

Sherburn Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Council meeting held on 24th April 2017 in the Methodist Chapel
at 7pm

Attended by: Cllr Chris Miles (Chairman)
Cllr I Walker-Stabler (Vice-Chairman)
Cllr J Skelton
Cllr A Oulton
Cllr D Blyth
Cllr J Peel
Cllr C Cade
County Cllr J Sanderson
Miss S Lathwood (Clerk)
Mrs B Skaife - Ryedale Council Community Team

One member of the public

1/17 Absent from meeting:

Cllr J Waller – Apologies received and accepted
Cllr T Webborn - Apologies received
District Cllr J Raper - No apologies received

2/17 Declarations of Interest:

No Declarations

3/17 Previous Minutes:

Minutes from meeting on 20th March 2017 were circulated and approved by
Cllr Walker-Stabler and seconded by Cllr Oulton, with the following amendments;

- Cllr Cade asked that an amendment be made to confirm that an inspection was carried out following the Kingspan pipes works outside 27-33 St Hilda's Street.
- It was Wards not Kingspan or Severfield who offered to pay for a slip road to be constructed
- Both Church Lane and Church View are worn down to the concrete, not the tarmac as previously minuted.

4/17 Public Forum:

A member of the public attended the meeting to discuss the lack of facilities for the young adults of the village.

Young men have been found on the Wellesley site and on Pigeon Pie Court car park using scooters and skateboards. Police have been called to remove them, but have been unable to due to it being a civil matter. The have also been spotted playing 'chicken' on the A64.

They want somewhere to 'play' within the village, but state that a previous petition was thrown out by a previous chairman. The Clerk confirmed that there was no record of any petition or letter from members of the public requesting any facilities.

It was noted that with the plans being approved to build an additional 73 houses in the village, the numbers of young adults was going to increase and facilities should improve to accommodate this.

Cllr Miles also raised that complaints have been made about the rails at the doctor's surgery being used by skateboarders, but he recalled that previous requests for facilities had been unable to be progressed as the costs and insurance proved to be prohibitive.

Approved:

Bridget Skaife from Ryedale District Council discussed the possibility of using funds from the 106 agreements from the new builds and agreed that she would find out some more information regarding this.

Cllr Sanderson stated that there is the short term issue of getting these individuals off the building site, car park and doctors surgery, while the long term issue is getting facilities for them, similar to the one built in Norton.

North Yorkshire Youth Group is available to come in to Sherburn and assist in setting up a volunteer group to deal with the fundraising and design of any facilities.

Cllr Miles mentioned the possibility of a Youth Shelter which would provide free WiFi, possibly on the Playing Fields site.

Cllr Cade stated that the Gladman's plans appeared to include a play area, but there would be concerns over excessive noise should there be a skate park or similar facilities in the middle of the new houses.

Pitches have already been allocated for village associations on the Playing Fields, but the possibility of asking for a site for development was raised.

Cllr Cade and Cllr Sanderson made the suggestion that the young individuals be invited to attend a meeting to discuss in more detail what it is that they are wanting. Cllr Miles agreed that he would speak to them to discuss it further and to also speak to the junior school council as they would be the next generation to be using any new facilities.

5/17 Action Taken from 4: See Item 4

6/17 Ryedale Council Community Team Representative
Bridget Skaife confirmed that Sherburn was in Area 5.

The newly created Community Team are being used as the eyes and ears of the council. They deal with community issues such as;

- Abandoned cars
- Planning notices
- Fixed Penalty Notices
- Community Grants / 106 Agreements
- Pubwatch
- Community Events – Such as the Horsefair (the local police have been making pre-emptive strikes on known sites)
- RyeCare
- Neighbourhood Watch Schemes
- Road Safety

106 Agreement monies can be applied for in mid-May and following the previous items discussion regarding a skate park or other facilities being created in the village, it was mentioned that an application for community grant or 106 monies which could be used to part-fund any developments.

Bridget agreed to look at the grants available and see if there are any 106 agreement monies being held for Sherburn parish.

Cllr Miles is to coordinate with Bridget to arrange for the road markings outside Sherburn School to be replaced.

Approved:

It was also noted that the local PCSO will be attending the school to complete a road safety tale on Tuesday 2 May 2017.

Cllr Sanderson raised the issue of the poor condition of the A64 and the flooding. The Clerk confirmed that she had emailed Sharon Fox from NYCC following the last meeting, but had yet to receive a reply. Cllr Cade also expressed his concerns.

Cllr Sanderson stated that there is a traffic light system when it comes to road repairs, with red meaning that the road needs to be repaired urgently in order to avoid further damage.

A map downloaded from NYCC website was circulated to show the intended road repairs in the local area. Concerns were raised that a number of lesser used roads were being closed for major repairs, including large sections of the A64, but any roads within Sherburn were not being touched.

Cllr Miles requested that the Clerk again chase up information from Kingspan and Severfield regarding the volume and tonnage of vehicles which drive through Sherburn and to attempt to arrange a meeting with the Transport Managers. Previous agreements made regarding their vehicles parking on the road side need to be discussed again as vans are beginning to park off site again after being requested not to.

There should be a parking warden patrolling the village regularly, but no one has seen them for a long time.

