

South Milford Parish Council Monthly Ordinary Meeting Parish Councils Act, 1894

Minutes of an Ordinary meeting of South Milford Parish Council at Grove House, Grove Crescent, South Milford Soon after 7.30pm on 21st June 2022

1. Apologies and welcome all Councillors

Attending: Cllr Gore, Gigg, Shaw, Waters, Diamond, McAleese

Apologies: Cllr's Grogan & Brooksbank

Responsibility for drafting update for Milford Messenger – Cllr Shaw offered to do this month

2. Declarations of Disclosure Pecuniary and Other Interests – none

3. To approve Minutes from the Monthly Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 17th May 2022

Proposed Cllr shaw seconded Cllr McAleese – all agreed

Consider future of timing of minutes and potentially sharing draft minutes – it was agreed that the minutes would be displayed as draft as soon as possible after the meeting.

4. SDC Updates – Cllr Grogan – via Cllr Gore

- There are currently traveller groups in the area looking for places to settle
- NYCC advertised the planning application for the limestone quarry at Lumby - Clerk to find out if they can extend the timescale for comments
- Police are aware of the cars racing around the parish late at night
- Cllr Grogan has a highways meeting with Gary Lumb tomorrow morning - any issues for Cllr Grogan to raise, let him know tonight

5. Updates from areas of responsibility – with proposals and votes where relevant

- **Allocation of areas of responsibility between councillors** - Cllrs were largely happy with the split that Cllr Gore had circulated before the meeting, this will now be finalised.
- **Park**
 - **Any maintenance updates (including approval where needed)** – weedkilling on paths – Clerk to ask Kellingley's for a price, and inform Tom (Chair of Park Committee).
 - **Theatre in the Park event** - ticket sales picking up, no Parish Council actions.
 - **Update from Park Working Party – including summary of consultation feedback to date** – Cllr Shaw introduced Rebecca (whose daughter Willow is disabled and in a wheelchair) who has approached the council in the hope that some play equipment can be installed in the park that she can use. Cllr Gigg informed the meeting that after a recent Park Working Party meeting this was discussed, and they have gone away to put together ideas. They want to access the SDC funds if possible so are thinking big. Cllr Waters also mentioned that Captain Tobias who has cerebral palsy and autism from Sheffield has launched a campaign to make playgrounds more accessible. Cllr Waters also knows is Mum so will ask if he can come along to South Milford.

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Cllr Shaw informed the meeting that, in an individual capacity, she had received 60 plus signatures in support of a sensory garden in the park. Cllr Gigg noted that the Park Working Party is looking at all areas in the park, and possible improvements which could be made (including a possible sensory garden) - they are currently awaiting a proposal from GroundWork to be sent to discuss.

- **Confirmation of repair works following ROSPA inspection** – all ok and in hand.
- **Considerations regarding replacing / improving certain items of play equipment – possible SDC grant** – see above.
- **Correspondence regarding disabled access play equipment – possible grants** – see above.

- **Allotments**

- **Update on possible site and agree next steps** – Cllr Gore informed the meeting that he had spoken to the previous owner about the plot of land owned by the council on Turpin Lane, and the possibility of turning that into allotments. This conversation was required as the previous owner placed certain restrictive covenants on the council's use of this land. The outcome of this conversation was that the previous owner has provided his support to turning this land into allotments. Cllr Shaw to carry out an initial investigation / feasibility study and report back at a subsequent meeting.

- **Football club**

- **Update after Swan Croft meeting** – Cllr Diamond has shared the minutes with all Cllrs. There were a couple of actions from the meeting:
 1. To meet again to discuss how two football clubs can be one.
 2. Make a minor tweak to the lease agreement (probably via an addendum) to allow third parties which are not part of the Swan Croft Sports Association to use the land (potential with a fee payable) and to allow advertising in certain scenarios (i.e. where the revenue will be raised for improving/maintaining the facilities, and where the PC has given consent). These amendments were agreed by the Council.
- Anthony Eckford informed the meeting that the site preparation work was progressing ready for the changing room building being delivered.

- **Vacant land off Common Lane**

- **Consideration of newsletter feedback** – Feedback from a small number of residents is that they want the Council to take action to prevent the land moving into private ownership via adverse possession.
- **Updates and agree next steps** - Cllr McAleese to speak to a property specialist this week and report back.

