



# Minutes of Sherburn Village Parish Council

14<sup>th</sup> March 2023

Sherburn Village Parish Council		
14/03/2023	19:00	Sherburn Community Centre
Attendees	Councillors S Mason, K Smith, G Smith, A Leary, D Hall, Da Coulthard & J College	

Item 1 – Apologies for Absence	
Councillors J Leadbitter & De Coulthard	

Item 2 – Declarations of Interest	
	Standard Item
None	

Item 3 – Public Participation		
	Standard Item	
There were no members of the public present.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
N/A		

Item 4 – Presentation by Durham Area Youth	
	Standard Item
Sam McDonnell gave a verbal update on the work of Durham Area Youth (DAY). A written report is due to be produced at Easter. The increasing numbers of young people involved with DAY is encouraging. The council's concerns over the lack of activity on the land behind Cooplands is being addressed.	

Item 5 – Minutes of Previous Meeting	
	Standard Item
The minutes of the previous parish meeting were approved by members with a minor amendment.	

Item 6 – Matters Arising	
	Standard Item
None	

Item 7 – Planning issues	
	Standard Item
There had not been any applications since the previous meeting.	

Item 8 – Police & Crime Commissioner	
	Standard Item

Members had met with officers from Durham Constabulary on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023. Various issues were discussed and it is clear that the police are not being made aware of a lot of the crimes in the village. It is suggested that members of the public should use Crimestoppers, as this service may be used anonymously. Trend data from the police does not really show any more information than is currently reported to the Parish Council meeting.

The issue of speeding through the village could be addressed by working with Durham County Council and volunteers. Clerk is to look into this

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Look into road safety options/costs	Clerk	30/04/2023

### Item 9 – Correspondence

Standard Item

Correspondence had been received from Durham County Council in relation to a litter pick. Equipment would be available to collect from County Hall on 15<sup>th</sup> March. The Clerk agreed to collect some equipment. It was suggested that Cllr Leary, who had left the meeting by this point, may like to organise a litter pick.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Collect litter picking equipment Arrange volunteers for litter pick	Clerk Cllr Leary	15/03/2023 30/04/2023

### Item 10 – Financial Matters

Standard Item

The clerk presented a summary of the accounts for 2022/23, which showed that the Council's finances are in a healthy position. It was agreed to renew the cemetery maintenance contract with the current supplier, as the quote for 2023 had come in under budget.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Contact contractor	Clerk	21/03/2023

### Item 11 – Information board for mining tub

It was agreed to look into the cost/feasibility of the Parish Council providing an information board to go with the mining tub.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Look into cost/feasibility of the Parish Council providing information board	Clerk	30/04/2023

### Item 12 – Update on section 106 funding

The new “outdoor gym” is progressing. Cllr Hall is meeting with Glen Wharton shortly to progress improvement works to the Leisure Centre.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Arrange to meet with Glen Wharton	Cllr Hall	31/03/2023

### Item 13 – Update on planters

Cllr Leadbitter had been preparing options for the provision of new planters for the village. It was expected that section 106 funding could be accessed to pay for these.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
N/A		

**Item 14 – Cemetery provision for ashes**

The work of the Sub-committee was progressing, having carried out a site visit on 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023. Some of the ground required for the burial of ashes may not be consecrated. Draft guidelines for plaques on a memorial wall re to be produced

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Research consecration of ground	Clerk	30/04/2023
Draft guidelines for plaques	Clerk	30/04/2023

**Item 15 – Any other business**

It was agreed to contribute £300 to the Community Association's planned Coronation celebrations

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Donate £300 to Community Association	Clerk	06/04/2023

Next meeting – 11<sup>h</sup> April 2023 starting at 7pm