A number of potholes have been filled in today and there is a petition being circulated to show the concerns about the road conditions is shared by the entire village.

7/17 Reports:

- i) Hunters with dogs have been coming to the area from the Middlesbrough area, they are recording their hunts and taking them back home for bets to be placed on which dog will have the kill. Some have already been caught, but if any suspicious vehicles are seen, the registration should be reported to either the rural team or to Cllr Miles.

The 2017 horse-fair is coming up and the Clerk is to chase up information regarding the meetings held by the local councils to discuss any concerns.

- ii) There was no District Councillor report.
- iii) County Cllr Sanderson reported that the Council was currently in Purdah for the local elections.

A 2% increase in Council Tax for the Social Care system was confirmed.

Cllr Sanderson stated that she has raised the Police Warning Text System up at her last county meeting as she has found it to be extremely useful, but felt it would be better if it were a two-way system. Reporting via Facebook is available, but there are concerns over the lack on anonymity. Alternatives are being looked into.

Street sweeping was raised as this should be taking place on all of the village road, but it was confirmed that the last time they were swept was at the end of 2016 and that had only been on St Hilda's Street. Weed spraying should also have been done, but this is being done by the village caretaker as Ryedale and North Yorkshire Councils are not coming out to do the job.

Cllr Sanderson raised the petition mentioned earlier and said that it could be presented to the Area Committee as both Highways and NYCC will be there.

It was also suggested that Safer Ryedale may be a point of contact with regards to the road safety issues, as well as the damp issue on the houses next to the flooding.

Approved:

8/17 Clerks Report

The Clerk handed out the circulation folder for perusal by all councillors, including the map showing road closures discussed earlier.

The Clerk requested permission to attend YLCA New Clerk Training in York on 6 May 2017. This was approved by all Councillors.

An email has been received from the Ryedale Area Committee asking for members, this was circulated for consideration by the members.

The pavement stencil for dog fouling has been priced at £38.00 each and can be purchased by the council. This spending was approved and the Clerk is to place the order.

An update on 'The Battles Over' was passed to the Councillors to keep them updated on the event in November 2018.

The Clerk has been in contact with the Community Speedwatch organisation and has included the information in the circulation folder. Cllr Miles expressed his concerns that they expected villagers to report on their neighbours.

Cllr Cade asked if the Clerk could contact the school to request that anybody visiting the school be asked to park next to the school rather than in front of it, which causes an obstruction to the main street.

Cllr Walker-Stabler requested that the Clerk secure a new license for the village's brown garden waste bin.

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	£14906.61	
Plus Income	£11500.00	Parish Precept
Less Expenditure	£1382.47	Cheques approved on 20/03/17
Closing Balance	£25024.14	

Bank Reconciliation Balance £25024.14

Bank Balance as at 23rd April 2017

Current Account	£524.14
Business Account	£24500.00

Bank Reconciliation Balance £25024.14

Cheques presented and approved for payment this month totalling: £4664.53

101727	I A Walker-Stabler	£598.00
101728	Sherburn Play School	£650.00
101729	St Hilda's Church	£600.00
101730	Sherburn Methodist Chapel	£250.00
101731	Flixton Sawmill	£316.02 (Pathways)
101732	NYCC	£1642.82
101733	Miss S Lathwood	£325.29
101734	HMRC	£167.40
101735	YLCA	£115.00

Approved:

10/17 Planning Applications:

There has been no update received with regards the complaint made about the works being carried out on Brewery Fields, the Clerk is to chase this up.

Plans for the Blue Chip site by Wellesley Homes have been approved, but there are issues with security on the site, it is hoped that once the works start on the site security is increased.

The Clerk confirmed that she wrote to Ryedale Council confirming that Sherburn Parish Council is against the new Broadacres application and the reasons.

11/17 Maintenance:

The noticeboard has been repaired and is back up. There are four keys, one with the Clerk, one with Cllr Miles, one with Cllr Walk-Stabler and the final key is with the occupant of the house next to Lime Tree Cottage.

There are two pumps in the village with wooden housing, which needs repairing or replacing. This will be undertaken by the Caretaker once the weather gets warmer.

He is to complete further weed spraying through the village, along with clearing and tidying of the footpath edging.

The Clerk is to chase up NYCC to clear the edging along Station Road, but the Caretaker and Cllr Miles are able to do this work should they need to.

The Caretaker is also to clear the cobbles in Sherburn of moss.

12/17 Ideas for activities for younger residents in the village

This was discussed in the Public Forum. An example given of a similar project was a skate park which has already been completed in Thornton Le Dale.

13/17 Pathways

There was no meeting held in April, so the next one will be on 6th May 2017.

Cllr Miles is to speak to someone with regards to the use of a mini-digger on the Pathways site to speed up the work.

14/17 Next Agenda:

The next meeting will include the Annual Assembly, the Annual Meeting and the Ordinary Meeting.

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

- Road markings outside the doctors surgery dropped kerb
- Planning Update on the Brewery Fields complaint
- Update from Kingspan and Severfield

15/17 Next Meeting:

To be held at Methodist Hall on Monday 15th May 2017 at 7pm and will be preceded by the Annual Assembly and AGM which will commence at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Signed..... Chairman

15th May 2017