

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

Minutes of the next Ordinary meeting of South Milford Parish Council at Grove House, Grove Crescent, South Milford 7.35pm on 19th March 2024

1. Apologies and welcome all Councillors

Apologies Cllr Brooksbank and The Clerk. In attendance at the meeting – members of SMAF, allotment holders and representatives from the football teams.

2. Declarations of Disclosure Pecuniary and Other Interests

Cllr Shaw with regards to funding for the allotments, as she is the Chair of the Allotment Committee.

3. To approve Minutes from the Ordinary Meetings held on 23rd January 2024

Proposed Cllr Grogan seconded Cllr McAleese – all agreed

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

- **Requests for Funding**

- War memorial Lumby – no further info received.
- Sherburn visiting scheme - they will attend our May meeting

- **South Milford Against Flooding**

- Update on bund, including possible funding from NYC and Yorkshire Water – SMAF update given by Derek George. SMAF is trying to gain funding from a mixture of community fundraising, key interested parties (NYC and Yorkshire Water), plus monies from South Milford Parish Council. The PC have increased their precept to accommodate this. No significant progress has been made but waiting for communications from YW and NYC. Derek will keep us posted. Still hoping to carry out the works in 2024.

- **Footpaths**

- Any updates for discussion – The decision re the proposed closure of the railway crossing and footpath (between the bypass and Nordens Barn Farm) has been referred to the Secretary of State.

- **Xmas lights**

- Residents vote for favourite during December – decide next steps
Residents' votes have been used to select the circa 12 lights that will be retained. Clerk to seek quote for storage only costs only for the unused lights (at least in the short term). Consider selling / disposing of unused lights in due course. Cllr Gore to check position with a couple of residents who expressed interest in sponsoring a light.

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- **Allotments**

- Cllr Shaw confirmed that the planning application is now progressing following delays with the planning department
- Request for extra funding for car park hard standing, drainage and fencing - The Parish Council was open to provide funding towards these works and is very supportive and grateful of all the work done by volunteers to make the new allotment site a reality. However, given the significant costs involved (perhaps around £6000) and the fact that the allotment land is owned by the Parish Council, it required a more comprehensive itemised listing of the works, together with reassurance regarding the quality and sustainability of the work. This would come via further information about the exact works to be carried out and the contractors being used. Cllr Shaw agreed to pull this together for discussion and decision at a Parish Council meeting to be arranged for April 2024.
- Cllr Shaw confirmed that Network Rail own the track to the allotment, and they will be contacted about the poor condition of the surface.

- **Grasscutting**

- Update on tenders received for 2024 - Grasscutting tenders have been received and Shed was most reasonable. Its quote was thorough, they lots of questions and were recommended by Sherburn who also use them. Proposed Cllr Diamond seconded Cllr Shaw - all agreed. Shed have now been appointed.

- **Sports / Swancroft**

- Update from recent meeting – There was a meeting held last month which was attended by Cllr Brooksbank. Currently awaiting the minutes. Football club now has 2 adult teams and an under 6s team, and things appear to be progressing. Cllr Brooksbank will aim to Chair a Swancroft meeting soon to progress matters, including the outstanding issues with the lease.

- **Church Bins**

- Renewal of the Commercial and non-domestic waste collection services – South Milford Cemetery £213.80
It was agreed that the PC would cover these costs. Proposed Cllr Shaw, seconded Cllr Gore - all agreed.

- **Highways**

- **Flashing Traffic Sign** – Cllr McAleese / Grogan - flashing sign to be updated, data removed and turned around.
- **Missing bollard on Low Street** – Cllr Grogan to report and follow up.
- **Yellow lines request Southlands Close / Low Street** – to be followed up by Cllr Grogan. Also the Zebra crossing needs repainting between Beech Drive and Harvester Way.
- **Wain Gap** – update on proposed works – Cllr Grogan has earmarked £2k of his NYC funds to put towards the kerbs for the corner of Wain Gap and Whitecote Lane. Total costs will be much higher than this, perhaps around £10,000. Parish Council will consider helping to fund this pressing matter at its April meeting.

