

MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF SHERBURN-IN-ELMET PARISH COUNCIL HELD IN THE HARRY MOUNTAIN ROOM AT EVERSLEY PARK CENTRE ON MONDAY 21ST JANUARY 2013 @ 7PM.

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

Also present; County Councillor M. Jordan and 9 members of the public.

89. APOLOGIES FOR ABSCENCE.

Apologies were received from Councillors Mrs B. Thwaite, A. Parmenter and PC Richardson.

90. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

No Councillors had interests to declare.

91. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday December 17th 2012 (Previously circulated) were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

92. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION.

Residents asked if Council knew anything about **Arriva losing the 492/493 Pontefract to Tadcaster service from April.** Chairman stated we had no knowledge of this but County Councillor Jordan would know if this was going to be lost. Residents say they have been told that a Tadcaster firm are taking over in April, Councillor Packham states if this service is just changing Companies we would not necessarily be informed. County Councillor would check this.

Residents also asked about **Proposed Skate Park extension, when this will be installed.** or has this fallen flat. Chairman reports this has not fallen flat but it may not be the grand plan previously envisaged. Some money is available but to do anything the cost to this council would be £20k. This is up on the agenda later for discussion. Resident felt the young people would do something to help raise funds if they were put in the picture.

What is happening regarding the **Old School in Kirkgate.** Chairman reports that a party of Councillors have been and looked around this property, it is a stunning building but this needs very careful consideration before Council could consider taking it over. Council arranging to get a structural engineer to check this building out and let us have a report. Resident reported she had details of the cost of this when it was built which was £2000 it was built because girls had to have education as well as boys. This is in a Polychrome Gothic design. Councillor Doherty stated that the Parish Council must be sure that this has a viable usage before it could consider taking this on. Chairman reports that at the end of the day it comes down to finances and as this is quite a large site a builder could get 8 pairs of semis or flats on the site. Residents suggested taking over for offices, but councillors felt this would not be in demand. Lady who runs Youth club stated they would be interested in the building for their meetings, they presently pay £100 per night at High School. This is nearer village centre than High School. All of the ideas put forward were quite sensible but these ideas would not pay for the upkeep and running of this building. Local History Society asked that they are kept informed of what is happening to this, if it is to be demolished they wish to document it before it is too late.

Complaints also about dog mess around the village Chairman states we do not have a dog warden now so need public to be willing to report anyone seen with their dog fouling the areas. Project Officer reports this has been reported again today to District Council. Resident also complained about state of **public footpath from Church Hill to Eversley Park** this is very muddy and slippery. Chairman says this is County Council responsibility, County Councillor says nothing will be done, this is a field path and with the wet weather all land is wet.

93. POLICE ISSUES.

There were no Police issues.

94. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL ISSUES;

To Report and take comments on;

County Councillor reports as follows:

i) Collaboration between County & District Councils are to be further improved;

Mike Connor from Selby is now going to Northallerton 2 days per week.

ii) Only 10% of North Yorkshire Schools were closed today with the bad weather.

iii) Primary Care Trust not responded over S106 monies.

This could be because of the imminent changes whereby they take over hospital management. Councillor Doherty reported we had still not had reply to our letter to SDC about this 106 money. He would contact Selby again. County Councillor would get on to Jim Clark at NYCC also about this.

iv) Garage at Library.

County reports that it will cost £700 to install electric in the above area and it will then be available for Community Groups/Gala etc to use for storage free of charge. Councillor Packham asked if this is correct that it will be free, and would there be a contract to safeguard user groups. County Councillor would check again and report back.

