**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 6th March 2018 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Present: Cllr B Sim Cllr L Robson-Witt Cllr R Abbot

Members of the Public – Ms Woods, Ms Martin, Ms McColl, Mr Flude, Mr Kell, Ms Lyon, Ms Young and Mr Baldwin.

**93 Apologies** – Cllr D Barnes.

**94 Confirmation Of The Minutes** – The minutes of the 6th February 2018 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**95 Matters Arising**

95.1 Clerks Update – The clerk informed members that she had sent a letter of support to the Sherburn Hill Community Action Group to support them in keeping Sherburn Hill Primary School open. She also sent the letter to Cllrs Hall and Kellet and asked for their support. Lots of residents of Ludworth had also signed a petition. Ms Martin spoke and asked if the letter could be sent to the County Council, she would forward on the details. A new green bin has been ordered for the Ludworth cenotaph caretaker and the wording for the Pitman’s Parliament has been agreed and sent to the Miners Association.

95.2 Vacancies – Members agreed to co-opt Miss Rachael Woods onto the Ludworth ward. Cllr David Woods abstained from the discussion and vote.

95.3 Skate Park – We have been informed that we have been successful in our application for £24,100, subject to them receiving two safeguarding policies. This is the final amount needed for the project to proceed; members thanked everyone involved for all their hard work.

95.4 Ludworth Environmental Project – The funding application has gone in, the County Council have been out and taken photographs of the areas we want to improve.

95.5 Street Lighting Removal – We received word that the lights were still to be take out even after our valid reasons for them not to be. A site meeting will take place, we are awaiting a time/date from the County Council. Ms Martin spoke; she said County Cllr Hall is worried that removing the lights in sections will cause a strobing effect that may be a problem to some drivers.

**96 Durham County Council**

96.1 Planning: Plans Lists w/e – 29.1.18; 5.2.18; 12.2.18; 16.2.18; 26.2.18

Applications - None

**97. Parish Paths Partnership & Allotments**

97.1 Village Planters – Mr Shead has agreed to look after three planters, one opposite the cenotaph and two at Local Avenue. Two new planters are going beside the new seat at the cross-roads and Cllr Robson Witt has agreed to maintain them. Members asked the Sherburn Hill residents and Hub members at the meeting if they could look after any of the remaining planters. Ms Martin spoke and agreed to look into it.

97.2 Consultation over proposed changes to Bridleway 12 – Cllr Robson Witt discussed the proposed extended bridleway with Mr Oliver, he explained the problems with fencing across the middle of a field to protect the horses from stock wasn’t possible. Members agreed to go with the original plan. The clerk will inform the Rights of Way Officer at the County Council that we will not be objecting.

**98. Allotments & Garages**

98.1 Allotments – The clerk has had two companies out for quotes and advice. Both agree there is a rat problem coming off the fields and being attracted by waste food and chicken feed, they are also eating some produce. Residents are putting poison down and members discussed buying the rat boxes themselves, but felt they need expert help this time. They agreed the quote for £300 to treat the problem areas over a few days. It was suggested that the clerk should contact County Cllr Hall to ask for financial help as he may have funds available.

**99 Finance** **Payments** £

99.1 J Owston - Salary & Allowances £411.27 dd

- Expenses £26.44

M Savage - Cemetery Pay & Expenses £243.00

Sherburn Hill Chapel - Room Hire 6.3.18 £15.00

M Savage - Foliage Clearance at Car Park £140.00

Post Office - Recorded Delivery £1.66 paid

L G Oliver & Partners - Hedge around Cemetery £500.00

NWG Business - Cemetery Water Bill £13.36

Ebay - Wreath Anchors £25.98 paid

Hayes Garden World - Seat Anchor Fixings £45.49 paid

Currys - Printer Ink £66.07 paid

S/Hill Community Action Group - Donation £100.00

Mr D Bell - Chair’s Allowance £60.00

**Income**

Co-op Bank - Interest on 14 Day Account £2.91

Durham County Council - P.P.P. Grant £1,200.00

**100 Cemetery**

100.1 Burial – Ashes - Mrs Maud Fawcett into B166 - Noted.

100.2 Burial – Ashes – Mr Peter Lamb into G54, plus two reserves - Noted.

100.3 Memorial – John Ivan Wood D410 – Noted.

100.4 Memorial – Ruby Wood D339 – Noted.

100.5 Cemetery Trees – The tree work in the cemetery is now underway. There has been a bit of damage to the pin curbs being knocked over by the machinery, and members agreed that the logs would be sold to a dealer. Local people have already tried to take them.

**101 Other Correspondence**

101.1 Allotment Event – Training event on 11 April 2018. Cllr Woods and Cllr D Bell to attend.

101.2 Civic Dinner – 23 March 2018. Chairs invite - Noted.

101.3 Defibrillators – Running costs are around £35 a year for the electricity and it could cost up to £99 installation. Cllr Abbot is going to look further into this and report back. Ms Martin spoke and asked if Sherburn Hill could have one once they have a community building.

101.4 Clerks & Councils Direct – Issue 116 - Noted.

**102 Any Other Business**

102.1 Ms Martin spoke, she wanted to complain about not being able to speak during meetings.