

**MINUTES OF THE MONTHLY MEETING OF SHERBURN-IN-ELMET PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD IN THE HARRY MOUNTAIN ROOM AT EVERSLEY PARK CENTRE ON MONDAY  
19th JANUARY 2015 AT 7.00PM**

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

Also present; ACC Paul Kennedy, North Yorkshire Police. No members of the public.

**MEETING BUSINESS**

**84. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received from Councillor Mrs M. Hunt, M. Gibson and Pc Richardson.

**85. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**86. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

Minutes of the last meeting held on Monday 15th December, 2014 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**87. POLICE MATTERS**

The Chairman welcomed ACC Kennedy to the meeting to explain the Operational Policing Model. ACC Kennedy thanked the Parish Council for the invite he explained that he works from Newby Whiske and all Operational Policing for NY Police is his responsibility. He keeps up with Crime trends on a daily basis but does not have exact figures. He has worked in West Yorkshire before coming to NY and assures the Parish Council that everyone is keen to do a good job in this force.

ACC Kennedy outlined what is envisaged for the future of NY Police. Three things could affect their model for the future:

Election - The election this May could have measured influence on future Policing.

Finance - This has been cut in the last 5 years and £28m more cuts are to come, this would mean losing 400 officers from the present 1392 ,

Operational Policing Model -They intend to re-align what they do, moving away from centred offices in York to City and County models. This would mean 4 Investigation Hubs (York/Skipton/Harrogate/Northallerton.) They have already closed Selby custody cells and all criminals from Selby are taken to York for charging. The figures for NY prove that 1-5th of the crime in our area are cross border criminals. The force will be getting more Number Plate Recognition cameras to try and target these offenders more easily. More Mobile technology is to be introduced with all officers having I pads to get direct access to all information without having to return to the office to do this. This would make better use of officers time.

Crime has fallen across NY in the past few years, this appears now to be plateauing out but NY continues to be a safe place to live.

Councillor Lake asked if tablets would be safeguarded and where would they be processed.

ACC Kennedy states the officers would have ID passwords and all information would go direct to head office. This would mean direct access to Head Office instead of at present taking notes at an incident and then returning to the office to put this on computer, which would mean officers would be where they should be out on the streets instead of in the office.

Councillor Packham asked how many ANPR they have at present and how many are envisaged. ACC Kennedy reports at present they have approx. 20 to 22 and this would go up to 48-50 units. He would send more detailed figures to the Council. Councillor Packham also asked about the City and County model- would this be quite a large area. ACC Kennedy states that Selby would be in the Harrogate Area . Councillors thought this would mean a vast area and could be a problem.

ACC Kennedy stressed that they do not intend to cut down on PC's or PCSO's it is intended to cut down on Senior Officers, Front line officers will have more responsibility and they are committed to checking welfare so that no unnecessary stress on officers occurs due to these changes.

Councillors Mrs Prescott and Mrs B. Thwaite asked if Volunteers will be still used as Sherburn-in-Elmet station is manned by volunteers at the present time. ACC Kennedy stressed that no plans at the moment to change this situation. Seeking to work with other "partners" in local "hubs" which would make the force more cost effective. Volunteers are a massive part of Policing, which is a benefit to the Community and to Police work and they will be looking at how they can maximise the Volunteers contribution.

Councillor Packham stated that at present this Council are looking at taking over Library in the village as a hub for all services and would like the Police to be involved in this. ACC Kennedy stated we are all thinking along the same lines.

Councillor Hobson asked if the force has measures in case of terrorism, which could happen. ACC Kennedy reports yes there are plans for additional security if terrorism occurred this is a challenge even to rural areas, he assured Councillors that if this arose there would be plenty of cover.

Councillor Lake asked what the review of staff would mean. ACC Kennedy replied that Sgts would be reduced by approx 20 by retirements and would re-invest in more Constables.

Councillor Lake asked if they would have more Support Staff with these changes. ACC Kennedy stated they would have more technical equipment rather than more staff.

Chairman asked if Crime was decreasing or is it because these are being downgraded.

ACC Kennedy states this is reasonable challenge. Police have been guilty of not making sure crimes are recorded they do need to be sharp and keep a check on this. At the present time Cyber Crime is a big problem but the new Cyber Crime unit will help this problem.

Chairman asked if we need an officer at certain times would we have to pay for this.

