

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 27th September 2022

1. Apologies and welcome all Councillors

Attending: Cllr Gore, Gigg, Shaw, Waters, Diamond, McAleese, Brooksbank
Apologies: Cllr Grogan

2. Declarations of Disclosure Pecuniary and Other Interests

Cllrs Diamond and Brooksbank declared they sat on Swancroft committee.

3. To approve Minutes from the Monthly Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 16th August 2022

Draft version proposed Cllr Gore, seconded Cllr Gigg, all agreed. Note correspondence from South Milford AFC regarding the draft minutes will be responded to separately.

4. SDC Updates – Cllr Grogan - no updates as absent from meeting.

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

- Park
 - Any maintenance updates (including approval where needed) – **nothing - a park clean up event is scheduled for 16th October.**
 - Update on proposal to replace / improve certain items of play equipment via potential SDC grant – **Quotations have been provided and Tom Bell (as chair of Park Committee) is drafting the funding application. Cllr Gigg to check with Cllr Grogan and SDC with regards to the timeline and process for funding applications.**
 - Next steps following Groundworks report – **The Park Committee are now looking into the next steps for possible improvements to different areas of the park, noting that the sensory garden idea will form part of their considerations.**
- Football club
 - Updates for Swan Croft meetings. **A discussion was held between the members of the public present at the meeting and the councillors. The current situation is that only one football team is playing at the Mill Lane ground and various other South Milford teams which used to use the facility are now training/playing at alternative locations. The Parish Council is very keen that this current situation is rectified. It was agreed that more talks are needed to find a way through the current situation which will be acceptable to all parties, and that these will need to take place at separate meetings. The council is still awaiting legal advice requested regarding the terms of the lease.**
- Vacant land off Common Lane
 - Social media post to seek true owner - **All councillors agreed to publish such a post**
 - Resident correspondence - **The Chair welcomed and updated the new owners of the property next to the vacant land (who were present at the meeting).**

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- Old Quarry (wooded area off Westfield Lane)
 - Approval fee (£240) for plan drawing – (needed to finalise planning application) and £231 for planning application itself – **Proposed Cllr Gore, seconded Cllr Brooksbank, all agreed.**
 - Progress update – **Once payment is received, the planning application will be put through. It was agreed that the council should:**
 - **Respond to all original emails from residents who made comments about the proposed changes.**
 - **Alert residents via social media when the planning application is live**
- Highways
 - Update on flashing speeding sign(s) for the village – **ask Cllr Grogan for an update**
 - Possible areas for 20mph speed limits – resident feedback – **Cllr Waters suggested High Street, with Sand Lane and School Lane around the school being other obvious areas. It was agreed we should look into the process of applying to NYCC for 20 mph areas and perhaps consider this as part of a wider Highways plan for the parish.**
 - Parking around various junctions in the village - near the T-Post (resident email), opposite BP garage and at the top of The Nook – **These need further discussion to agree areas to raise formally with NYCC highways.**
 - Update on weed spraying around the Parish – has this now been completed? – **complete.**
 - **Clerk to ask Cllr Grogan to speak to NYCC Gary Lumb with regards to moving the 30mph sign on Westfield Lane from the entrance of the village back to the junction with Butts Lane and installing a sign as you leave the village on Westfield Lane stating this is a single track road with no passing places for 1.5 miles (similar to the one on Butts Lane).**
- Paths
 - Update regarding the path from Well Lane to railway crossing, via Mill Farm (including resident correspondence re unauthorised public use of private driveway) – **Cllr Waters updated the meeting that in 1995 permission was given to build the mushroom sheds across the footpath and the landowner moved the bridge by 30 metres. Then further buildings were developed on the route of the original path. For many years walkers have used the access track (in place of the legal route which is totally blocked), however this is private land, not a public right of way, and the present landowner is considering blocking public access. Cllr Waters is still researching this and will update at the next meeting.**
 - Update on the extended temporary closure of the railway crossing on the path from Low Mill Farm (on the bypass) to Norden's Barn Farm – **Cllr Waters updated that a resident is chasing NYCC and Nigel Adams office.**
 - Approach from Monk Fryston Parish Council regarding the lack of pedestrian routes between the villages, and a possible footpath along Lumby Lane – **This has been asked about before, but was put on hold until the A162 was developed. Cllr Waters to speak to Cllr Grogan in the first instance, given that in his SDC/NYC role he has responsibility for both parishes.**
 - Any updates from NYCC re issues raised – **none**

