

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 21st November 2023

1. Apologies – Cllr McAleese & Gigg

2. Declarations of Disclosure Pecuniary and Other Interests – none

3. To approve Minutes from the Ordinary Meetings held on 19th September & 23rd October 2023

Proposed Cllr Shaw seconded Cllr Grogan – all agreed

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

- **Council's financial position (present funds and BAU income/outgo), to aid discussion and decisions regarding:**
 - Possible funding for South Milford Against Flooding's proposed bund – Derek handed out a list of all current costings for the proposed bund and explained each one. They are a large amount short, even allowing for the already promised £12,000 from the Parish Council. It was agreed that the group should continue to seek grant funding, contributions from other organisations (in particular NYC and Yorkshire Water) and fundraising to cover the shortfall. However, given the importance of the project, the Parish Council agreed it would add an additional £5k to the precept this year, to ensure that the project can go ahead in 2024. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Brooksbank, all agreed. The Chair thanked Derek for all his efforts in this matter.
 - The level of our Precept for 2024/25 - decision required by 31st December 2023 – after discussion, and factoring in the above, it was agreed to go with £31,445 for 2024/5 precept. This is an increase of 15% - about half of this increase is to cover inflationary increases in costs, with the other half being the one-off increase to cover the addition costs of the bund. The expectation is that this one-off amount would be excluded from the precept in future years, leading to a possible reduction in precept in 2025/6 (subject to inflationary pressures and any other funding needs). This was proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Brooksbank, and all agreed.
 - Request for funding from Sherburn Visitor Scheme – more information is needed – how many residents from South Milford actually used the facilities and what donations others PC's make?
 - Request for War memorial Lumby – more information is needed before a decision can be made.
- **Footpaths**
 - Two footpaths have been cleared as requested.
 - NYC are at the final stages with making the Westfield Lane to Beech Close path a public right of way.

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- **Xmas lights**
 - Arrangements for switching on the lights - the light timers will be set by Leeds Lights.
 - Residents vote for favourite during December - Cllr Gore to put article on social media for residents to vote.
- **Allotments**
 - The planning application is in hand.
 - Flooding was caused by the recent storm, but recovery work is in hand.
 - Looking at grants for various projects.
- **Highways**
 - **Flashing Traffic Sign** – next meeting
 - **Wain Gap** – Completion due by 1 December 2023 – email NYC to chase an update
- **Communications**
 - Possible use of The Resident to share updates with residents during 2024 - costings needed to make a decision. Clerk to ask for the deadline dates.
- **Park**
 - Any maintenance required after ROSPA report – nothing new from the last one.
 - Disposal of rubbish – Liam removing this on behalf of the PC
 - Concrete base for Ceri’s Mum’s bench – PC agreed to fund it, proposed Cllr Gore, seconded Cllr Shaw.
- **Trees**
 - Dead tree on Sand Lane - quote for removal and replacement – ICS to remove old one and plant new £100 plus VAT. Proposed Cllr Waters, seconded Cllr Gore, and all agreed.
- **Trains**
 - Update from Selby Rail Users Group – Cllr Gore attended a meeting, no specific updates for South Milford.
- **On-line Banking**
 - Clerk update – waiting for Cllr details.

5. Planning – *This should include a brief list of all planning applications to be discussed.*

No update from Cllr McAleese regarding the Lumby quarry application

Granted

- Proposal: Erection of front extension and extension of roof terrace
Location: Wells Cottage, High Street, South Milford

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- Proposal: Erection of boundary fencing (retrospective)
Location: 17 Steincroft Road, South Milford, Leeds
- Proposal: Extensions and alterations to existing dwelling, including single storey extensions and alterations to form rooms in roof space, creation of dormer windows and rendering of all elevations
Location: 15 Milford Road, Leeds, West Yorkshire
- Proposal: Erection of rear extension, extended porch roof, juliet balcony and internal alterations
Location: 6 Milford Way, South Milford, North Yorkshire
- Proposal: Installation of two pitched roof dormers to the front of the property.
Location: 72 Sand Lane, South Milford, West Yorkshire
- Proposal: Two storey extension with balcony
Location: Tack Room Cottage, High Street, South Milford
- Proposal: Crown lift to approx 5 m removing secondary branches only, max wound size 25mm, laterally reduce to give 3m clearance from house and by 1m over road and driveway, deadwood crown as required to 1 No Oak (T1) protected by TPO 7/1982
Location: 9 The Bales, South Milford, West Yorkshire
- Proposal: Section 73 application to vary condition 02 (approved drawings) of approval 2022/0681/FUL Part demolition of the existing detached Hall Farm dwelling to be replaced by a new detached dwelling and associated garage and annex
Location: Hall Farm, Butts Lane, Lumby
- Proposal: Erection of two storey front extension and timber porch
Location: 19 Maple Close, South Milford, Leeds

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

- Clerk stipend, HMRC paye
- Cllr Waters reimbursement - wildflower bulbs - around £120
- Killingley – grasscutting £600
- Ground Ideas – Old quarry cut £115
- Royal British Legion wreath £20
- PKF Littlejohn – audit fees £378.00

Proposed Cllr Grogan seconded Cllr Brooksbank – all agreed.

7. Communications and Correspondence

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

- NYCC – Sharon Fox – Wain Gap wall repair, target for completion 1 December 2023
- Selby & Ainsty Constituency Area Planning Committee – 8th November
- NYCC – Precept 2024/25 – due 31st December 2023

8. Date of next meeting January 2024