

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

Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of South Milford Parish Council at Grove House, Grove Crescent, South Milford 7.30pm on 24th March 2025

1. Apologies and welcome all Councillors – The resignation Cllr Brooksbank was noted. The chair thanked Cllr Brooksbank for his contributions as a councillor. Apologies from Cllr Grogan.

2. Declarations of Disclosure Pecuniary and Other Interests – none

3. To approve Minutes from the Ordinary Meeting held on 20th January 2025 proposed Cllr Carter and Cllr Shaw – all agreed.

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

- **Funding requests**
 - Replacing steps at the British Legion – Accounts from the Legion and quotations for the works had been provided as requested. After discussion it was agreed to invite a representative from the British Legion along to our next meeting to ask further questions.
- **Flood Group**
 - Bund funding and update – the works are now complete and the invoice will be paid when received (in line with prior agreement).
- **Highways** - After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk would write to Gary Lumb of NYC Highways and ask him to meet Cllr's McAleese and Grogan to discuss the following highway issues:
 - **Wain Gap** – vehicles mounting new kerb and damage to verge opposite
 - **Corner of Sand Lane / Low Street** - residents message about the collection of water/mud due to the dropped curb being below the drain. This is causing a thick sludge and could be a danger for pedestrians.
 - **Reduced speed request Lumby Lane** – next steps after receiving a response from NYC
 - **Temporary barriers at roundabout** – seeking clarification regarding how long the barriers will be there. Clerk has had no answer from NYC, Cllr Grogan to follow up
 - **A1 road safety** – reports of people going up the old A1 the wrong way. Better signage needed.

Other highways points:

- **Yorkshire Green** - traffic updates - Cllr McAleese provided an update, noting the positive actions Yorkshire Green having taken following our feedback.
- Cllr Carter raised the issue of **highway adoption on Southlands Park**. He is going to look into this further.
- **Rubbish bins** - position of bins around the Parish, including possible bin in Lumby – Cllr McAleese to have a look at siting a bin in Lumby and review positioning of bins around the village.

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- **Fly tipping** - any actions we could/should be taking? After discussion about the possibility of a camera it was agreed that Cllr McAleese would speak to Mr Batty (farmer) and report back at the next meeting.
- **Neglected land** - Email received from C Stephenson Quayle (Newthorpe Parish Council chair) – complaints from residents regarding the area of land at the junction of the B1222 and the south bound entrance to the old A1.
Cllr Grogan (who was not in attendance) is looking into this matter. Mr Stephenson Quayle updated the Cllrs on the history and it was suggested that the local MP and various agencies should meet to discuss and hopefully move things forward. Cllr Shaw offered her help and all Cllr's supported.
- **Waste collection** – Cemetery – approval for Council to fund this for 1 April 25 to 31 March 26 for one year (as it did last year) – proposed Cllr Gore, seconded Cllr Shaw.
- **Park**
 - **Park safety inspections update and ROSPA report** - Cllr Carter informed the meeting that there were 6 amber issues to consider in the latest ROSPA report. He will look into these, with the main problem being the disabled roundabout (it can still be used, and the risk level is very low, but may ultimately need to fully replacing). The specialised path in the park needs cleaning as it is full of weeds and moss. Clerk to contact Craig from Shed to see if they can do. Also Clerk to contact Liam for a quotation for removing the overgrown vegetation around the memorial stone and also Ian from ICS to do a tree survey.
 - **Update from recent Park Committee meeting, new Chair (and committee members) and upcoming AGM (31 March)** - Cllr Carter confirmed that Tom Bell is stepping down as chair of the park committee, so a replacement chair will be needed, and there is also a vacant secretary position. Cllr Carter suggested that he would be happy to take on the chair role, which all Cllrs were very supportive of.
- **Christmas lights**
 - Possible repairs needed to be lights due to be collected by families - no response from Leeds Lights regarding costs – Clerk to remind families that want their child's motif to collect asap from Leeds lights if still want.
 - Update from Dewi Thomas regarding possible sponsorship of lights going forward – Dewi Thomas has agreed to sponsor 12 additional Christmas lights, so with the 12 that the parish already put up that will mean we can have 24 this year. Agreed to add sponsors name on lamp posts for lights.
- **Grasscutting**
 - Shed Annual Contract agreed and signed new figure £444.53 plus vat (per month)
 - Wildflowers around the village - update Cllrs Shaw and Parkin – wild flowers bought so they will do a trial verge near Cawood's farm.
- **Allotments** - Cllr Shaw to source all paperwork to be compliant in respect of the sheep that are on the field next to the allotments. The allotments are holding an official opening event on 6th July.

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- **Aeroclub** - No updates
- **Sports / Swancroft** – No updates

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:

- ZG2025/0137/HPA erection of a double garage and porch to the west elevation following demolition of an existing single storey lobby
Spring Cottage, Ingthorns Road, South Milford - **No comments**
- ZG2025/0171/CPE lawful development certificate for existing significant start to planning consent 2010/1303/HPA ext of time application to replace an extant planning permission for the erection of a two storey extension to the rear and conversion of garage roof void to include dormer window
Stone House, Old Quarry Lane, Lumby – **No comments**
- Consultation by North Yorkshire Council (Minerals & Waste) NY/2024/0200/FUL - planning application for the purposes of the Development of an Agricultural Anaerobic Digestion (AD) Facility and associated plant and equipment and soft landscaping on land at Agricultural land to the east of the A612
Home Farm, Bond Ings, Sherburn in Elmet, LS25 6FW – **Council's agreed objections have been sent**

Granted applications - None since last meeting

Refused

- ZG2024/1235/hpa raising roof level and construction of matching dormer window on the old garage building to create to an en-suite assessed via first floor bedroom
Stewards House Lumby
- ZG2025/0007/HPA erection of single storey detached rear carport
Stable Cottage Lumby

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

- Clerk stipend, HMRC paye
- Shed Grounds Maintenance - £1046.36
- D & R Group - rock salt for new bins £252.00

Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Carter, all agreed.

Clerk to finalise year end accounts and send to internal auditors before sending to PKF Littlejohn.

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7. Communications and Correspondence

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

- NYC – Avian influenza in North Yorkshire
- C Stephenson Quayle – complaints from residents of Newthorpe parish regarding neglected land off B1222
- Resident email with suggestions for Wain Gap
- Email via Cllr Grogan from NYC re Lumby Lane reduced speed limit request.
- NYC playing pitches and built sports facility strategies, request for survey – clerk completed and sent
- Photographs received from Well Lane group
- NYC – planned road restriction notification Westfield Lane South Milford – 17th to 30th March 25 – National grid work
- NYC – drainage work Butts Lane Lumby 18th March 25
- Yorkshire Green – upcoming traffic management on Westfield Lane South Milford 7-22nd April 2025

8. Date of next meeting May 2025