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- Allotments
 - Update from Cllr Shaw re feasibility of allotments on the Turpin Lane field – **Cllr Shaw updated the meeting on the allotments. Everything ok with the land and it appears suitable for allotments. Fencing will be needed along with a water bowser (as there is no water supply on site). Cllr Shaw to source quotations and come back to the council. Our spare noticeboard could be used on the allotments too. It was agreed that Cllr Shaw should organise a public meeting to share information about the possible allotments and gauge interests for allotments in this location.**

Separately it was also agreed that Cllr Shaw's husband is to remove the noticeboard from the wall in Lumby (which is subject to a housing development) and make into a freestanding one to go on the village green in Lumby.
- Lumby display and events
 - Request for further funding to support Halloween, Christmas and Easter displays on the village green - £175.00 **Proposed Cllr Brooksbank, seconded Cllr Waters, all agreed.**
- Grove House
 - Update on accessibility and books from bus shelter – have these been moved? **These have now been removed. Cllr Gigg to follow up on the access to Grove House, noting the possibility that it could be used as a “warm space” during the winter ahead.**
 - Possible link to the Northern Power community energy scheme – **needs more time to discuss.**
- Items only to be discussed if any meaningful updates:
 - Possible wildflower verges and grass cutting – **It has been agreed to do wildflowers on the grass verges outside the farm on Low Street. Cllr Waters has spoken to Killingley (our grass cutting contractors) with the new instructions. Separately Killingley have asked if they can start invoicing South Milford Parish Council directly, instead of via Sherburn, which it was agreed we would be supportive of.**
 - South Milford Against Flooding – any updates – **They are still trying to get planning approval for the the bund, which the council have funding earmarked for.**
 - Sherburn Aero Club – discuss complaints (including recent night flying) - **Cllr McAleese informed the meeting that Robert McCloughland is now the new liaison person at the Aero Club. They have received complaints for the night flying. Checks are to be done with CAA with regards to flying hours. There is a liaison meeting scheduled for 7th October.**

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

- **2022/0909/HPA** Demolition of existing outbuilding in garden and erection of replacement outbuilding Becksde Grange, Newthorpe - **No Comments**

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Planning Granted

- 2022/0765/COU change of use from agricultural land to dog exercise area with associated works Squires Coffee Bar, Newthorpe Lane, South Milford
- 2022/0884/HPA 15 School Lane, South Milford

Planning Refused

- 2021/1521/HPA Ash Grove, Gorse Lane, South Milford

Planning Appeal

- N2739/W/22/3300623/ 2021/0789/FULM Land south of electricity substation Rawfield Lane, Fairburn, Selby

Application withdrawn

- 2022/0565/COU - Change of use of car park for taxi business - 28 Low Street, South Milford (Cumin Lounge)

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

- Sherburn Parish Council – monthly grass-cutting fee
- Clerk stipend and reimbursement
- Plan drawing for old quarry site - £240
- Handyman for repairing and cleaning of seats and bins around the parish. £790.00
- YLCA training – 1 Cllr £66.80

Proposed Cllr Gigg, seconded Cllr Shaw, all agreed.

Financial notes:

- Credit from Theatre in the Park event - £622.50 received – pay back £382.50 to Park Committee as they are happy to fund the toilet hire which the council initially covered (£240)
- We need to complete a CIL spending report by 30 September - action with Clerk
- Completed forms received from PK Littlejohn LLP for Accounts 21/22 – added to web page.

8. Communications and Correspondence

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

- Unitary council update - webinar on 5 October
- Email – dog fouling on path near 15 Westfield Lane.
- Notification of Rospa annual inspection – clerk emailed onto two PC councillors on the parks committee
- Email from Newthorpe PC - A 4th dog walking facility has been given permission in their area.
- Nat West Bank, SDC, Leeds Council, NYCC - change of Clerk address
- Resident asking about the planning application for the old quarry as not on the portal yet - respond sent.

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