

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 23rd January 2024

1. Apologies and welcome all Councillors

- Note the formal resignations of Cllrs Gigg and Waters (due to relocating)
- Consider seeking new councillors
- Apologies – Cllr Brooksbank

2. Declarations of Disclosure Pecuniary and Other Interests – none

3. To approve Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting held on 21st November 2023 - proposed Cllr Grogan seconded Cllr Shaw – all agreed.

4. Items for consideration and discussion - with proposals and votes where relevant

● Requests for Funding

- Sherburn Visitor Scheme – invite to a future meeting
- War memorial Lumby – waiting for further information
- Year 6 leavers party – Cllr Gore proposed £10 per child (as in prior years), seconded Cllr McAleese, all agreed.

● Footpaths

- Partial blockage of footpath from Mill Lane to the railway lane – Cllr McAleese to meet with Richard and Stephen Batty to discuss.
- Update and next steps on the proposed closure of the footpath from the bypass to Nordens Barn Farm - Parish Council objected, this is likely to go to the Secretary of State for a decision.
- Any updates for discussion – the Clerk to contact Liam to remove the fallen ivy on the footpath from Westfield Lane to High Street.

● Xmas lights

- Residents vote for favourite during December – results and decide next steps – Cllr Gore has put together a spreadsheet with the results. The plan is to retain about half the lights, unless sponsors come forward to fund more. Clerk to ring Leeds Light to ask when they are to be taken down and discuss collection etc.

● Allotments

- A discussion was held about the parking. The parking area on the allotment site has suffered considerable due to the weather, and it currently unusable. Cllr Shaw to contact the farmer direct if any further problems with parking on the access road, noting that allotment holders are aware that they should not do this.
- Planning moving forward with the help of a Planning Consultant.
- Cllr Shaw has successfully received a National Lottery grant for the allotments. This will cover costs for toilet, community shed, CCTV and the orchard.

● Grasscutting

- Updated maps and tender for services for 2024 – this will go out to tender in the next week. Clerk to ask neighbouring PC's who they use.

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- **Highways**
 - **Flashing Traffic Sign** – Cllr McAleese updates – Cllrs McAleese and Grogan to sort downloading results and switching sign round.
 - **Wain Gap** – update on proposed works, including a question regarding the funding of these works from SMAF - could Parish Council contribute via the funds promised for the bund, if these are not all needed for the bund project? Cllr Grogan informed the PC that NYCC are carrying out the work.
- **Communications**
 - Possible use of The Resident to share updates with residents during 2024 - costings needed and cut off dates.
- **Park**
 - Carols in the Park - invoice/payment for insurance – proposed Cllr Gore, seconded Cllr Shaw – all agreed.
 - Any maintenance required – carry over to next month
 - Future plans for seeking funding for replacement play equipment - carry over to next month.
 - The existing approved grant from Caird Peckfield is being taken forward and will be used for a smaller garden / raised beds area between the path and the beck. Work will commence in March and the Parish Council will fund upfront costs which will be reimbursed via the grant (which is in the Parish Council's name).
- **Trees**
 - Dead tree on Sand Lane – This was replaced and as now been stolen! Do we want to replace again? This will be the third time. It was discussed and agreed to not replant.
- **Trains**
 - SADRUG - proposed increase membership fee to £30 pa, no concerns.
- **On-line Banking**
 - Clerk update – waiting until we have a full team.

5. 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 following applications:

- Any update from Cllr McAleese regarding the Lumby quarry application – none

Applications

ZG2023/1030/HPA

Scireburn House, 2 London Road, South Milford

Garage conversion to habitable accommodation – **no comments**

ZG2023/1340/HPA

The Hayloft, Butts Lane, Lumby

Erection of single storey wooden storage shed (retrospective) – **no comments**

ZG2023/1346/FUL

Squires Coffee Bar, Newthorpe Lane, South Milford

Temporary planning permission (3 years) for siting of 2.no mobile ablution blocks (retrospective) – **no comments**

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ZG2023/0931/TPO

Sycamore House, 32 Westfield Lane, South Milford

Fell 1 No Sycamore tree protected by TPO 3/1995 – **no comments**

ZG2023/1208/HPA

The Fold Yard, Butts Lane, Lumby

Erection of a car port (retrospective) – **no comments**

Refused

ZG2023/1001/HPA

6 Westfield Close, South Milford, West Yorkshire

Erection of two storey side and single storey rear extensions

Granted

ZG2023/0939/HPA

Croft End, 29A Sand Lane, South Milford

Erection of single storey extension to the rear following demolition of two existing single storey rear extensions

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

- Clerk stipend, HMRC paye
- Grit bins (D&R) - fully re-stock all bins with fresh grit, including labour - £991.45
- The Resident - November article - £120
- Carols in the Park - insurance - £58.26
- Cllr Waters reimbursement – reimbursement of cups for Grove House - £50.95
- Killingley – grasscutting -£1200.00
- Leeds City Council – Xmas lights - £5,475.60 (agreed fee for 2023)

Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded cllr Grogan – all agreed.

7. Communications and Correspondence

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

**OBJECTED: THE NORTH YORKSHIRE COUNCIL HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 S.118(A)
PUBLIC FOOTPATH 35.59/5 SOUTH MILFORD RAIL CROSSING EXTINGUISHMENT
ORDER 2023**

Further to previous correspondence I can confirm that the above Order to extinguish a Public Footpath from the Definitive Map and Statement along the route described in the Order, has been opposed by five objectors. The Council is therefore required to submit the opposed Order to the Secretary of State for determination.

8. Date of next meeting 19th March 2024