**S H A D FO R T H P A R I S H C O U N C I L**

**Minutes of an Ordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held in**

**Sherburn Hill Chapel on Tuesday 5th December 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

Members Cllr D Bell (Chair) Cllr J Mace Cllr D Woods

Present: Cllr B Sim Cllr L Robson-Witt (7.35) Cllr R Abbott

Members of the Public – Ms Martin, Mrs Nelson, Ms Beattie, Mr Flude, Mr Kell, Ms Lyon, Ms McColl and

Mr Turner (7.40)

**65 Apologies** – None.

**66 Confirmation Of The Minutes** – The minutes of the 7th November 2017 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**67 Matters Arising**

67.1 Clerks Update – The clerk informed the council that Ms Martin had queried where the planter from the cross-roads had gone, Councillors stated it was moved to the entrance of South View, Sherburn Hill to replace a broken one. The cemetery is still missing a working hedge-cutter, we have the offer to buy the cemetery caretakers own equipment which he currently uses for the work, at a cost of £30. Members agreed the purchase.

67.2 Skate Park – Members were very pleased that our grant application for £24,100 to build the new skate park had passed the first stage and is being considered by Sports England. They authorized the clerk to send all the financial information requested by them.

67.3 Vacancies – We have had some interest.

67.4 Speed watch – The results from the speed watch at the cross-roads indicated there was not a speeding issues. Unfortunately this was partly due to the high visibility of the operators slowing the traffic down. The clerk will ask for a speed strip survey at Churchill Terrace.

**68 Durham County Council**

68.1 Planning: Plans Lists w/e – 6.11.17; 13.11.17; 20.11.17, 27.11.17, 4.12.17

Applications

DM/17/03588/FPA Mr Bill Hamilton – Application for a proposed double detached garage with storage above at 5 Harehill Mews, Haswell Plough, Durham, DH6 2BA – Cllr Robson-Witt arrived. After discussion members had no concerns.

DM/17/03816/FPA Mr Peter Rushforth – Application for the erection of a detached dwellinghouse at Land at Church Lane, Shadforth, Durham, DH6 1LQ – Members were concerned that this would involve the removal of established hedgerow, that it would cause more congestion around the church which already has parking issues, access exiting the development would be hazardous due to the sweeping bend in the road and that the development is in a green belt and conservation area. Mr Turner arrived. Previous planning inspector reports say the land shouldn’t be developed as it has no public benefit but would have a serious environmental impact. The clerk will object on these grounds.

**69. Parish Paths Partnership & Allotments**

69.1 Car Park – Members had all seen the letters sent by residents objecting to the Parish Council letter received by them stating that owing to complaints from certain residents living at Churchill Terrace that the allotment car park only be used by private cars. The residents stated that no-one from Churchill Terrace had complained, members informed them that the complaint resulted from discussions some time ago about parking issues outside Churchill Terrace on the B1283. Members upheld the concern that this would affect workmen using the car park. Residents stated it was often empty and was used on a first come first served basis. It was agreed that the clerk send another letter stating that restrictions be suspended so they can carry out a review. Mrs Nelson also asked for a chicane on the B1283 outside Churchill Terrace and reiterated that she does not want bollards. The clerk will ask for a speed strip survey at Churchill Terrace. Residents complained that vision exiting George Street is obscured to the East by the telegraph pole and hedge, Cllr Bell agreed to ask the farmer to cut the hedge back. A couple of councillors asked Ms Beattie not to record their discussions on her laptop which they were informed they could not do.

69.2 Allotments – In relation to the dispute on Mr Flude’s allotment No 7 and Ms Beattie’s allotment No 10 there was no further update as we are awaiting a letter from their solicitor.

69.3 Replacement Garage – Mr Flude has requested a specification for a new garage. Councillors will measure the plot and are happy to have a site visit to discuss design and door dimensions.

**70 Finance** **Payments** £

70.1 J Owston - Salary & Allowances £411.27 dd

- Expenses £45.94

M Savage - Cemetery Pay & Expenses £233.00

Sherburn Hill Chapel - Room Hire 5.12.17 £15.00

SLCC - Membership £84.00

Currys/PC World - Printer Ink (acct 2) £31.99 paid

B&Q - Cemetery Winter Planting (acct 2) £36.00 paid

CPRE - Membership £36.00

Co Durham Assoc of Local Councils - Members Training £54.00

NWG Business - Cemetery Water Bill £13.36

Great North Air Ambulance - Donation £200.00

**Income**

Mr Bell - Allotment 11 £26.00

Mrs Nelson - Allotment 3 & Garage 1 £78.00

Miss Lyon - Allotment 4 & Garage 4 £78.00

Mr Scott - Allotments 13, 14 & 15 £78.00

Mr Howe - Allotment 1 £26.00

Ms Martin - Allotment 9 £26.00

Mr Savage - Allotment 2 £26.00

Mr Harrison - Allotment 12 £26.00

Ludworth Skate Park - Refunded Bank Money £100.00

70.2 Precept – The Chair signed the precept form after agreeing the amount at the finance meeting.

**71 Cemetery**

71.1 Cemetery Trees – We now have two quotes for the work, the clerk informed members they were between £1800 and £2990. This now means the work falls within budget.

71.2 Memorial Inscription – Mr John Fisher D299 - Noted.

71.3 Memorial – Sarah Underwood D420 - Noted.

**72 Donation Requests**

72.1 Shadforth Christmas Tree – Members agreed a donation of £100, they were also requested to support Ludworth’s Tree so agreed £100 for them too. Ms Martin interrupted the meeting to request money for the Salvation Army tree, Cllr Bell agreed to speak to the Salvation Army.

**73 Other Correspondence**

73.1 The Lisa Dixon Centre – Invitation to Nativity Service - Members were invited.

73.2 Field Work – Winter 2017 - Noted.

73.3 Countryside Voice – Winter 2017 – Noted.

**74 Any Other Business**

74.1 We previously discussed getting defibrillators for the villages. Shadforth already has one. There may be funding available but there was concern over vandalism if placed outside.

74.2 Ms Martin asked that any further changes to the car park, we give residents more notice.

74.3 Mr Turner spoke informing members that the Boundary Commission was proposing changes which would split Durham City and link the East side to the Easington District. It is being considered to balance constituencies and make them all a similar size. Everyone can view the plan on the website and make comments.