

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

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of South Milford Parish Council held at
7.30pm on Tuesday 18th January 2022**

1. Apologies and welcome all Councillors

Attending: Cllrs Gore (chair) Diamond, Shaw, Grogan, Gigg

Apologies from Cllrs Houston, Faria Dean, Donnelly, Brooksbank

The Chair welcomed the residents present.

2. Declarations of Disclosure Pecuniary and Other Interests – none

**3. To approve Minutes from the Monthly Ordinary Meetings held on Tuesday
9th November 2021 – Proposed Cllr Faria Dean and seconded Cllr Grogan**

4. SDC Updates – Cllr Grogan – carried forward to next month

5. Updates from areas of responsibility, other meetings and correspondence

• Park

- any updates, including maintenance required – the Park Committee have sourced three quotes for cutting back and tidying up work, largely in the area between the path and the stream, and also around the memorial garden. This will formally be considered at the February meeting.
- update on replacing adventure trial equipment – work will commence in February.
- update on fire damage – Clerk to confirm the money from the insurance claim has been received.
- Cllr Gore update on Park Committee meeting – Cllr Gore attended the November 2021 Park Committee meeting. This was a worthwhile discussion which set out the parameters for future. There is a grey area between the responsibilities of the Park Committee and the Parish Council – this needs to be resolved in due course.
- Theatre event in the park – It will be a ticketed show of Peter Pan and it is hoped to be a popular community event. The Park Committee asked that the costs of portaloos, insurance and first aid be covered by Parish Council, but no costs were available yet. A formal decision will be made at the February meeting (when costs are hopefully known), but in principle councillors were supportive of providing some funding for this event.

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- Following discussions at the January Park Committee meeting, it was agreed that work needed to be done regarding their charitable status, and associated aims/objectives. This will be discussed at a future meeting.
- **Football club**
 - changing rooms project – this has been delayed but should be installed later in year (possibly spring) when grounds firms up
 - update in respect of senior team – Cllr Gore provided an update on this situation. Two main actions were agreed:
 - Involve Swan Croft as the official tenants under the lease, and review the lease agreement itself - Cllr Diamond
 - Consider next steps including discussion with the senior football club – Cllr Gore and Cllr Gigg
- Update on paths – still nothing received from NYCC, so agreed that we should go ahead with the open letter complaining about the lack of action. Cllr Faria Dean to finalise this including to whom it should be sent.

6. Items for discussion including further Actions, Proposals and Votes

- Seek approval for any urgent park works / maintenance – none
- Discuss and decide on the Council Tax Precept 2022-23 – All agreed, stay with approach from prior years (basically not increasing individual precepts). Clerk to report to SDC.
- Grove House donation for Bingo Sessions – £175 towards a new bingo machine was proposed Cllr Grogan, seconded Cllr Shaw, all agreed
- Lumby request for seasonal costs for village green display (following success of nativity scene) – next project Easter – agreed in principal but would need to put forward actual costs.
- DMMO application for PROW on Turpin Lane and associated land ownership – consider writing to landowners to ask if they would be happy with walkers, cyclists and horse riders use it, pending NYCC's decision about making it a bridleway. The Council was not comfortable with proactively writing to landowners in this manner, but would be supportive of this action if the landowners voluntarily offered this usage to the public. Cllr Faria Dean to progress with the resident who raised this suggestion.

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- Speed limits and speeding signs:
 - Further consideration of signing up to North Yorkshire's 20's Plenty campaign – The aim of this campaign is to introduce 20mph default speed limits in all residential areas. The Council is aware that there is some support for this campaign from residents. The Council remain open-minded about the scheme, but wants to seek some further information from the 20s Plenty organisation as to exactly what signing up to the campaign entails, and what are the benefits of doing this, before any decisions are made. One resident asked what the objective is of trying to reduce speed of local traffic, a point which was echoed by Cllr Grogan, as very few accidents occur in our villages. It was noted that recently NYCC rejected the campaign's appeals to apply a default 20mph speed limit to all residential areas. It was agreed to defer to another meeting to have full, frank discussion with all council members present and hopefully additional information available.
 - Update on Parish Council purchasing flashing speeding sign for the village - £3k of funding has been secured from the district council to fund a 30mph flashing sign, which should have direction altered every 3 months (to help maintain effectiveness). Questions were asked if it could be reduced manually or mechanically to 20 mph, which Cllr Grogan thought was unlikely.

