

# Sherburn Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in the Methodist Chapel  
at 7pm

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Attended by: Cllr Chris Miles (Chairman)  
Cllr I Walker-Stabler (Vice-Chairman)  
Cllr J Skelton  
Cllr A Oulton  
Cllr J Waller  
Cllr D Blyth  
Cllr J Peel  
Cllr C Cade  
District Cllr J Raper  
Miss S Lathwood (Clerk)

Three members of the public in attendance with regards speaking to the representative from NYCC and the village potholes and grant applications.

**1/17 Absent from meeting:**

Cllr T Webborn  
County Cllr J Sanderson

**2/17 Declarations of Interest:**

Cllr Walker-Stabler declared his interest in the grant application from St Hilda's Church regarding their grass cutting.  
Cllr Waller declared his interest in the grant application from Sherburn Play School.

**3/17 Previous Minutes:**

Minutes from meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2017 were circulated and approved by Cllr Oulton and seconded by Cllr Walker-Stabler.

**4/17 Public Forum:**

Mrs Laura Waller and Rev Joseph Kinsella attended to provide further information with regards the grant application from Sherburn Playgroup.

Members of the public attended with regards to discussing the village pothole issue with Sharon Fox from NYCC.

One member of the public confirmed that she had contacted NYCC last week to place a complaint about the potholes in the village streets and the damage that had been caused to her car by them. A complaint form for making an insurance claim was completed and handed directly to Sharon Fox.

Ms Fox stated that Ryedale Council had an annual budget of £780,000 for maintenance and that the local officers were responsible for carrying out inspections of any 'safety defects' i.e. potholes.

To be classed as in need of repair, potholes must be 40mm minimum.

The roads in Sherburn were last inspected in February 2017 and are inspected every three months. The last report showed that the roads were being classed as 'impaired'.

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All repairs are made temporarily and the decision as to whether to make the repair permanent is made by Asset Management at Ryedale Council. The average cost to repair a pothole is £150.00pm2, but there is less than £1.00 allocated per metre of road.

The responsible officers are; Simon Lyth – Highways Officer, James Malcolm – Area Manager and a new Maintenance Manager.

Concerns were raised over the issues with being able to report potholes online. At this time, only one problem can be reported at anytime, meaning that reporting anything can be time consuming. It was confirmed that numerous potholes could be reported at one site e.g. St Hilda's Street, but it had to be one location per report. There is a new online portal planned to 'go live' in the summer of 2017 for use by the parish councils.

Cllr Cade mentioned that the mud build up along the A64, that was discussed at the previous meeting, has now been cleared.

White Gates and Skedales were brought up with regards the build up of silt and grit washing down onto the A64. There was some works done in 2012 to clear two of the grips, but they continue to block and flood. Ms Fox gave the contact of Karen Gaunt at Highways England who may be of assistance.

The house sited at the A64 crossroads was discussed again as it continues to be splashed by the extreme puddle which is still occurring whenever it rains. Cllr Cade raised his concerns that the crossroads flooding was obstructing the pedestrian crossing which a number of children use. Having to cross at another point of the road is putting them, and other pedestrians, in danger

Ms Fox confirmed that the gully cleaning is completed around twice a year and the last report says that there were no issues.

The west side of St Hilda's Street also suffers from flooding and Ms Fox agreed to raise the matter with the new maintenance manager and arrange a site meeting.

Cllr Cade reminded the council that around 18 months ago Kingspan had pipes fitted outside 27-33 St Hilda's Street to support the installation of solar panels. These works and the repairs have left a drop in the kerb. While this has been reported to Street Works at NYCC, no inspection was carried out. Ms Fox is to investigate possibly issuing a defect notice to see if this can be rectified as all works carried out have a stipulation that the street must be returned to its original state.

Cllr Cade is concerned that the village is being neglected and the occupants are feeling this neglect.

Cllr Miles noted again that Sherburn is a service village, but this does not seem to be being taken into consideration when it comes to repairs. Yet Ganton and Rillington are not, but are receiving considerable funds for road repairs. Ms Fox confirmed that Sherburn receives the required £0.10 per £1.00 of Council Tax spent on its roads, although there are larger funds available from central government.

Ms Fox stated that all of Sherburn's road have been scored and have not been shown as being in need of any urgent repairs.

