



Minutes of Sherburn Village Parish Council

9th July 2024

Sherburn Village Parish Council		
09/07/2024	19:00	Sherburn Community Centre
Attendees	Councillors S Mason, K Smith, G Smith, Da Coulthard, De Coulthard	

Item 1 – Apologies for Absence	
Councillors J Leadbitter, J Colledge, A Leary & D Hall	

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 – Minutes of Previous Meeting	
	Standard Item
The minutes of the previous parish meeting were approved by members.	

Item 5 – Matters Arising		
	Standard Item	
None		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
N/A		

Item 6 – Planning issues	
	Standard Item
There had not been any planning applications in the village.	

Item 7 – Police & Crime Commissioner	
	Standard Item
There had not been any correspondence of note from the PCC. The monthly figures since April were not up to date, so were not presented.	

Item 8 – Correspondence	
	Standard Item

Proposals for a headstone for George Woodall had been received from Auckland Memorials. The proposed headstone was approved.

Durham County Council AAP had advised of proposed changes from 14 AAPs to 12 Local Networks. The proposals include a reduction in size of the current Durham AAP. Consultation is available on the County Council's website at <https://www.durham.gov.uk/article/31535/Proposals-for-new-Local-Network-boundary-areas>

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Contact Auckland Memorials to confirm approval Members to note consultation	Clerk Members	12/07/2024 N/A

Item 9 – Financial Matters

Standard Item

The clerk presented:

- A summary of the accounts for 2024/25, which showed that the Council's finances are in a healthy position.
- A list of all payments made up to 8th July 2024

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
N/A		

Item 10 – Newsletter

The articles for the newsletter were approved, subject to a few minor amendments. The layout is being improved professionally before being sent to print.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Complete production of newsletter	Clerk & Cllr Mason	18/07/2024

Item 11 – Football facilities for 2024/25

Belmont Club FC have provisionally given notice that they may not be able to start the 2024/25 season. A decision will be made by 12th July 2024. If they cannot carry on, Durham Rangers have shown an interest in using the facilities. It was agreed that should Belmont Club fold, Durham Rangers would be offered their place.

A draft Football Licence was agreed, along with an agreement between the Council and the clubs. It was also agreed to invite representatives from the 3 clubs to the Council meeting on 10th September 2024 to discuss any issues or improvements.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Invite clubs to meeting	Clerk	01/08/2024

Item 12 – Outdoor Gym

It was agreed that the Council will support an opening ceremony for the new Outdoor Gym which is due to be installed in October 2024

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
N/A		

Item 13 – Allotments

There were issues with some of the allotments. Two tenants had had their tenancies terminated. One tenant seems to be struggling to maintain his allotment and it was agreed that the Clerk will contact him to discuss potential solutions.

It was agreed to invite representatives of the tenants to the meeting of the Council on 8th October 2024.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Contact tenant to discuss solutions Invite tenants' representatives to October meeting	Clerk Clerk	19/07/2024 19/07/2024

Item 14 – Traffic Calming

Durham County Council had progressed their work on traffic calming to install a speed visor near the mining tub on the approach to the village from Durham.

There was an outstanding agreement to make improvements to the roundabout as part of the developer's responsibilities. Durham County Council is dealing with this. Members queried how many houses were originally approved for the development and how many were actually built.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Find out how many houses were planned and how many were built	Clerk	31/07/2024

Item 15 – Land behind Cooplands

The land behind Cooplands had been cleared. A quote had been received for improvements to the land. The improvements seemed expensive so alternative proposals are to be considered.

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Investigate alternative proposals for the land	Clerk & Cllr Mason	31/07/2024

Item 16 – Communications

Approved minutes to be displayed on Notice Board and on website

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
As above	Clerk	20/06/2024

Next meeting – 10th September 2024 starting at 6pm