

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
7.30pm on 16th August 2022

1. Apologies and welcome all Councillors

Attending: Cllr Gore, Gigg, Diamond, Brooksbank, Waters

Apologies: Cllr Shaw, Grogan, McAleese

2. Declarations of Disclosure Pecuniary and Other Interests – none

3. To approve Minutes from the Monthly Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 21st June 2022

Proposed Cllr Gigg seconded Cllr Diamond. All agree.

4. SDC Updates – Cllr Grogan – not in attendance

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

- Park
 - Any maintenance updates (including approval where needed) – update on weedkilling on paths. **This will be done by the Park Committee, action picked up by Tom Bell.**
 - Update from park working group – including proposal to replace / improving certain items of play equipment via potential SDC grant. **Cllr Gigg and Cllr Waters are now on the Park Committee, also Rebecca the resident who attended the PC meeting regarding the play equipment. The working group has been wound up and the Park Committee is taking forward the play equipment project and discussions are taking place about the recent Groundworks report received (regarding the park as a whole). The sensory garden proposal will be considered as part of an overall look at the park.**
- Football club
 - Updates for Swan Croft meetings
 - Recent developments
 - Amendments / addendum to current lease

There was lengthy discussions between the Cllrs and members of the public in attendance (with an interest in the football club situation) regarding the Swan Croft / football club situation. The Parish Council noted its significant concerns regarding the current under usage of the land/facilities and the lack of proper governance within the various groups. Having considered various different options for resolving this issue, the following actions were agreed for Cllrs Diamond and Brooksbank (the Parish Council representatives on the Swan Croft committee):

 - **contact the Solicitor for clarification about the current lease, options for termination of this and the legal position regarding the changing rooms**
 - **arrange a Swan Croft meeting to update them of the Parish Council's concerns and discussions from this meeting**
- Vacant land off Common Lane

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- Updates and agree next steps – **After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would check with a resident who provided the name of a possible owner of the land and see if they would agree for the PC to put a notice on social media to try and gather any more details. There has also been interest from villagers for starting up a village group to look into this further.**
- Old Quarry (wooded area off Westfield Lane)
 - Progress update – **Cllr Gigg confirmed that the S106 money is safe as our planning application has been received. Cllr Gore to pass on resident's email to Cllr Gigg to respond.**
- Highways – **carried forward to next month due to time.**
 - Update on flashing speeding sign(s) for the village
 - Possible areas for 20mph speed limits – resident feedback
 - Parking near the T-Post - resident email
 - Update on weed spraying around the Parish
- Grove House - **carried forward to next month due to time**
 - Update on accessibility and books from bus shelter
 - Possible link to the Northern Power community energy scheme
- Poppy display
 - Situation with the Captain Parker war memorial at the China Palace – **Cllr Gore informed the PC that Ceri would be organising the poppy display for this year and needed clarification of the ownership of the wall and any impact of the development. Cllr Gore will respond to Ceri with any information we have.**
- Items only to be discussed if any meaningful updates: **carried forward to next month due to time**
 - Paths – any updates from NYCC
 - Allotments - main update expected at September meeting
 - Possible wildflower verges and grass cutting
 - South Milford Against Flooding – any updates
 - Sherburn Aero Club – any recent complaints

6. Planning – This should include a brief list of all planning applications to be discussed. Cllrs to briefly outline the application and note any comments regarding the applications:

Planning applications

- **2022/0706/HPA**
Loft conversion with front and rear dormers
2 Brooklands, South Milford - **Already granted**
- **Re-Consultation on planning application 2020/0790/HPA**
Removal of existing rear conservatory, to construct new single ext providing dining area and relocating kitchen. Main porch to be reconfigured for ease of access. Replacement of

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existing main roof and removal of mansard to improve first floor bedrooms, add guest room and install an ensuite. Existing mansard roof to be replaced with traditional dormers on front and back. Windows and doors to be replaced throughout.
Woodsetts, Milford junction, South Milford – **Already granted**

- **2022/0765/COU**
Change of use from agricultural land to dog exercise area with associated works (part retrospective)
Squires Coffee Bar, Newthorpe Lane, South Milford
South Milford Parish Council objects to the application due to the development encroaching on green belt land.

- **2022/0873/HPA**
Erection of single storey rear ext
17 Maple Close, South Milford – **No objections**

- **2022/0884/HPA**
Erection of first floor side and rear ext
15 School Lane, South Milford – **No objections**

- **2022/0565/COU**
Change of use of car park for taxi business
28 Low Street, South Milford
South Milford Parish Council objects to the application due to the noise pollution/loss of amenity as described in the Senior Environmental Health Officer's report, and to the impact on Highways: this part of Low Street is already heavily congested with traffic visiting the restaurant to the extent that public transport has been blocked from passing. It is our view that this application would significantly increase the danger already present by a) reducing the car parking currently available and b) increasing the likelihood of customers driving to the restaurant but leaving by taxi (and therefore leaving the vehicle they travelled in near the restaurant).

Refused Planning

- 2022/0038/HPA - 29 School Lane, South Milford

Planning Appeal

- APP/N2739/W/33/32966 1 The Cottages London Road, South Milford

Planning Granted

- 2021/0807/HPA - 62A Westfield Lane, South Milford
- 2022/0374/FUL – China Palace, South Milford
- 2022/0681/FUL – Hall Farm, Butts Lane, Lumby.
- 2020/0790/HPA – Woodsetts Milford junction, South Milford
- 2022/0198/FUL – South Milford Hotel, Great North Road, South Milford
- 2022/0706/HPA - 2 Brooklands, South Milford

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

- Clerk stipend and reimbursement

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- HAGS re South Milford Memorial Park new adventure play equipment – £29,467.78 (net of VAT amount covered by grant)
- Hart Law LLP (legal fee in connection with vacant land) - £492.00
- YLCA - Training fees - £66.80
- Leeds City council – Christmas light repairs - £1,416.00

All the above were approved by all Cllrs

8. Communications and Correspondence

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

- Resident brought to the attention of a Cllr about various issues around the village - most have been addressed now
- SDC planning committee 6 July Agenda – passed to Cllr’s for information
- Resident query re South Milford Junior Football Club
- Resident email regarding the Swan pub – **pass on Cllr Grogan’s details.**
- Electric vehicle charging points - webinar aimed at Parish Councils

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 - **nothing raised***

10. Date of next meeting – 27th September 2022

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