95. CORRESPONDENCE

i) To Receive letter from Police & Crime Commissioner (Julia Mulligan) stating she is organising surgeries in communities but if we would like her to attend a public meeting she would be delighted to assist with practical arrangements and publicity. **Resolved Chairman contact her also South Milford Parish Council to arrange a joint meeting.**

ii) To Receive letter from Smart Hosting regarding website saved items of 500MB. He feels this is archaic and that this should be at least 5,000 or even 10,000. Especially if we are paying for it. **Resolved Councillor Haskell check with website.**

iii) To Receive letter from Sherburn Aerodrome. They are suggesting starting a Community Liaison Committee and asking for this Council's feedback on the proposal. **Resolved that Chairman and Councillor Hobson be appointed to this Committee.**

iv) To Receive YLCA Training dates for February/March. This had been sent to all Councillors. Clerk reports that Councillor Prescott wished to attend Afternoon session on 23rd March in York on Freedom of Information **Resolved this was agreed and Clerk would book her on this training.**

v) To Receive letter from Kompan. Youth shelter work should be completed in the next 7-10 days.

vi) To Receive Site inspection and Maintenance plans for swings at Fairway.

vii) To Receive letter from website. We will not be charged for annual returns and Declarations of Pecuniary Interests paper copies being scanned and added to our site, provided that documents to be scanned are original not folded and posted in card backed A4

envelopes. Clerk asked if anyone else needs to update their Declaration of Interests as she had Councillor Lakes to send and would send them all together. No one else had changes to make.

viii) To Receive letter from Police Traffic Management attaching speed data for New Lane- this speed data has highlighted issues suitable for enforcement. This has not been printed off as there are 40 pages of it. **Clerk to send this to Councillor Hobson for his information.**

ix) To Receive NALC New Disciplinary & Grievance Arrangements document.

This had been sent to all Councillors would be dealt with at Personnel meeting next week.

96. 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.

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b) COUNCIL.

i) Project Officers Report- .

Items for decisions;

These had been sent to all Councillors and were noted.

ii) Community Emergency Plan- Councillor Mrs Brown reports this does need some updating. Councillors Mrs Brown, P. Doherty and Project Officer would get this work done.

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

iv) Report on Minutes/Progress of Party in the Park 2013. No meeting held. Next meeting 4th February.

v) To Discuss/Agree Code of Conduct dispensation for Councillor Prescott to set Precept. Councillor Prescott completed the form and it was unanimously agreed that she be included on the dispensation.

vi) To Discuss YLCA Healthcheck- Clerk had got approx. Cost from YLCA for this healthcheck, which would be approx. £210. **Resolved we go ahead and get this done.**

vii) To Discuss County Council Offices in Kirgate –.Councillors had been and looked around this building, and had got costings from NYCC for upkeep gas/electric etc run out at £300 per month, Council was getting structural check done to see what work would be needed on this building. As already discussed in public session this is too young for automatic listing and Heritage Board do not consider it an outstanding building to get this listed. **Resolved Clerks write and ask if North Yorkshire would put some sort of caviat on the building to protect the facade at least. Also asking for History Society to be kept informed if it does come to demolition so that it can be documented.**

viii) To Consider rules for Public sessions. Copies of this were handed out for approval. Councillors felt we should not put any obstacles in the way of public asking questions etc at meetings, but it was agreed that a copy would be laminated and put out at each meeting,. Also one to be put in Notice Board.

ix) To Report on Vacancy on the Council –Clerk reports SDC have not had request for election vacancy notices on Notice Boards and website with replies requested by the 4th February.

x) To Discuss Licence application for Swan Public House. Comments on this have to be in by Friday this week. Councillor Hobson had put together a letter which was passed round all Councillors. There has been quite a lot of problems with this public house with fighting and abusive behaviour from clients outside the front of these premises. **Resolved that he send this off to Selby from this Council before the deadline.**