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- **Park**

- Any maintenance required - nothing raised
- Future plans for seeking funding for replacement play equipment - no update
- PC representatives on Park Committee - need to consider this, Cllr Gore will discuss with Park Committee
- Funding for insurance and toilets for Theatre in the Park event - The Parish Council agreed to provide this funding, which is likely to be around £300.

The Incredible Edible team have asked if they can place a “Little Veg Library”, which is an outdoor cupboard to exchange seeds, plants and info etc. 5 foot tall and 3 foot wide. They would like to site this either near the bus shelter on Sand Lane (near Grove House) or outside the West entrance to the Park where the path is wider. Cllr Grogan to contact Highways to discuss. The Parish Council were supportive of this, subject to it being regularly monitored and looked after properly (noting the issues with the book library near Grove House during Covid).

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:

Cllr Grogan update - The Road Chef application was successful, and the greenbelt issue was resolved. This will create 300 jobs etc and have room for 108 HGV's to park and 25 electric charging points.

Email received from Clarke Telecom

Proposed upgrade to existing radio base station installation at CTIL 10680130 Selby Fork Hotel, South Milford NGR E 447027 N 430002 – no problems at first glance, Cllr Grogan to supply more info if required.

ZG2023/0780/FUL

RECONSULTATION ON PLANNING APPLICATION PROPOSAL:

Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and erection of 8 dwellings, associated landscaping and highway improvements with access off Well Lane.

LOCATION: Land Off Well Lane South Milford

South Milford Parish Council objects to this application - our comments can be found on NYC's planning portal.

- Consider possible uses for ‘recreational open space’ funding (circa £8000) if the development goes ahead – to discuss later

ZG2024/0137/TPO

PROPOSAL: Fell 1 No Cypress (T10), fell 1 No Sycamore (T18), fell 2 No Irish Yew (G11) and fell 1 No Cypress Trees (G24) protected by provisional TPO 23/2024

LOCATION: Springwell House, Well Lane, South Milford

South Milford Parish Council object to these trees being taken down unless they are diseased. Can you please confirm if there is a problem with them.

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ZG2024/0088/HPA

PROPOSAL: Erection of single storey rear and side extension

LOCATION: 35 The Haywain, South Milford, West Yorkshire – **no comments**

- Any update from Cllr McAleese regarding the Lumby quarry application – no movement on the quarry.

Refused applications

2022/0556/TPO PROPOSAL: Application for consent to crown reduce 2 No Sycamore trees (T1 & T2) by 1.5m over the garden covered by TPO 12/2005

LOCATION: 118 High Street South Milford Leeds

Granted applications

ZG2023/1208/HPA Proposal: Erection of a car port (retrospective)

Location: The Fold Yard, Butts Lane, Lumby

ZG2023/0931/TPO PROPOSAL: Fell 1 No Sycamore tree protected by TPO 3/1995

LOCATION: Sycamore House, 32 Westfield Lane, South Milford

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

- Clerk stipend, HMRC paye
- Clerk reimbursement £12.00
- Cllr Gore reimbursement – Wix.com website £550.80
- School leavers – Kelly Wilson Treasurer £300.00
- NT Killingley – grasscutting £1200.00
- Dewar Planning – Allotments £331.68
- NYC – bins Cemetery £213.80

Proposed Cllr Gore, seconded Cllr McAleese - all agreed.

Clerk to send Accounts off to internal auditor Brian Hooper once complete.

7. Communications and Correspondence

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

- Quotation's for grasscutting contract 2024/25 – NT Killingley, Ark Facilities, Shed Grounds Maintenance
- Resident re enquiry about the application for The Quarry on the A63.
- Resident email re bird scarers
- Sherburn Town Council – details for contact re Community Engagement
- Email re Park's Sensory Garden – starting w/c 11th March – if all goes well it will be complete within 3 weeks of commencement.

8. Date of next meeting 23 April 2024