

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF SHERBURN-IN-ELMET PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE HARRY MOUNTAIN ROOM AT EVERSLEY PARK CENTRE ON MONDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2013 @ 7PM.

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

Also present; 12 members of the public and County Councillor Jordan.

99. APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE.

Apologies were received from Councillors A. Parmenter, K. Devers, M. Hobson and PC Richardson.

As the Chairman was not present Vice Chairman S. Haskell chaired the meeting,

100. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

No Councillors had interests to declare.

101. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday January 21st 2013 (Previously circulated) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

102. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION.

Resident complained about **state of grass verges, New Lane- also 30mph sign been knocked down and laying flat-** this has been reported to County Council.

Footpath between Highfields and the village this is very uneven and could cause an accident. Also **fly tipping between High School and the substation footpath New Lane.** **Also roads at North Drive and Hungate Road full of potholes. Clerk would report all of these. Dumping behind Persimmon Homes** –this has been reported today.

Public present wished to know what was happening regarding **Old Girls School in Kirkgate.** They state that the tree in the site is a Feather beech which is one of only 3 in the country and they are sure there is a TPO on this tree. Clerk would try and chase this up again with SDC, it may mean someone going to Selby to go through their records personally. Chairman stated that we are arranging to get a structural survey done on this building to see exactly what sort of condition it is in. Residents concerned this is the last jewel in the crown of old buildings in the village and want it saving if at all possible. We have contacted North Yorkshire about protecting the facade if it is sold, but they say they cannot do that as it would detract from value of the site. Chairman Devers is ongoing with the English Heritage but at the present time not much luck. Resident asked why we are not trying hard to protect this building and get it listed instead of doing nothing until it is too late? Councillor Packham stressed that all the Council are doing their best to try and save this building we are not just “doing nothing” as was mentioned. Resident asked if Monk Fryston could get a telephone box listed why this school could not be listed also, Councillor Packham stated this telephone box was a rare example that was why it was listed. We can do nothing more about this until we get the survey and find out what work is required, we are sure residents would not be happy if we were pouring thousands of public money into keeping this if it was not viable and could not pay its way.

103. POLICE ISSUES.

a) Police & Crime Commissioner attendance at meeting.

Chairman had contacted Mrs Mulligan and she can attend on the 20th May. Suggested that this meeting be called for 6.30pm prior to Parish Council meeting. Once date and time confirmed Project Officer would contact South Milford and Monk Fryston about their attendance.

104. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES;

To Report and take comments on;

County Councillor reports as follows:

- i) To Report complaint about removal of double yellow lines in Kirkgate-**Been sent to County Councillor for his attention. County Councillor reports that he has been and seen residents they say they did not object when proposals were made. Problem was because a van was parked there for 2 weeks. He is dealing with this matter.
- ii) Athelstan Primary School-** County Councillor reports this has recently had "offsted" report and been upgraded to good.
- iii) Mobile Library Garage** –Councillor Reports this is being cleared out and a separate entrance installed for Community usage, there would be no rental charge for this. Who does account of £700 go to for the electrical changes etc? This is nothing to do with Parish Council so should go to Community Association and Gala.
- iv) Library** –County Councillor states we need a bigger library, standing room only today. New manager there is certainly turning it round with more events and more volunteers.

105. CORRESPONDENCE.

- i) To Receive letter that we need to contact Gary Lumb at Selby Highways regarding speed referral-** Councillor Lake had contacted him and the areas we were suggesting had all been done in the last 3 years it would be another 3 years before they would be done again. **Councillor Lake states we would probably have to go down the avenue of hiring the County speed cameras if we wish to do anything with this.**
- ii) To Receive letter from SADRUG (Rail users)** asking for Parish Council Grant towards their work. (suggesting donation on size & financial position of the council) **Resolved we send application form.**
- iii) To Receive letter from Northern Rail** –regarding car parking at South Milford Station. They do not have plans at the present time to extend parking but they would be happy to work with any 3rd party who could fund such scheme. They have to have sufficient "payback" either in passenger numbers or parking charges to fund any extensions. They state they also have to make sure they have enough capacity on the trains if car parks are extended and new passengers gained. Councillor Doherty asked what could be done about this what happens when the new housing arrives? District Councillors Packham, Hobson and Jordan will keep chasing this. SADRUG are also trying to get this problem sorted.
- iv) To Receive letter from SDC** confirming number of band D properties for 2013/14 is 2076.51. also that our Parish Councillors allowance for 2013/14 is £307.14. Clerk reports that the figure for Band D properties are worked out by Band D properties less the number of properties who do not pay Rates to come to this figure.
- v) To Receive letter from SDC regarding our comments on 3 storey apartments.** This states officers need to balance securing of the development with the need to secure high quality design and good standard of amenities for all future and existing occupants of land and buildings when considering the scheme and as such 3 storey may still be considered appropriate as part of Phase 2/3 schemes. However will ensure that should 3 storey properties be considered, careful consideration will be given to their design to ensure that the scale and massing of any building is mitigated.
- vi) To Receive letter from SDC regarding council size changes.** Thanking us for our