- **Old Quarry (wooded area off Westfield Lane)**

- **Progress update** – Planning outline has gone into SDC. Using Section 106 funding should still be OK, and we are keeping them informed of progress. Invoices from Coyles (for project management work) have been received and the Council will be paying this month.
Cllr Waters suggested moving the 30-mph sign to the junction of Butts Lane and

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Westfield Lane. Cllr Waters to email Cllr Grogan to add to his meeting with Gary Lumb.

- **Consideration of resident feedback** - consider at a future meeting
- **Discussion and agreement on proposed design** - consider at a future meeting
- **Possible wildflower verges and grass cutting**
 - **Update following decision at last meeting to pause plans for wildflower verges** – Cllr Gore thanked Cllr Waters and Shaw for their work so far on this subject. Further investigations are ongoing, including the possibility of collecting seeds from Sherburn Willows. The Council were supportive of Cllrs Waters and Shaw continuing their investigations on this topic and will make a formal decision when more information (including costs) is available.
 - **Consideration of resident feedback** - this is being taken into account within the above investigations,
- **Highways**
 - **Update on Parish Council purchasing flashing speeding sign(s) for the village** – all paperwork done. Clerk to ask Cllr Grogan for progress report.
 - **Any updates/actions re parking issues on Low Street near the Cumin Lounge** – nothing to note, see separate item under planning regarding the taxi business application
 - **Possible areas for 20mph speed limits – resident feedback** – one reply to date, awaiting for more feedback
 - **Weed spraying around the Parish** – it was agreed to ask Kellingley's for a quotation. *Since the meeting we understand the SDC or NYCC have done this job.*
- **Newsletter feedback**
 - **Various items on Low Street** – see resident's email of 24 May – agree any actions - cover at future meeting, noting that Cllr Shaw agreed to tidy around the millstone near the BP garage.
- **Grove House**
 - **Update on accessibility and books in bus shelter** – Cllr Gigg updated the meeting on recent correspondence - hopefully the requirement for a key as well as the code will be dropped, and those residents who need access to the facilities inside we be provided with the code.
 - **Possible link to the Northern Power community energy scheme** – Cllr Waters to update at the next meeting.

6. Planning – *This should include a brief list of all planning applications to be discussed.*

Planning applications

- 2022/0673/TPO Crown lift to 5 m, 1 m tip reduction to small section of canopy and removal of branches which are obstructing the streetlight to 1 No Sycamore (T1) protected by TPO 9/2000
LOCATION: 115 High Street, South Milford – **No comments**

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- 2022/0556/TPO Application for consent to crown reduce 2 No Sycamore trees (T1 & T2) by 1.5m over the garden covered by TPO 12/2005
LOCATION: 118 High Street, South Milford – **No comments**
- 2022/0565/COU Change of use of car park for taxi business
LOCATION: 28 Low Street, South Milford - **Not enough detail/information to comment.**
Clerk agreed to have an informal discussion with the applicant to gain more information, and the Council will agree what comments to pass to SDC after this point.

Planning Granted

- 2022/0025/HPA Ashton House, 112B High Street, South Milford

7. Finance - To consider and approve forthcoming payments to be made:

- Sherburn Parish Council – monthly grass-cutting fee
- HAGS re South Milford Memorial Park new adventure play equipment – £29,467.78 (net of VAT amount covered by grant) – check this is ready to pay – **STILL NOT PAYING**
- BHIB insurance renewal as per quote – £1,375.24
- Coyle Personnel Ltd - £846.00 & £1331.64 = £2,177.64 (project management for Old Quarry project)
- Sports Turf Services (York) Ltd Scarifying football field – £510.00 (net of VAT amount will be re-imbursed by football club)
- Brian Hopper Audit fees – £90.00

All payments - proposed Cllr Gigg, seconded Cllr Gore, all agreed.

Signing off Parish Accounts in readiness to go to Auditors - Cllr Gore and Clerk signed.

8. Communications and Correspondence

Various correspondence from residents – Clerk/Chair to summarise and confirm replies have been sent where needed:

- Creditors SDC – members funding £3k towards the flashing speed sign
- Various responses to our Newsletter – passed to Cllrs and flagged on this agenda
- Kompan Outdoor play equipment brochure
- Email from resident about the weeds around the village

9. Items for future Agenda

Each Cllr is requested to use this opportunity to report minor matters of information not included elsewhere on the agenda and to raise items for future agendas. Cllrs are respectfully reminded that this is not an opportunity for debate or decision making.

10. Date of next meeting – 19th July 2022

The meeting closed at 9.40pm.

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