c) FINANCE

i) Report from S106 Committee 16th January 2013 –copies been sent to all Councillors. Paul Varney from Groundwork had attended this meeting regarding the Skatepark extension. Councillors quite concerned that we had promised surrounding residents that this area would not extend from present footprint. Councillor Haskell suggests we put on our wish list for new development that a “Scarborough type” park and new Rugby area be included in this new development. Chairman and Councillor Doherty did not think this would be acceptable to the developers, but certainly worth a try. Councillor brown stated she thought we had decided some time ago that we would not go ahead with this extension so why did it keep coming up. **Resolved Clerk check through minutes and see what exactly was minuted, also original minutes from public survey on this area and report back to next meeting of either Council or 106 Committee whichever meets first. Councillor Packham asked that Clerks check on what complaints we have had about Skate area. Letter had been sent in for the safety improvements at the Fishing Pond for £7000 of 106 funding. Clerk would also find out exactly how much funding is available at the present time.** District Councillors still trying to get alternative funding for Village Centre Project which would Affect what was available from 106 funding.

ii) To Report/Approve Minutes of Finance meeting held on Tuesday 15th January Copies been sent to all Councillors. **Resolved all recommendations be approved. Councillor Lake would dela with Fire Brigade about speed check strips.**

ii) Cheques for payment. Cheques totalling £12,429.31 (see seperate list) were approved and signed by the Council.

d) LAND & PREMISES

i) Report from Village Centre Working Group-No meeting held.

ii) Report that next LAP meeting next Monday 28th January. Clerk reports there is only guttering at EP Centre to discuss. **Resolved that Clerk be allocated Delegated powers to deal with this and no meeting needed..**

e) PERSONNEL.

i) To Report Personnel Meeting to be held on Wednesday 30th January in PC office.

87. OTHER REPORTS.

a) Selby Rail Users:-Councillor Packham had written to Rail company about cars being ticketed for parking on approach road to South Milford Station. Councilor Doherty reported in planning docuemnts it was stated that extra parking at South Milford station was a priority. **Resolved that Clerks write to Rail Company about this problem.**

b) Gala Committee-Councillor Lake reports no meeting held., Fancy Dress Oparty arranged for 15th february at the Club all welcome to attend.

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

- d) Community Association:-**Councillor Mrs Prescott reports that main item of discussion at last meeting was Tadcaster bus services..
- e) Eversley Park Centre:-** Councillor Haskell reports work on upgrade of toilets now complete. Big Dance production due this next weekend which is sold out.
- f) Yorkshire Local Councils Association:-**No meeting held.
- g) Youth Drop In:-** .Councillor Haskell reports this started again last Friday after Christmas break. Some of the youths had been messing about in toilets and making a mess.
- h) C.E.F.'s :-** No meeting held
- i) Rugby Club –**Councillor Lake had met with Rugby Club and mentioned about joining with White Rose, but they are not interested in that suggestion. .Would like more waste bins around the skatpark area. Also complaining about dog mess on the pitch, Councillor Haskell says this is one of the downs of a public park, they have the same problem at Selby. Councillor Lake has also mentioned about putting up some sort of fence to stop rubbish being dumped down between club house and container.
- j) Angling Club-**Councillor Haskell reports application has gone in to Selby for £7000 of S106 monies to complete the work at the pond. They have got £3200 from Kingspan for planting around the pond, part of grant states these have to be protected from rabbits. If they get the 106 funding that will be them finished for funding for some considerable time. The boat is now locked in the container away from public usage.
- 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.**

a) Letter from SDC Regarding Precept update.

We will get our full £134,000 but this will be made up of £122,360.82 council tax and £11,639.18 Grant from District Council. Clerk is attending a meeting on Wednesday at District Council which should put a clearer picture on future precept dealings.

b) Letter regarding Disposal of Property Funds from North Yorkshire Police.

Grants of up to £500 available for Community organisations. This has been sent on to all Councillors to pass to organisations who may wish to claim.

c) Litter problem behind Boots.

Now had a reply from Community Officer so Councillors will be meeting with them soon.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA;

i) Area by Library -Councillor Brown wishes this on agenda to discuss ongoing costs.

ii) Healthcare Contributions –Councillor Doherty wishes this on to get Primary Care Trust motivated applying for funding..