comments. They are to reduce figure of District Councillors by 10 to 31. Also attaching letter regarding consultation on new boundaries in this area. (sent to all Councillors) –**Resolved this go an March agenda for more discussion/ decision.**

vii) To Receive White Rose update with mention of Community Infrastructure Levy. This could mean funds direct to this council from development. This funding could be used for re-roofing village halls, refurbishment of swimming pools or to take over a community asset. **Clerk written to YLCA asking if Selby are adopting this levy and if it replaces S106 commuted sums. No reply yet from YLCA.**

viii) To Receive letter from SDC stating Govt have revoked the Yorks & Humber Regional Strategy. This means the development framework relevant to Selby District Core Strategy will change prior to the hearings programmed for 27th February 2013. **Any comments council wishes to make must be in by February 22nd.** Copy been sent to all **Agreed Councillor Councillor Packham would deal with this.**

x) To Receive letter with website link from SDC regarding our Open Spaces. Link been sent to all Councillors to review for comment. This is very out of date and quite derogatory about our sites around the village. **Resolved Councillor Packham would meet with officers at Selby and get this properly updated.**

xi) To Receive letter and plan of route for HS2 train link to Church Fenton-Also Clerks report of Church Fenton meeting. Clerk reports that this line would go close to housing at Church Fenton, Sandwath Lane and be on an embankment. They have set up an action group to try and fight this proposal.

xii) To Receive letter from SDC regarding Council Tax referendums & PCs. Copies been sent to all Councillors. There is to be no limit on PC precepts this year, but Govt are looking at a 1% proposed increase next year.

xiii) To Receive complaint regarding dog mess around play area, Eversley Park. Clerk reports that Mr Varley does this regularly but cannot be on site all the time. Residents must take photos of offending dogs then something maybe could be done. Report to Enviromental Health at Selby if they get enough complaints they will take action.

ix) To Receive complaint regarding removal of bushes/trees at bottom of garden of property in Kirkgate. Asking that these bushes be allowed to re-grow also asking for removal of large stump making it less attractive to youths for fires etc in the area. Also one large tree overhanging the garden and needs the branch lopping back.-**Resolved we ask Mr Varley to deal with this.**

x) To Receive letter from Redrow regarding 3 storey flats. They state at the time of Moor Lane Development the planning policy was for a higher density and partments blocks were considered to be appropriate. Recent changes have removed the need for 3 storey and they are unlikely to include any in their next scheme.

106. PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS.

a) PLANNING -

i) Planning - no meeting held as no plans forward.

ii) Housing Working Group-nothing to report.

iii) Healthcare Contributions.-Councillor Doherty states that the Primary Care Trust have sent in a letter after 10 weeks of prodding, this is a 5 line letter which is not very satisfactory. He is concerned that Selby will not take this seriously and say it is too late. Councillor Doherty wanted to write to Selby making sure they properly consider this request. Councillor Packham would find out from Selby what exactly the rules are about this and report back. Then a letter could be sent to the Primary Care Trust making sure they are aware of the correct legal wording to make sure this 106 money is available for the necessary extention of

services when we have 700 more houses. District Councillors would also chase this up in their 106 meeting with Selby District Council.

b) COUNCIL.

i) Project Officers Report- this had been sent to all Councillors and was approved. .

ii) Community Emergency Plan- Councillors Brown and Doherty had updated this, but it needs a contact Committee to be added to the form. **Resolved this should be Chairman/Vice Chairman and the Clerk.**

iii) Yorks & North Yorkshire Playing Fields Association –As we do not appear to be getting a response from these agreed it could come off the minutes.

iv) Report on Minutes/Progress of Party in the Park 2013- Councillor Lake reports this is going well, licence will cost approx. £100 and cheque would be needed soon to get this off. Ex-Councillor Traska reports that wrong logo is being used, will send revised one to Project Officer. Councillor Thwaite will ask about security firm for this event. Next meeting Monday 4th March @ 7pm

v) To Discuss YLCA Healthcheck- Clerk had not yet arranged this as Sheena Spence been away, only back at work today. Will get this organised as soon as possible.

vi) To Discuss County Council Offices in Kirgate –. This matter already discussed in Public Session. Quotes for Structural Survey to be discussed in Part 2.

vii) To Report on Vacancy on the Council –Clerk reports she has had an enquiry today and asked for them to send in writing.