- Update on the proposal regarding the improvements to the Old Quarry (to be covered using S106 funds) and agree next steps - After discussion it was agreed that the suggestion of external project management should go ahead. The Council agreed to use up to £2k for these services and approved the drafted advert Cllr Gigg had produced. These services should help ensure that we utilise the section 106 monies to improve the area in the limited timeframe remaining.

- Update re possible Sensory Garden next to MUGA in the Park
 - After discussion it was agreed that the grant application (commenced by Cllr Shaw) should be completed (Cllr Gore to complete this by the end of January as required) – noting that this decision does not commit the Parish Council to any specific action regarding the possible sensory garden.
 - Cllr Gore voiced his strong view that the Council should work collaboratively with the Park Committee in respect of this project – responding to the concerns they have raised and not making any decisions (to go-ahead or otherwise) until we have liaised with them fully.
 - Cllr Shaw confirmed that the Environment Agency (EA) have agreed via email that they have no issues with the construction of the garden – noting it is in Flood Zone 3 (like the MUGA) and would be more than 8m from the

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stream.

- Vacant land off Common Lane – Cllr Shaw to contact the solicitor with a view to furthering the process of attempting to secure legal ownership of the land for the Parish Council to use for the community. Cllr Shaw to seek solicitor costings for this work
- Discuss areas to replace grass with wildflowers around the parish – Resident Cherry Waters says there is an interest in converting verges into areas with wildflower, but this needs much more than just stopping mowing. Cllr Gore to confirm which verges are Parish Council’s responsibility, and Cllr Faria Dean to contact our grass cutting contractor to see what services they could offer in terms of setting out wildflower areas. a Resident Cherry Waters also suggested that we may wish to contact an organisation called ‘plantlife’ who assist and offer information.
- Handyperson quotation for benches and bins – progress and approve contractor, if possible, plus purchase of a replacement bench outside Grove house – deferred to next meeting
- Lumby Mineral Planning Application – Residents Doug Fletcher and Andrew Robinson provided useful information regarding the history of the piece of land in question. The landowners have, for many years, made applications for use of the land and all have been refused, helped by opposition from the PLANET group. The Parish Council was asked to speak to SDC/NYCC and forewarn them that no support will be forthcoming from this application – the Council will consider this request as its February meeting.

7. 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:

2021/1320/HPA Ground Floor rear ext and ext to existing dormer and internal alterations 67 Sand Lane, South Milford – no comments / observations

2021/0911/TPO Application for consent to fell and remove no sycamore tree covered by TPO 27 Steincroft Road, South Milford. – no comments / observations

2021/1408/HPA To add a small downstairs toilet to the front of the property 18 Burley Close, South Milford – no comments / observations

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2021/1505/HPA Single storey front ext and detached garage 16 Maple Close, South Milford – no comments / observations

2021/1458/FUL Part demolition of the existing detached Hall Farm dwelling to be replaced by a new detached dwelling and associated garage and annex Hall Farm, Butts Lane, Lumby. – SMPC WISH TO HIGHLIGHT NOTE THAT THIS DEVELOPMENT SITS IN WASHED GREEN BELT, HOWEVER WE NOTE THAT OTHER SUCH DWELLINGS IN LUMBY HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN GRANTED. WHILST NOT OF LISTED STATUS, WE NOTE THAT THE BUILDING TO BE DEMOLISHED IS HISTORIC, AND VARIOUS RESIDENTS HAVE COMMENTED THAT IT WILL BE A SHAME IF IT IS DEMOLISHED - THEREFORE WE WOULD SUGGEST THE PLANNING OFFICER CARRIES OUT A SITE VISIT AS PART OF THEIR CONSIDERATIONS.