It was raised that Kingspan and Severfield have previously offered to pay for a slip road from their site straight onto the A64, but this was refused by Highways.

Ms Fox was told that Church Lane is now down to the tarmac and the pavement along West Garth is crumbling, both repairs that she will raise with the maintenance manager.

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She confirmed that between 21<sup>st</sup> October 2016 and 17<sup>th</sup> March 2017, there has been 19 visits undertaken to Sherburn to fill in potholes. These have been temporary repairs only as permanent repairs are only carried out when needed. Cllr Miles showed her a video taken of the most recent 'repair' when the potholes was filled in with loose gravel and stood on by the work man, but not properly compacted and as a result is already in need of further repairs.

District Cllr Raper asked about the clearing, repairs and maintenance of the grips in order to start the prevention of silt build up and the flooding that is a result. Ms Fox noted that NYCC needed to work with Highways to get all of the issues rectified back to the cause and that as part of their contract, the gullies and grips need to be shown as clear and running. There is additional funding available for repairs which can be applied for.

Cllr Cade requested copies of the last two drainage reports, so it can be established why they are not finding the same issues as are being reported to the council and Ms Fox agreed to find plans of the highways drainage.

The Clerk is to agree a meeting between NYCC, the Parish Council and Highways England and it was raised by Cllr Cade that a walking inspection of the A64 had taken place earlier today by Highways.

The old village pond is to be investigated as a number of issues appear to have arisen following its being filled in.

It was agreed that Cllr Cade would meet with the new maintenance manager to complete an inspection, so that all issues could be raised, including the temporary inlay filling that has been done between the speed bumps along St Hilda's Street.

**5/17 Action Taken from 4:** See Item 4

**6/17 Representative From North Yorkshire County Council**  
See item 4

**7/17 Report:**

- i) PC Andy Burkinshaw has been in touch with Cllr Miles and has a meeting tomorrow. There has been an increase in the number of burglaries in the area and Cllr Miles recommended that everything should be secured. There has been no update from the CAP as their meetings coincide with the Parish meetings. This is something that will need to be reviewed at a future date.

Concerns have been raised over the new police officer for the area, who has yet to be seen. PC Burkinshaw is to chase this up and try to get a more visible police presence.

- ii) District Cllr Raper confirmed that the restructure at Ryedale Council has been finalised without any compulsory redundancies, only voluntary.

Council Tax for 2017/18 has been set with an increase of £4.34 to Ryedale Council and £0.66 for special expenses. There have been savings made of £3million.

Cllr Raper confirmed that Nicky Lishman at Ryedale works within the Safer Communities Section would be a possible point of contact with regards to the dog fouling issue discussed at the previous meeting. The Clerk agreed to make contact and request the signs for marking the village pavements.

It was confirmed that there is the intention to 'farm out' the duties of the Pest Control Section and the Dog Warden at Ryedale Council, along with the Tree Preservation Officer.

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Creation of new posts have not been ruled out in the future, especially in enforcement.

There are plans for 2 part-time posts in planning enforcement.

- 111) County Councillor Sanderson was unable to attend the meeting, but sent a report to be distributed to the members of the council.

She responded to the concerns raised about the state of the Highways and noted that these will be raised with Sharon Fox at the meeting.

Cllr Sanderson reported that, following the previous meeting, she has signed up to the community policing on her mobile and has found it very helpful. She has raised with the interim police inspector that this is only a one way system and he is to look at this further. It was also mentioned that there is a Facebook page which allows people to report crimes, but this is not necessarily anonymous.

Concerns have been raised at the Ryedale Area Committee about the worrying increase in sexting with young people in the area.

There is now a Community Speed Watch in North Yorkshire and they are keen to set up a scheme in the local area.

Cllr Sanderson also raised the issue of dog fouling and is keen to see offenders made an example of when caught.

#### **8/17 Clerks Report**

The Clerk handed out the circulation folder for perusal by all councillors,

A email has been received from the YLCA requested recommendations for grass cutting services in Upper Poppleton near York. The Clerk requested the Councillors approval to put forward Ian Walker-Stabler's details, they were happy for this to go ahead.

The Clerk requested permission to attend Transparency Fund Training in Middleham. This was approved by all Councillors.

