) and Mrs M. Gibson (Clerk).

Also present; County Councillor M. Jordan and 20 members of the public.

79. APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE.

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs J. Prescott and PC Richardson.

80. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

No Councillors had interests to declare.

81. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday November 19th 2012 (Previously circulated) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

82. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION.

All residents present wanted to know what was happening with regard to **Old School in Kirkgate**. Chairman reports that he has received assurances from North Yorkshire Council Council that this will not be sold until January 2014. He is going to ask the council this evening to approve writing to North Yorkshire County Council expressing our interest in this building asking to be kept in touch with what is happening. Residents asked what had been done about getting this listed, Chairman reports he has spoken to English Heritage about this building and as it is 1872 they do not consider that this would automatically qualify for listing as anything after 1840 has to be of 'outstanding interest' to be considered. He thought that everything that could be done had been done at the present time. Councillor Packham reports that District and County Councillors would continue discussions regarding this. Residents concerned that the Historic heart of this village is being decimated, this is the only building away from the actual cross area which is left and this should be saved if possible. Residents asked if anyone could apply for listing? Could they go ahead and do this themselves? Chairman said anyone could apply for listing but expressed reservations at applying for listing as this may preclude the Parish Council from progressing with its current course of action as should the building become listed it may well be too onerous a project to take on. Chairman promised that everyone could be kept informed or progress through the website, notice board or Informer. If anyone had photo's or anecdotes about this building please send them to the office. Councillor Haskell assured residents we do all in our power to save this building, but as Chairman stressed as well before we could spend public money we would have to look carefully at the financial implications.

It was then resolved that the Clerks write to North Yorkshire County Council expressing our interest in this building and asking to be kept informed of future developments.

83. POLICE ISSUES.

There were no Police issues.

84. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES;

To Report and take comments on;

County Councillor reports as follows:

i) Budget discussions are at present being ongoing;

One suggestion is to charge £1 per car for use of Recycle centre at Tadcaster. Councillors thought this would cause more fly tipping and a very bad idea.

ii) Area by old Tree Library approach road.

Letter received suggesting either erecting a wall for a garden area which would PC would need licence to garden and (in effect) own it. Or they would pave the area and tubs could be sited there. **Resolved that paving and moving tubs would be best option. County Councillor would deal with this.**

iii) Bollards on Triangle opposite above area.

Project Officer has been trying to get permission to erect bollards around this area to stop parking but without success. **County Councillor would deal with this also, he would liaise with Councillor Mrs Brown.**

85. CORRESPONDENCE

i) To Receive Letter from Boundary Commission about reduction of District Councillors-They note our comments and a full decision will be made in January regarding the proposal.

ii) To Receive letter from SDC they have passed our request to meet with Officers regarding Boots shop side alley to Community Officers for them to arrange to meet Councillors. **As nothing received Resolved Clerks write again asking for dates for this meeting.**

iii) To Receive letter from SDC they have no objections to our replacing seats in Beech Grove.

iv) To Receive confirmation of Order from RSS regarding Play equipment repairs and also annual check for 2013.

v) To Receive letter from NYCC regarding rental of Vehicle Activated Signs. Resolved this go to next Finance meeting for further consideration.

vi) To Receive letter from YLCA regarding suggested 40mph limit on HGV's on single carriageway roads. All Councillors had been sent copy of this and there was no comments to make on this.

vii) To Receive letter from Mrs Spedding regarding land abutting 6 Pinfold Way.-

Chairman had replied to this letter following consultation with all Councillors. We do not want to sell this or any of our land in the foreseeable future.

viii) To Receive letter from YLCA regarding Localising Council Tax Support.

All Councillors had copies of this for their information.

86. PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS.

a) PLANNING-

i) Planning meeting held at 6.30pm in the PC office.

See separate planning minutes.

ii) Housing Working Group-No report.

iii) Proposal to write to Housing Minister regarding stopping further "flats" being built in this village-Resolved letter be sent to SDC Planning with photographs voicing concerns and stating any new development should fit in with the agreed Village Design Statement.

iv) Primary Care Trust provision by developers.

Resolved we write to SDC asking for clarification of what is available, and also chase up the Primary Care Trust to make sure they get their requests for funding in.

b) COUNCIL.

i) Project Officers Report- .

Items for decisions;

SDC have written stating they have 2 benches we could have delivered free. Does not state cost of benches, Project Officer to find out what the cost would be and then this to go to next LAP meeting for final decision along with quotation received from local Company for 2 benches.

Quotes received for erecting Bollards in Wolsey Croft – this to go to next LAP for final decision. Agreed LAP Committee have delegated powers to agree this work.

Quotes awaited for removing steps at Finkle Hill bowls.- this to go to next LAP meeting also. S106 monies Councillor Packham reports there may be some movement on the usage of this money will keep us informed.

