



# Minutes of Sherburn Village Parish Council

8<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Sherburn Village Parish Council		
08/04/2025	18:00	Sherburn Community Centre
Attendees	Councillors S Mason, K Smith, G Smith, J Leadbitter, Da Coulthard, De Coulthard & D Hall	

Item 1 – Apologies for Absence
Councillor J Colledge

Item 2 – Declarations of Interest
Standard Item
Cllr J Leadbitter declared in an interest in Sherburn Community Centre – item 15

Item 3 – Public Participation		
	Standard Item	
No members of the public attended.		
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	
Keith Bell had accepted the invitation to be co-opted.		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
N/A		

Item 6 – Planning issues
Standard Item
There had not been any applications this month.

Item 7 – Police & Crime Commissioner		
	Standard Item	
Crime figures for January and February were presented in their usual way. In addition, updates on progress with each reported crime was presented. It was agreed that the updates were more useful and will be presented from May 2025		
Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Progress on crimes to be presented to future meetings	Clerk	13/05/2025

**Item 8 – Correspondence**

Standard Item

There had not been any correspondence of note.

Action Items

Person Responsible

Deadline

N/A

**Item 9 – Financial Matters**

Standard Item

The clerk presented an end of financial year summary of the accounts for 2024/25, which showed that the Council's finances are in a healthy position.

The precept from Durham County Council had been received.

Action Items

Person Responsible

Deadline

N/A

**Item 10 – Biomass boiler Repairs**

It was agreed that the Council would pay for the repairs to the Biomass boiler.

Action Items

Person Responsible

Deadline

Send payment for repairs to the biomass boiler

Clerk

15/04/2025

**Item 11 – May meetings**

In addition to the usual monthly meeting in May, the Annual Meeting of the Council and the General Meeting for the public would need to be held.

It was agreed that meetings would take place as follows:

13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 6 p.m. Annual Meeting of the Council

13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 6.30 p.m. May monthly meeting

28<sup>th</sup> May 2025 6.30 p.m. General Meeting

Action Items

Person Responsible

Deadline

Prepare agendas for all 3 meetings

Clerk

06/05/2025

**Item 12 – Sculpture in Cemetery**

A poplar tree in the cemetery needs to be cut down, as it is in danger of falling on to headstones. Planning consent had been requested, as it is in a conservation area. It was agreed to have the tree cut down to 5 or 6 feet to try to have a sculpture made from its remains. The sculptor had been invited to the meeting but did not attend.

Action Items

Person Responsible

Deadline

N/A

**Item 13 – Land behind Cooplands**

Durham Wildlife Trust has been looking into possibilities to improve the land behind Cooplands, including possible funding.

Action Items

Person Responsible

Deadline

N/A

**Item 14 – Sherburn Village Bowling Club**

It was agreed to donate £200 to Sherburn Village Bowling Club

Action Items

Person Responsible

Deadline

Make payment to Sherburn Village Bowling Club

Clerk

10/04/2025

**Item 15 – VE Day**

It was agreed to donate £250 to Sherburn Community Centre to pay towards the VE Day commemorations

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Make payment to Sherburn Community Association		11/04/2025

**Item 16 – Communications**

Approved minutes to be displayed on Notice Board and on website

Action Items	Person Responsible	Deadline
Approved minutes to be displayed on Noticeboard and Website	Clerk	14/04/2025

Next meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2025 starting at 6.30 pm