#### **9/17 Finances:**

The Finance Committee were presented with the ledger for approval, along with bank reconciliation. It was confirmed that all accounts were balanced to the ledger.

#### **Cash Book**

Opening Balance £15796.11

Plus Income £0.00

Less Expenditure £889.50 Cheques approved at 20/02/17 meeting

Closing Balance £14906.61

**Bank Reconciliation Balance £14906.61**

#### **Bank Balance as at 19<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Current Account £240.64

Business Account £14665.97

**Bank Reconciliation Balance £14906.61**

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Cheques presented and approved for payment this month totalling: £1382.47

101720	Autela Payroll	£38.55
101721	Sherburn Forge	£133.95 (Pathways)
101722	I A Walker-Stabler	£598.00
101723	Ryedale District Council	£10.00
101724	YLCA	£289.00
101725	Miss S Lathwood	£287.97
101726	SLCC	£25.00

Three grant applications have been received from St Hilda's Church, Sherburn Methodist Chapel (Christmas Luncheon) and Sherburn Playschool.

Copies of all applications were circulated to the councillors and additional information was provided with regards to the application from the Playschool.

It was confirmed that the playschool is nothing to do with NYCC, but is a charity looking to carry out works to improve its site and OFSTED have checked, and will report on, the condition of the Portakabin currently being used.

The monies that they have applied for will enable them to offer a secure outside space for the children as suggested by OFSTED. The type of fencing they intend to purchase is designed to allow for movement and extension at a later date should the school allow it.

It was agreed by all councillors that the following be approved;

St Hilda's Church	£600.00
Methodist Chapel (Christmas Luncheon)	£250.00
Sherburn Play Group	£650.00

These cheques are to be presented for signing at the next Parish Council meeting.

#### **10/17 Planning Applications:**

There has been no update received with regards the complaint made about the works being carried out on Brewery Fields.

It was confirmed that the appeal raised by Gladmans has been rejected by Ryedale Council, following the meeting attended by Cllr Miles.

Cllr Miles expressed his concerns that the increased requirements on insulation and soundproofing being requested by Ryedale Council would be hard to satisfy.

A new application has been received from Broadacres Housing Association for a further two houses to be built on Walnut Grove. This application and plans has been circulated around the councillors and comments are to be sent back to the Clerk by 27 March 2017 to allow her to respond to Ryedale Council. Cllr Miles felt that the application should be rejected due to the historical issues that Sherburn have with builds completed by Broadacres i.e. the current homes on Walnut Grove.

It is to be noted that the current site boundary has not been maintained as Broadacres had agreed to and there is no access to Church View, meaning that occupants are having to walk along the main road to get to the playing fields. With two additional homes this will mean more of an obstruction when walking or driving on to St Hilda's Street and more people needed to use the route.

The objections raised when the site was originally developed are still applicable.

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**11/17 Maintenance:**

The notice board is being repainted and mud has been cleared from some of the village roads.

The caretaker is also to clear Beckside this month.

**12/17 Pathways**

Cllr Webborn arrived late to the meeting and gave an update on the project.

30 metres of pathway, starting at the playing fields, has now been flattened and finished.

Further items are being sourced for future construction and Flixton Sawmill has agreed to store the lumber purchased until it is needed.

Various ideas are being put together for fundraising, such as a duck race along East Beck.

Councillors mentioned the possible need for heavy or larger machinery going forward to help complete the work more quickly, including the relocation of some flora and fauna along the route.

Trees along the pathway are still to be marked for removal, but the letters have been distributed to inform the local residents of the intention.

There is to be a litter pick in the Wildwood and the local school children are being encouraged to put up posters to prevent litter dropping in the future.

Notice of the councillor vacancies is to be forwarded to Cllr Webborn for inclusion in the next addition of the Wolds Warbler.

A notice inviting members of the public to attend meetings in the future is to be placed in the next edition of the Wolds Warbler.

**13/17 Next Agenda:**

The following items are to be added to the next meeting agenda;

- Update on flooding and drain blockages along A64
- Planning Update regarding Broadacres development
- Update from Kingspan and Severfield regarding vehicle weights and village roads

**14/17 Next Meeting:**

To be held at Methodist Hall on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017 at 7pm

The meeting closed at 9.10 pm

Signed..... Chairman

24<sup>th</sup> April 2017