Councillor Lake said like 7 - 11 on Saturday evenings. ACC Kennedy said this could be looked at, but if we have problems the Police should be there anyway.

Councillor Lake asked if crimes would be "screened" out . ACC Kennedy states they assess all calls if resident Ok to deal with this on the 'phone then this is done.

Councillors Lake and Jordan asked if main Officers would stay longer, we just get one in post and he is redeployed elsewhere, continuity would be helpful. ACC Kennedy .reports that continuity is a big challenge but this happens in all areas.

Councillor Lake asked who is responsible for taking offenders from Selby to York when they are arrested. ACC Kennedy states arresting officer takes them and they are then handed over to custody officers at York and the officer can then get back to his duties.

Chairman asked if there are any specific issues which will affect this village in their future plans. ACC Kennedy reports there are no bombshells planned in future for Sherburn-in-Elmet.

The Chairman thanked ACC Kennedy for attending and asked that any further information which affects this Parish Council be sent to the Clerk.

## **88. PUBLIC OPEN SESSION**

No public present

## **89. NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**To Report and take comments on.**

**County Councillor reports;**

**Library Consultation** -County Councillor reports that the Public meeting had been well attended 60 members of the public. Full notes of this meeting had been sent to all Councillors. Quite a few of people attended had signed up after the meeting to get involved with this project.

**Grass cutting** - Meeting has been arranged with all parties for Monday the 2nd February there will be a full report at next meeting.

**Highway Issues** -These are still ongoing.

**South Milford Station** - Northern Rail have agreed not to put warning notices on cars at the present time. SADRUG's Reg French is in hospital at the present time, but is improving. Councillor Packham would send Parish Council wishes for his speedy recovery.

## **90. CORRESPONDENCE .**

**i) To Receive letter from website regarding changes to Burial Legislation-exhumations.** Copies been sent to all Councillors. Agreed this is not relevant to this Parish Council.

**ii) To Receive letter from website and also NALC regarding Section 137 monies for next financial year.** This will be £7.36 per elector

**iii) To Receive letter from website clarification of Consultation on Regulations this could ultimately be a decision that has to be implemented.** Copies been sent to all Councillors. Councillors noted this. Councillor Doherty states that 10% of electorate have to request this.

**iv) To Receive letter from SDC asking for exact site for Car Park signs in Church View (Clerk has sent map)** they also state they would have to seek permission from NYCC as to whether they would allow there installation. Councillor Packham asked Clerk to send details and he would chase this up

**v) To Receive letter from Passenger Transport with changes to bus services.** 492/493 Tadcaster minor changes to time of services to improve reliability. Financially supported by NYCC.

402/403 Selby-Leeds 8am journey will no longer operate now 7.30am or 8.30am also 6.25 will no longer operate now 0605 or 0700. This service is mainly commercial. These are the only 2 routes which affect this village.

**vi) To Receive letter from website about Local Council Award Scheme.**

This new scheme will celebrate the success of the very best councils. There are 3 levels. Foundation/Quality and Gold Quality . Chairman has checked with NALC and the cost would be £50 to register then approx £50 per level. Councillor Packham asked if the Parish Council get any financial benefits from this. Councillor thought this was not a good use of Council funds at the present time.

**vii) To Receive letter from YLCA and also website regarding Local Govt. Financial Settlements referendum for larger Councils.**

Chairman reports that at present this only applies to councils with precepts over £500k but this could be made for smaller councils. Chairman has written to NALC and MP with the

view that as we are getting more and more services to provide due to cut backs from District and County to think of capping Parishes is ridiculous. **All councillors approved of this action.**

**viii) To Receive letter from NYCC regarding street lighting being switched off midnight to 5am. All parishes will be contacted in the near future for their comments on proposals for their areas. Clerk reports we have received ours today so will be on next months agenda. Councillors taken website details to look at details before next meeting.**

## **91. PARISH COUNCIL BUSINESS r.**

### **a) PLANNING**

**i) Report on Planning meeting** - No meeting held. Councillor Doherty reported on Plan Selby meeting he had attended. Main grumbles were that inadequate time allowed for Councils to respond and that Selby are not likely to take any notice anyway. This Parish Councils submissions had gone in on time.

**ii) Report from Transport/Traffic sub-committee** - No meeting held

### **b) COUNCIL**

**i) Project Officers Report (previously sent) - This was agreed.**

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

**iii) Report from sub-committee Community Action Plan.** Meeting will be called in near future on this. As previously reported Grass cutting meeting is scheduled for 2nd February. .

