**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**

**Ludworth Community Centre on Tuesday 6th February 2018 at 7.30 p.m.**

Members Cllr J Mace Cllr D Barnes Cllr D Woods (Vice-Chair)

Present: Cllr B Sim Cllr L Robson-Witt

Members of the Public – County Cllr Hovvels, County Cllr Grant, Mr Gatenby, Miss Woods, Mrs Nelson, Ms Martin, Ms Beattie, Mr Flude, Mr Kell, Ms Lyon and Ms McColl.

**84 Apologies** – Cllr B Bell, Cllr D Bell, Cllr R Abbott.

**85 Confirmation Of The Minutes** – The minutes of the 9th January 2018 were confirmed as a true and accurate record. Ms Martin did object to the wording that she had interrupted the meeting but members wanted the minutes left as they were. She also was concerned about disabled access at Sherburn Hill, which the clerk assured her had been addressed.

**86 Matters Arising**

86.1 Clerks Update – County Cllr Hovvels has requested that Durham County Council lengthen the safety railings outside Ludworth School, remove the old play equipment from Ludworth play area, resurface the footpath around Ludworth school and replace street signage at Moor Crescent. The clerk confirmed the auditor is ok to carry out our audit and the cemetery caretaker will service the cemetery lawn mowers. The clerk has reported the poor road surface on the B1283 going down Sherburn Hill bank to Sherburn and we need to decide on the wording to go on the Pitman’s Parliament seat. Members agreed that Cllr Sim would sent the wording to the clerk.

86.2 Skate Park – No update as yet, still chasing a decision.

86.3 Vacancies – Miss Rachel Woods is interested in joining the Parish Council.

86.4 Shadforth Village Green – We received a complaint relating to damage to the village green. Members agreed the damage was unacceptable, Mr Gatenby spoke to explain the issue and handed the clerk a letter stating the problem. This issue has already been taken up by County Cllr Kellet and Cllr D Bell. They are asking the Church Commissioners to allow a small part of the green to be made into a turning point to allow large vehicles to swing around the corner from Mr Gatenby’s farm.

86.5 Removal of Street Lighting – Plans to remove the street lighting on Crime Rigg Bank and the B1283 between Sherburn Hill and Churchill Terrace were discussed. Both routes are well used, the B1283 allowing residents access to facilities, busses and the community, it has a narrow footpath and traffic regularly travelling above the 40mph limit, it also gets very foggy as is quite high above sea level. Crime Rigg Bank is also well used by people accessing facilities along a narrow path which has a low curb in certain places, it is also a designated walking school route for children accessing primary and secondary school. The clerk will write with objections.

86.6 Sherburn Hill School – Members discussed plans for the County Council to close the school moving the children to Sherburn Village site. The council is offering a school bus for current pupils, but not pupils who have not started the school yet or younger siblings of current children. The area has gone under major development over the last decade, with large housing developments being built, the new owners will now not have easy access to a primary school for their children. Sherburn Hill is high up and suffers from bad weather regularly, meaning when the busses cannot get up the bank, parents are still expected to walk young children with possibly pushchairs along the same route. There is a group of parents forming a protest group, members agreed to help them by sending their support and asked the clerk to contact County Cllr Hall and request he supports them. County Cllrs Hovvell and Grant added their support, suggesting possibly combining services with a community centre.

**87 Durham County Council**

87.1 Planning: Plans Lists w/e – 8.1.18; 15.1.18; 22.1.18

 Applications

 DM/17/03760/FPA Mr Allan Chance - Application for the erection of a dwelling house and garage at land to the north of 1 Rectory View, Crime Rigg Bank, Shadforth, DH6 1LF. The clerk received further information that the sub-station has been moved. Members agreed the clerk should send last month’s objections.

**88. Parish Paths Partnership & Allotments**

88.1 Cutting Programme 2018/19 – We have received one quote from Mr Savage for £1,100 for three cuts. Members agreed to award the contract subject to funding from the Parish Paths Scheme.

88.2 Consultation over proposed changes to Bridleway 12 – Members look at the proposed changes. There was concern that there was a lot of bridleway being removed and not replaced. Cllr Witt proposed to extend the bridleway along the new footpath to make a circular route into Ludworth, she is speaking with local stables. There would need to be classification that the animals in the field would be safe to horses or double fenced. The clerk will write to Parish Paths with suggestions.

88.3 Allotments – There is a rat problem on the allotments, the sewers have been washed out, the farmer has a gun club shooting on his land. Councillors will get the communal areas cut right back and ask pest control to take a look and advise them.

88.4 Allotments 7 & 10 – We have had no response from their solicitor. Members agreed to contact our solicitor to proceed with the eviction. Their recent rent payment is to be returned.

88.5 Garage Plot No 3 – After a site visit and measuring the plot, discussion over window and doors, the clerk will send Mr Flude a specification so he can submit his application. He queried the tenancy requirement that we only need to give 10 days notice. Members will look at this at a later date.

**89 Finance** **Payments** £

89.1 J Owston - Salary & Allowances £411.27 dd

 - Expenses £36.41

 M Savage - Cemetery Pay & Expenses £238.00

 Ludworth Community Centre - Room Hire 6.2.18 £15.00

 Team Knowhow - Computer Storage Plan £29.95

 Currys - Printer Ink and Norton £66.06

 A1 Trophies & Engraving - Plaque for Cross-roads Seat £14.00

 Durham Miners Association - Pitman’s Parliament Seat Sponsorship £100.00

 **Income**

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

89.2 Garden Waste Collection – The clerk will arrange a bin and collections for Ludworth cenotaph.

89.3 Ludworth Funding – Members asked the clerk to apply for funding for environmental improvements in Ludworth, County Cllrs are in full support and it will engage residents and school children in the scheme. The community group has been awarded £500 from Civic Pride with money coming from the Neighbourhood Budget. We are hoping for £5,000 to supply hanging baskets, barrels, seating and the silent soldier. The British Legion have given us their support and part of the plan is around the cenotaph area.

**90 Cemetery**

90.1 Burial – Mrs Ruby Wood into D339 - Noted.

90.2 Cemetery Trees – We now have three costings for the tree work ranging from £1,800 to £1,983 plus VAT. Members agreed on the £1,800 quote as long as insurance and confirmation that this will be the total price is agreed with the contractor. A start date will be agreed.

**91 Other Correspondence**

91.1 Audit Training Session – 28 March 2018. The clerk and Cllr Woods will attend.

91.2 GDPR – Information from Steve Ragg was noted, the clerk will acknowledge an interest.

91.3 CDALC Training Events – 11 April Allotments and 2 May Bullying and Harassment – Noted.

91.4 Defibrillators – County Cllr will look into funding.

91.5 Campaign to Protect Rural England – Winter 2017/18 - Noted.

**92 Any Other Business**

92.1 The road between Ludworth and Shadforth needs a litter pick.

92.2 The wreaths at the cenotaph keep blowing away, the clerk will see what can be done to hold them.