Meeting to be arranged with Paul Varney regarding upgrade to Skatepark. Project Officer to arrange meeting with 106 Committee early in New Year.

ii) Community Emergency Plan- As Councillor Traska now left the Council another Councillors needed to look this over. Councillor Mrs Brown will deal with this..

iii) Yorks & North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association – still awaiting reply to our letter.

iv) Report on Minutes/Progress of Party in the Park 2013. Meeting held 26th November- Councillor Lake reports St. Johns booked and licences etc in the pipeline. Next meeting 14th January as Project Officer cannot attend Councillor Haskell will take the minutes.

v) To Discuss website- it was agreed that we should continue to use the Notice Board and the Informer as well as the website to keep the public informed. Chairman had done a letter which was to go on notice Board and also in shops, Police Station, Library etc making more people aware of the website as well as other means of contacting the Council.

vi) To Discuss provision of litter bins in Moor Lane and also Salt Bin at Bridge Garth, South Milford. Resolved that these be agreed also one near tennis Courts in Finkle Hill and one near Library area. Councillor Brown will call in office and mark areas on map for Clerks to order these.

vii) To Discuss/Agree Code of Conduct dispensation for Councillors to set Precept.

All Councillor present filled in these forms and a vote was taken and agreed that the following have dispensations until next election; Councillors C. Lake, Mrs M. Hunt, P. Doherty, S. Haskell, Mrs J. Brown, A. Parmenter, B. Packham, K. Devers, M. Hobson and Mrs B. Thwaite. Councillor Mrs Prescott will have to do this at next Meeting.

viii) To Discuss YLCA Healthcheck- Chairman had spoken to Sheena Spence at the Training Day and she mentioned that it is suggested that all Councils do this regularly to make sure they are 'legal and above board' with their working. Clerk reports that this was done about 7 years ago. **Resolved we find out cost and then this could be discussed at next meeting.**

ix) To Discuss County Council Offices in Kirgate –this had already been discussed in Public open session.

x) To Report Resignation of Councillor –Mrs A. Traska has resigned as Parish Councillor. Clerk has out the necessary actions in progress and notices on Notice Boards. Will go on website tomorrow.

c) FINANCE

- i) **Report from S106 Committee** these minutes had been sent to all Councillors. Councillor Hobson reported that still awaiting final decision from SDC about spending this funding.
- ii) **To Decide Precept for 2013/14**-agreed that this needed further discussion. **Resolved that a full Council meeting be called for Wednesday 2nd January at 7pm to discuss this. Clerk to send out lists of precept for last 4 years and also what this means to Band D properties, this will allow Council to make a more informed decision.**
- iii) **Consider quotes for bollards erecting at top of Wolsey Croft**-this to go to next LAP meeting.
- iii) **Cheques for payment. Cheques totalling £3,013.11 (see separate list) were approved and signed by the Council.**

d) LAND & PREMISES

- i) **Report from Village Centre Working Group**-.No meeting held.
- ii) **To Report on Skate Park extension** –Meeting to be arranged with Paul Varney (Groundwork) to further discuss this proposal.

e) PERSONNEL.

87. OTHER REPORTS.

- a) **Selby Rail Users**:-No meeting held.
- b) **Gala Committee**-Councillor Lake reports Leeds Lights are experimenting with new LED lighting and if any good they would have to consider upgrading the village lights. Councillor Mrs Thwaite thanked the Gala for the lights again, they look very good..
- c) **C.A.B**- Councillor Mrs Brown reports she was unable to attend meeting, but merger was only thing under discussion, she has not had any minutes so does not know outcome.
- d) **Community Association**:-Clerk reports she has received an account for £1876.80 from this group for the Notice Boards in the village. She is not happy paying this as this is not our property and it is not strictly legal to pay this. Much discussion took place and it was finally **Resolved that the Parish Council could not pay this account..**
- e) **Eversley Park Centre**:- Councillor Mrs Thwaite reports that Dianne Bonner now taken over as Manager. The work on upgrade of toilets started today.
- f) **Yorkshire Local Councils Association**:-No meeting held.
- g) **Youth Drop In**:- .Councillor Mrs Thwaite reports they managed to run the last two sessions, now finished for Christmas holidays. More helpers needed or this will fold. Councillor Packham will ask Andy Pound to contact them again.
- h) **C.E.F.'s** :- No meeting held
- i) **Rugby Club** –Councillor Lake is dealing with getting gates renewed. Will arrange to meet with Rugby in the New Year.
- j) **Angling Club**-Councillor Haskell reports that Safety check been done and Lifebuoy will be replaced as soon as possible, been working on the area which is why it was removed. Mr Jordan not very well at the moment so work in hold at the present time. They do need the banking work financing. They have got £5000 from Coalfield Regeneration fund and have applied for £3000 from Kingspan but no definite reply yet. **Resolved they put letter in for next Finance meeting to discuss this shortfall of funding.**
- k) **White Rose Football Club**-.No meeting held.
- l) **Fairways area**- .No meeting held.
- m) **Sherburn Youth Forum**-Nothing further on this.

88. CLERKS REPORT/COUNCILLORS REQUEST FOR MATTERS FOR NEXT

AGENDA- Items for information only.

i) Letter from RSS regarding further work needed on play areas. When they started work today some of the mats are loose and just lifting off the ground (pictures sent) extra work will cost £50 so Clerk has agreed this under her delegated powers.

ii) YLCA January- March Training programme. Copies been sent to all Councillors.

iii) Tree outside Finkle Hill Recreation ground –NYCC suggest that bowls do this themselves, removing branches overhanging the boundary. Agreed Clerks ask David Varley to do this work.

iv) SDC confirming vacancy on Parish Council and sending Notice of Vacancy for Notice board.

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