2021/1521/HPA Erection of two storey side and rear ext with single storey ext to the front porch Ash Grove Gorse Lane, South Milford – no comments / observations

2021/1531/OUTM Outline application for the demolition of existing colliery buildings and the construction of up to 2,000,000 sq ft of employment floorspace comprising Use Classes B2, B8 and E(g) to include access (with all other matters reserved)

LOCATION: Gascoigne Wood Interchange, Gascoigne Wood Mine, Lennerton Lane

SMPC NOTES THAT THE APPLICATION INCLUDES A REPORT ABOUT COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT WHICH STATES THAT THE APPLICANT HAS UNDERTAKEN A PRE-APPLICATION CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL COMMUNITY, INCLUDING COUNCILLORS - TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NEITHER THE PARISH COUNCIL, NOR LOCAL SOUTH MILFORD RESIDENTS, HAVE BEEN CONSULTED, WHICH IS DISAPPOINTING.

WE NOTE FROM THE PLANS THAT THE BUILDING APPEARS TALL AND ABOVE THE LINE OF THE NEARBY HILL - WE SUGGEST THAT SDC CONSIDER THIS AS PART OF SITE VISITS TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE DEVELOPMENT MANY BE TOO LARGE AND IMPOSING.

WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT, IF THIS APPLICATION IS GRANTED, TWO CONDITIONS IMPORTANT CONDITIONS ARE ADDED:

- ENSURE THE SURROUNDING ROADS AND INFRASTRUCTURE ARE SUITABLY UPGRADED FOR THE SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASED TRAFFIC USE FROM THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - SEE FURTHERMORE DETAILED COMMENTS BELOW
- INCLUDE A REQUIREMENT THAT A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FROM THE DEVELOPMENT ARE GIVEN TO LOCAL RESIDENTS

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TRAFFIC COMMENTS:

- The development will increase traffic on the South Milford and Sherburn bypass (the A162) and the B1222. The proposal mentions junction improvements to B1222 / New Lennerton Lane junction, and to the B1222/A162 roundabout.
- In addition we would suggest improving New Lennerton Lane and the B1222, including ensuring a footpath and cycle path alongside these routes, which would then connect to the path to the east of the site; this path to the east of the site should be upgraded to a bridleway and its surface improved. The cycle path on the B1222 and New Lennerton Lane is important to allow safe cycle commuting for local residents and those travelling via train to both South Milford and Sherburn stations.
- Alternatively/additionally, the applicant could add a cycle path on both sides of the South Milford and Sherburn bypass (the A162) to allow cyclists to get to Common Lane safely and access the development site via Common Lane.

Granted

2021/0918/S73 Section 73 application to vary conditions 16 Low Street, South Milford

2021/0593/FUL Proposed installation of 2no electric vehicle charging bay – Southlands SF Connect, Low Street, South Milford

Refused

2021/1088/HPA Erection of two storey side and rear ext – Ash Grove, Gorse Lane, South Milford

2021/0789/FULM land South of Electricity Substation Rawfield Lane, Fairburn

2021/0825/HPA conversion of loft space to existing double garage including raising of the roof height and installation of 2 no dormers and external staircase Ashton House 112B High Street, South Milford

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

- Sherburn Parish Council – monthly grass-cutting fee
- Clerk's stipend, HMRC etc
- A Rowling – Wix reimbursement £12.46
- ICS Tree Services Ltd - £960.00
- Sports Turf Services (York) Ltd - £420.00
- Leeds City council – Xmas lights £3,240.00

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- Gemma Howley – Lumby Donation
- Davidson & Robinson – Grit £642.60

Proposed Cllr Gigg, seconded Cllr Grogan, all agreed.

9. Communications and Correspondence

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

- Park Committee – concerns regarding proposed sensory garden
- Residents – support for Twenty's Plenty campaign
- Resident – expressing need for further allotments
- NYCC – info re vehicle activated signs
- SDC – Council Tax Precept 2022-23

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