

SHIPTON BY BENINGBROUGH PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Parish Council

Held on Thursday 22nd May 2025 at 7.30 p.m.

At the Community Centre

Present

Cllrs Hexter, Chapman, Bascombe-Fox, Egan and Heartshorne & Megan Remmer (Clerk).

- 25-073 Election of Chairman** – Cllr Hexter proposed by Cllr Chapman and seconded by Cllr Egan
- 25-074 Completion of Chairman's Declaration of Office** – form completed
- 25-075 Completion of Councillors Declaration of Office Form** - forms were completed by attending Cllrs
- 25-076 Election of Vice Chairman** – Cllr Egan proposed by Cllr Heartshorne and seconded by Cllr Hexter
- 25-077 Co-option of New Councillor**

Cllr Jean Souter was welcomed onto the Parish Council and signed the appropriate papers.

- 25-078 Election of Council Representatives to Other Organisations/ Committee Reports**

Middleton trust – Cllr Chapman will remain as representative.

Community Centre – there is no CC representative on the Parish Council

SWW – Cllr Heartshorne will remain as the representative.

Staffing Committee – Cllr Walker to replace former Cllr Wheatley, Cllrs Hexter and Egan to remain.

- 25-079 Apologies** – Cllr Chapman sent his apologies
- 25-080 Reasons for Absence** – Reason for apology accepted.
- 25-081 Declarations of Interest**

None received.

- 25-082 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th April having been previously circulated were approved

- 25-083 Actions from Previous Meeting**

25-064.1 Fencing repair update - Cllr Walker received a second quote and is waiting for a third.

25-064.3 Community centre tree removal – work to be undertaken.

25-068.3 Zip wire repairs - Clerk updated on progress with quotes

- 25-084 Public Forum**

2 members of the public attended this meeting.

- 25-084 North Yorkshire Councillor's Report**

Cllr Taylor could not attend. A report was sent in his absence:

Finances at North Yorkshire Council remaining challenging following the loss of the Rural Services Support Grant (13.2 million) and the challenge of 8 million pounds in unfunded National Insurance increases. We eagerly await the announcement of the 3-year Local Government Grant settlement but again we expect this to present a financial challenge with briefings indicating that priority is to be given to socially deprived inner cities as opposed to rural shire counties. NYC expect to receive their settlement later this year.

I met with a number of residents from East Lane on 25th April to take representations regarding Highways/Footpath/speeding issues I have engaged with Area2 Highways (again) and am awaiting responses I will give an update to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

Work continues on the North Yorkshire Local Plan which will inform planning matters moving forward, this is a complex and extensive piece of work in drawing up a plan for the large area covered by North Yorkshire Council and there will be fully consultation with Parish Councils and communities as it progresses over the coming months and years. In the meantime, planning matters continue to be governed by the existing Hambleton Local Plan implemented by the former District Council.

Please pass on my thanks and appreciation to all the members of Shipton Parish Council (and yourself) for the sterling work they do on behalf of their community. I appreciate it has been challenging over the last year on a number of fronts, I very much value our close working relationship and look forward to that continuing moving forward.

- 25-085 To review and approve policies and other relevant documents**

25-085.1 Standing Orders – amendments accepted and signed

25-085.2 Financial Regulations – agreed

- 25-086 Clerk's Report and Financial Matters**

25-086.1 Clerks General Verbal Report and bank rec were presented

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25-086.2 The following payments were approved:

- Clerk's Salary April
- 100 club prizes April - £55, £30, £20
- Bank charges April - £4.25
- Shipton Village Hall 1240 - £32
- Top Cut Trees 992 - £395
- SWW expenditure reimbursement - £127.10
- Allotment grass cutting 49 - £60
- Meticulous Gardens 6441 - £240

25-086.3 First half Precept received: £8250

25-086.4 To note 2 x egg stall donations: £1000 for SWW and £1000 for playground

25-087 Planning

To consider and decide upon the following planning applications:

25-087.1 ZB25/00649/FUL Application for central brick pier and garage doors to be added to an existing brick car port. Coach House Main Street

RESOLVED: No objection

25-087.2 ZB25/00735/ADV Retrospective advertisement consent for petrol station pricing pole with illuminated sign, Brooks North Road Garage

RESOLVED: No objection

To Report on the Following Planning Application Decisions:

