

# 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 15<sup>th</sup> November 2022

## 1. Apologies and welcome all Councillors

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

## 2. Declarations of Disclosure Pecuniary and Other Interests – none

## 3. To approve Minutes from the Monthly Ordinary Meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Proposed Cllr Gigg seconded Cllr Shaw.

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

- **South Milford Against Flooding (SMAF)** - Derek George attending to provide an update.

In 2014 SMAF was formed to try and minimise the flooding in the village. They now have plans approved finally for the bund at Steeton Hall to be constructed. The bund will give the culvert more time to drain away, and prevent the on-rush of water to the village, thus reducing the risk of flooding in the village. They have a meeting with NYCC to discuss the closure of the road whilst work is in progress and the cost of this will need to be added to the list of project costs. The work should take place next April – May 2023, depending on the weather as it needs to be dry. Cllr Gore informed SMAF that the £12k that was previously approved by the Parish Council at the outset of this project is effectively ringfenced for these works. Given project costs have increased, additional funds on top of the ringfenced Parish Council contribution and SMAF's own funds will be needed. It was suggested that SMAF approach SDC's head Mark Crane about possible further funding.

- **A63 traveller site - planning application appeal** - request from Lumby residents' group for a donation towards a planning consultant to support their objection (representatives from the group have been invited to attend)

Doug Fletcher from Lumby gave the Parish Councillors an update and asked if SMPC could consider making a donation towards the cost of four and a half days fees for the Planning Consultant that had been used at the recent High Court injunction (just under £5k in total). It was suggested that Doug should also contact Monk Fryston PC about this, given the site largely falls within its boundary. The Parish Council will consider a donation at a subsequent meeting, after the outcome of Monk Fryston discussions are known.

- **“Warm Banks”** - possible initiative to facilitate Grove House (and potentially other public buildings) to be used as safe, warm spaces for residents during this winter.

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**Cllr Waters informed the Councillors that various Parish and Town Councils are providing a ‘Warm Hub’ for residents to come and use. It was noted that all we really needed to do this was volunteers, and the councillors provisionally agreed to funding the refreshments. Therefore, it was agreed that an advert asking for volunteers would go on Facebook and the noticeboards, and we will see what response we get in the hope that we can go ahead and provide this.**

- **Allotments** - update from Cllr Shaw on levels of interest (following public meetings on 29 October) and other developments.

**Cllr Shaw updated the PC after the recent public meeting. In total 10 people have contacted Cllr Shaw saying they would like an allotment at the proposed site. A water bowser has been sourced and Cllr Shaw is now looking at funding options (including possible grants) for the project. It was noted that planning permission will be needed but hopefully this should not be a problem.**

**Based on this update, the question was asked if the PC were happy to go ahead with the allotments project (planning permission, seeking grants etc). Yes was proposed by Cllr Waters, seconded Cllr Gore, and all agreed.**

- **Vacant land on Common Lane** - Update following social media post to seek true owner.

**No further information as come forward. The Clerk checked with Yorkshire Water and yes there are two sewerage pipes on the site but nothing that would stop a development. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council had done all it could to try and use this vacant land for the community benefit, but there was nothing further it could do to prevent the current adverse possession claim progressing.**

- **Christmas lights** - note no switch on event proposed this year **but the lights will be switched on at the end of November.**
- **Swancroft/Football club** – update and any decisions regarding possible actions.

**The last meeting was last week. Prior to this Dewi Thomas (on behalf of Swancroft) put forward a proposal to Adam Fossett (on behalf of the junior teams that have moved away from Mill Lane) effectively offering the same service they are getting at Monk Fryston (and other locations) at the Mill Lane ground in South Milford. Adam has not yet responded to the proposal.**

**Cllr Brooksbank (who sits on Swancroft) informed the PC that things appear to be moving in the right direction. The priority is to get junior football sorted and back at Mill Lane.**

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An invoice for the Verti drainage on the pitch as been received for the PC to pay. The football club has sent the money to cover this. All agreed this is ok to pay - Oliver Warriner Associates - £600 plus VAT

- **Consider the following requested donations**
  - Grove House Pensioners Christmas Meal - full cost for 11 people is £363  
**Proposed Cllr Gore seconded Cllr McAleese – all agreed.**
  - Pensions Christmas Meal for British Legion - £150 requested  
**Proposed Cllr Gore seconded Cllr McAleese – all agreed.**
  - Planning consultant (PLANET) re the Travellers site A63 - costs of £960 per day (potentially 4-5 days needed) – **to discuss further as covered above**

### **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 applications:*

- **NY/2022/0102/ENV** - Limestone Quarry Application - A63 Lumby

**The councillors listened to Doug Fletcher’s objections and thanked him for the work he has put into this. After discussion, including hearing Cllr McAleese’s views (who had studied the application in advance), the Parish Council agreed to object, focusing on similar reasons to those highlighted by Doug Fletcher. Cllr McAleese to put a response together and send to the Clerk.**

- **2022/1177/HPA** - Demolition of existing rear extension /conservatory and construction of new single storey rear ext and garage conversion Stewards House, Lumby – **No objections**
- **2022/1249/HPA** - Erection of two storey ext to rear and porch alterations to front Ash Grove, Gorse Lane, South Milford - **No objections**

### **Planning Granted**

- **2022/0873/HPA** 17 Maple Close, South Milford

### **Planning Refused**

- **2021/1528/HPA** Westfield House, South Milford single storey side ext.

### **Planning Appeal**

- **App/N2739/W/22/3300623** Land South of Electricity substation, Rawfield Lane, Fairburn, Selby
- **App/N2937/C/21/3280531** Land at A63-A1 Junction 42 Selby Road Monk Fryston

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

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- Sherburn Parish Council – Q3 grass-cutting fee £1,247.49
- Clerk stipend and reimbursement
- Playsafety Ltd - £1117.60 for annual ROSPA inspection in the park

**Proposed Cllr Gore seconded Cllr McAleese – all agreed.**

Financial notes:

- Precept payment received from SDC: £12,385.86
- Request for information regarding 2023/4 precept by the end of 2022

### **8. Communications and Correspondence**

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

- Resident correspondence re dangerous traffic on Lund Sike Lane/Common Lane
- Resident correspondence re footpaths within the grounds of Monk Fryston Hall
- SDC – Rough Sleeper Snapshot 13.10.22
- Yorkshire Flood Resilience Team – passed to SMAF group
- NYCC – Westfield Lane closed for Santa Dash 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022
- Zzoomm plc – placing of a generator on the verge at corner of Westfield Lane / School Lane for a short period of time.

### **9. Date of next meeting – 6 December 2022**