**iv) Update on parking Problems in Low Street.**

The signs are up but cars still parking. This has to be reported to Harrogate, agreed Councillors take photographs of offending vehicles and send to County Councillor and he will send them on, then officers will be sent out to deal with these vehicles.

**v) Update on NYCC Youth Services**-Councillor Packham will try and get another meeting organised in the near future.

**vi) Update on Problems with Japanese Knotweed** -Councillor Lake reports he has Contacted Environmental Agency and they say it is nothing to do with them. Councillor Lake then wrote to Home Office but no reply yet. Councillor Packham has raised this with SDC direct and they knew nothing of this problem, will keep monitoring action on this.

**vii) To report copy of Contractors Insurance been received and now on file**

**viii) To Discuss "The Hub" proposals-**

Councillor Packham reports that group was set up some time ago to look at this idea. They have had discussions with NYCC Library/CAB/Police/District Council/Visiting Scheme/Childrens Centre and County Council lots of parties interested in this scheme. This would maintain services in the village and maybe employ a member of staff to run this.

Councillor Packham is asking for permission for himself and Chairman to meet with County Council and all interested parties to see what can be done to get this project off the ground.

**Agreed that this meeting be arranged and that exact details of what is proposed be brought back to next PC Meeting. Also agreed that we maintain a good Parish**

**Councillor interest in this project and that this meeting discusses state of the building and liability of the group taking this over.**

### **c) FINANCE**

**i) To Agree minutes or Finance Meeting held on Monday 17th January 2015 (attached) Resolved these minutes and actions proposed be approved**

**ii) To Agree Precept for 2015/16. Resolved that this be set at £150,000 as proposed by Finance Committee.**

ii) **Cheques totalling £5,364.23 (see separate list) were approved and signed by the Councillors.**

d) **LAND & PREMISES**  
**No Land & Premises meeting held.**

e) **PERSONNEL/TRAINING**  
**No Personnel issues.**

## 92. OTHER REPORTS

a) **Selby Rail Users** – Report in County Councillors issues.

b) **Gala Committee report**-No report

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

d) **Community Association** -No meeting held

e) **Eversley Park Centre** – Chairman reports that he and Councillor Packham attended the last Eversley Park Committee meeting to let them know what is going on in the village. A Beer Festival was discussed at this meeting but they are trying to get someone to run this. Councillor Mrs Prescott suggested they contact Ray Newton at Monk Fryston as he runs their festival.

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

g) **C.E.F.'s** - Councillor Hobson reports that there is a Youth Club run by CEF's where Youths pay £2 entrance fee and this is self funding, they can pay staff to run this. Chairman thought this would be a good idea maybe charge £1 which should pay for someone to run it. Councillors would prefer if the Friday evening one could be at the Eversley Park Centre, Councillor Thwaite stated that this is not now available every Friday evening and there is no equipment left in the Centre as this was removed when the Drop in finished. **Agreed that Councillor Thwaite approach Eversley Park regarding availability of the centre.**

h) **Rugby Club** – No report.

i) **Angling Club** -No Report. Councillor Hobson states that contact for this area is now Mark Adams

j) **White Rose Football Club** - No report.

k) **Fairways area** - Project Officer waiting for quote for signage..

l) **Aero Club Liaison Committee** - Meeting was cancelled no date arranged for next meeting.

m) **Community Mini Bus** - Project Officer reported that step was broken part been ordered will be fitted when arrives. Bookings are picking up. Councillor Brown has sent in form for grant application for a new bus.

n) **Village Centre Project** - Councillor Jordan reports that meeting to be held on 2nd February when they hope to get the £100k approved for this project.

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

### Items for information only

i) **Letter from NYCC regarding switching off Street Lighting midnight -5am**

This would be on next PC agenda.

ii) **Letter from NYCC regarding Minerals & waste Local Plan -copy been sent to all councillors - response required by 13th March. -This will be on next agenda.**

iii) **Letter from HS2 residents Charter & Commissioner** - copies been sent to all Councillors for information.

iv) **Letter from Southern CEF's briefings- do we wish to receive copies?**

Agreed this could be informative.

**v) Letter from YLCA regarding legal right to use Electronic Communication for summons of Council meetings** We have done this for some time with Councillors agreement.

**vii) To Receive copy of White Rose update- copies been sent to all Councillors.**