viii) To Discuss are by Library ongoing costs –Councillor Mrs Brown requested £50 to get more plants for this area. Also wants to discuss about plaque for this site. **Resolved that the £50 was acceptable and the rest should be taken to next LAP meeting. Chairman thanked Councillor Brown and the rest of the group for the transformation of this site.**

ix) To Approve “Rules for Public Sessions” at PC meetings- This had been sent to all Councillors for reading. **Resolved this be approved and be put out at all future Parish Council meetings.**

c) FINANCE

i) Confirmation from SDC that Fishing Pond project is acceptable and 1st half of funding paid into our bank. Balance will be paid when we send proof that work completed.

ii) Report from Precept meeting at SDC. Copies been sent to all Councillors. **To Decide if we still wish to increase our Precept to £134,000. As this had been approved at last meeting Clerk had confirmed that this was the amount we require.**

ii) Cheques for payment. Cheques totalling ££4,561.44 (see seperate list) were approved and signed by the Council.

d) LAND & PREMISES

Next meeting of Land & Premises Committee was to be held on Monday 25th February at 7pm

i) Report from Village Centre Working Group- Councillor Mrs Brown reports that she had contacted Groundwork about why a revised quote had not been forthcoming, they state they did not want to go into unnecessary expense until work was likely to go ahead. Still awaiting discussion between Club and District Council about access to car park. **Resolved that Project Officer write to SDC asking them to take some action about this.**

ii) Consider extension of Skate Park. Clerk had sent report of all mention in past minutes it was resolved in February 2011 that no floodlighting or extension of this area would take place.- **Vote took place on whether Councillors wished this site to be extended or not.**

6 against extending and 1 for. Therefore Resolved that this site should not be extended. Councillors had no problem with extra ramps etc being added provided they are within the present footprint of the site. Clerk would let Groundwork know of this decision. Councillor Mrs Thwaite suggested that as numbers dwindling at the Fairway Bowls area perhaps this area could be looked at for a bigger skate park area?

e) PERSONNEL.

i) To Report Minutes from Personnel Meeting held on Wednesday 30th January.

Minutes had been circulated committee proposed acceptance of new NALC Grievance and Disciplinary policies. **Resolved that these be accepted as proposed.**

ii) To Approve Clerks 3 days holidays 25th-26th-27th March. - AGREED

iii) To Approve Project Officers holidays. 18-21st March (4 days) 2-4th April (3 days) also 8-22nd August (9 days).- AGREED

107. OTHER REPORTS.

a) Selby Rail Users- No report.

b) Gala Committee-Councillor Lake reports that the 80s Disco night had been a disaster with only 22 people attending. They are suggesting running a Red Nose kids fancy Dress evening. Councillor Mrs Thwaite suggested having a tent at the Gala for the Parish Council to show what it does for the village, suggested Clerks should man this tent- Clerks declined this offer.

c) C.A.B-No meeting held .

d) Community Association- No meeting held..

e) Eversley Park Centre:- Clerk reports they are having problems with youths hanging around by the HM room and the fire entrance for Main hall. Request moving one of CCTV's to cover this area, **Resolved Clerks gets prices for an extra camera for that area.**

f) Yorkshire Local Councils Association:-.No meeting held.

g) Youth Drop In:- Really short of helpers not been able to run for a few weeks because of lack of help. Councillor Packham reports that Andy Pound from CEF's will meet with Youth Leaders about their issues.

h) C.E.F.'s :- Councillor Mrs Prescott reports next meeting 5th March at Eversley Centre and discussion will be on housing issues.

i) Rugby Club –Councillor Lake reports they are requesting more bins around skate park area. They are having problems with dog mess and litter on the pitch. Councillors felt however many bins they had they would not use them. Councillor Lake also done a Risk Assessment for them.

j) Angling Club-Chairman reports that Mr Jordan has met with contractors and the work approved should be done in the very near future. Chairman urged Councillors to go down to this area as they have done a spectacular job of making it an excellent facility for the village. Contractors for Wincanton are providing workers to erect a kissing gate from the Bypass to stop bikes charging down. Also they will help with path alongside Railway line.

k) White Rose Football Club- Clerk reports that Gary Limbert had contacted her today he had met with DCJ and looked at hedge work needed this year on the site. Quotation should be with us soon as work needs doing before birds start nesting.

l) Fairways area- Clerk reports that Mr. Varley been in today says damage being done to bowls area late at night, Clerk has asked Police to check around and also CCTV people if anything on this camera.

m) Sherburn Youth Forum-.Nothing further on this.

108. CLERKS REPORT/COUNCILLORS REQUEST FOR MATTERS FOR NEXT AGENDA- Items for information only.

a) Eversley Park Playgroup.

Request for funding towards rent. Grant application form sent.

b) Premises Licence Review

Letter confirming that all the requests for the licence renewal at the Swan have been agreed at the licensing meeting. This is at present closed as Licencees have left.