25-087.2 ZB25/00453/MRC Application to vary condition 2 to previously approved application ZB24/02200/FUL (New build detached garage within the grounds of an existing dwelling), The Hemmel Main Street **GRANTED**

25-088 Matters requested by Councillors/ New Items

25-088.1 Old Post Office issues regarding rubbish – private bins have been put in place

25-088.2 Asda Foundation Local Community Spaces Fund – forwarded for info

25-088.3 Zip line repair – dealt with at item 25-083

25-088.4 Road sign left after repairs on Station Lane – Clerk to repeat request for removal

25-088.5 Yorkshire Green traffic on East Lane – YG lorries have been reduced after Cllr reported issues

25-088.6 Rutting on East Lane – possibly the result of increased farm traffic, Clerk to contact local farm to discuss issues

25-088.7 Dawnay Arms application for Asset of Community Value status – still awaiting decision

25-088.8 Cllrs Register of Interest forms – no changes reported

25-089 Correspondence

25-089.1 YLCA WRU, Training Programme & Law and Governance Bulletin – various forwarded

25-089.2 NYPFCC Response regarding Road Safety – forwarded for info

25-089.3 Notification of Revenues and Benefits System Upgrade – saved to dropbox for info

25-089.4 YLCA Request for Items for Agenda of Next Branch Meeting 25 June – no items put forward

25-089.5 On-line briefing sessions on the development of the North Yorkshire Local Plan held on the 15th and 19th May – forwarded for info

25-090 Highways/ VAS

24-066.1 VAS moved 4/5; due 15/6

25-091 Affordable Housing Project/ Broadacres

24-067.1 To report on any updates received – Clerk read out update received from Broadacres:

The Project: Broadacres Housing Association remains very committed to progressing the scheme, and we are continuing to work on the various elements that need resolution prior to starting construction on site.

Planning: As you are aware, the scheme was given unanimous approval when heard at Planning Committee in Malton last year. Councillors on the Committee were very supportive of the proposed scheme in Shipton, and strongly welcomed similar affordable housing schemes coming forward across North Yorkshire in future.

Prior to formally confirming planning approval North Yorkshire Council outsourced the section 106 legal work because of local government reorganisation and resource considerations. Unfortunately this work has been subject to protracted delays for various reasons, although BHA's solicitor now reports that positive progress is being made toward getting this signed off.

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Easement: This related legal issue still requires resolution, in that we require an agreed legal easement agreement with the Parish Council to allow for site access, also and so that we can provide some new road surface treatment to the first part of the allotment track (as previously agreed with BHA) and related works. BHA has made the Parish Council aware of this.

Construction: Since inception there has been very significant cost inflation within the construction industry generally impacting all housing schemes, including this one. Because of the relatively high costs of infrastructure here (a new access road and pumping station are required for a relatively small number of new homes) we are currently reviewing our procurement arrangements for the construction works contract in order to improve cost efficiency.

Land: BHA remains in communication and contact with the current site owners, who are also supportive of the scheme.

25-092 **Playground & Recreation Field**

25-092.1 To update as necessary on playground inspection and agree any work necessary – apart from zip line no other issues reported

25-092.2 To consider and agree to rent football field to RJFC for 25-26 season, due for renewal in July

RESOLVED: To keep rent the same as last year

25-093 **Community Centre**

25-093.1 To receive any updates – none received

25-094 **Allotments**

25-094.1 Allotment grass cutting – to discuss and agree increase in costs

RESOLVED: Agreed to increase requested by grass cutter.

25-094.2 To update on empty plots – 2 plots still available, Clerk to put out more adverts

25-095 **Middleton Trust**

25-095.1 To receive any updates –

25-095 **Shipton Wildflower Woodland**

Committee Chair gave update during APM copied here (full report will be available on the website):

The flowers are now growing, the woodland is beginning to develop. Some cages have been placed around some trees to guard against deer visitors, pathways have been marked out that people can walk through. Last year was a bad winter with lots of water – we wanted to cut down some old growth but could not because field was waterlogged. We have a regular volunteer event on the 1st Saturday of the month. Forest of Flowers have advised less intervention is better with a view to rewilding. We will plant some annuals next year. Insect and birds are beginning to come. Although there has not been much rain the site is still thriving.

Items for Next Agenda

Chairman's Closing Remarks – meeting closed at 9.21

Next Meeting: Thursday, 26 June 7.30pm

Signed: _____ Date: _____