**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 7th November 2017 at 7.30 p.m.**

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

Present: Cllr B Sim Cllr B Bell Cllr L Robson-Witt

Members of the Public – County Cllr Hovvells, County Cllr Hall and Mr R Abbot

**55 Apologies** – Cllr D Barnes.

**56 Confirmation Of The Minutes** – The minutes of the 3rd October 2017 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

59.1 Allotments – County Cllr Hall was asked to speak. He had come to represent Mr Flude and Miss Beattie who’s allotment tenancies are being terminated. He stated that he appreciated that we are trying to tidy up the allotments but asked that the tenants be given another chance. Members felt they were being threatened by some of his comments. Cllr Woods spoke, he explained some of the history behind the decision and that the decision was not taken lightly. We had tried to work with the tenants, giving clear instructions on what was needed to bring their allotments up to standard and also having a site visit with them. They were given a lengthy timescale for the work which they failed to complete. The decision was therefore made by the parish council at a parish council meeting and he felt there was no need for County Cllr Hall to be involved. The clerk informed members that a letter had been received from two current allotment tenants and six residents to support Mr Flude and Miss Beattie. County Cllr Hall asked for a list of outstanding jobs, this was declined as it was felt it was too late as the termination will happen at the end of November. County Cllr Hall was present while another vote was taken, it was unanimous that the decision be upheld. County Cllr Hall was asked to leave for disrupting the meeting.

**57 Matters Arising**

57.1 Clerks Update – The clerk has put the audit on the website. A speed strip has been requested beside Churchill Terrace, Sherburn Hill. The trees overhanging in Shadforth were reported to Highways and have subsequently been cut back. All allotment and garage rents have been received. Shadforth bank has now been cut back, the clerk will speak to the contractor as there appears to be some bits still overhanging.

57.2 Skate Park – Our new County Cllr Grant has donated £5,000 towards the project, our bid has gone in to Sports England Community Asset Fund for more funding which can take up to 10 weeks to be notified.

57.3 Sherburn Hill Cross Roads – The wall around the seating area is to be done soon, members preferred a cement wall rather than a dry stone wall on safety grounds.

57.4 Vacancies – Mr Abbot attended the meeting, he wishes to join. He was co-opted on by members to the Sherburn Hill ward.

**58 Durham County Council**

58.1 Planning: Plans Lists w/e – 2.10.17; 9.10.17; 16.10.17, 23.10.17, 30.10.17, 6.11.17

Applications

None

**59. Parish Paths Partnership & Allotments**

59.1 Allotments – Please see 59.1 above. Two current allotment tenants are thinking of setting up an allotment association. As the allotments are private the Parish Council does not recognize allotment associations.

59.2 Sherburn Hill Planters – The Parish Council has arranged for Mr Shead to take over the planting and watering for the Sherburn Hill planters during the Summer at a cost of £100.

59.3 Replacement Garage – Members looked at the diagram of the proposed garage. There were no measurements on it just a note attached saying it was 10’ x 18’, the doors looked small and as it is to house a vehicle we need to know the doors are big enough. It will need to fit on the current garage plot, Cllr Woods will take a look to see if it will fit. We need to know clearly what it will be made of. It will need a concrete base, the drawing looks to be raised with a possible wooden floor not suitable for a garage. The clerk will request further information for the next meeting.

**60 Finance** Payments £

60.1 J Owston - Salary & Allowances £411.27 dd

- Expenses £26.44

M Savage - Cemetery Pay & Expenses £243.00

Ludworth Community Centre - Room Hire 7.11.17 £15.00

D Woods - 2 x Mole Traps £11.98

Currys/PC World - Printer Ink (Colour & Black) acct 2 £47.99 paid

B & M - Winter Plants for Ludworth and Envelopes £25.92 paid

Post Office - Returned Letters Recorded Delivery £6.45 paid

Amazon - 2 x Mole Traps £6.30 paid

Amazon - Camera, batteries, memory card & Mole Traps 107.48 paid

M Savage - P3 Footpaths cut 4 240.00

M Savage - P3 Footpaths cut 5 240.00

M Savage - Footpath Clearance Shadforth Bank £60.00

**61 Cemetery**

61.1 Container Roof – Members stated that the cemetery caretaker has repaired the roof as his tools were getting wet. The clerk will confirm with him.

61.2 Cemetery Trees – We need to get three quotes for the work. The clerk will organize this, Cllr Woods and Cllr Bell with re-mark the trees for removal with spray paint.

**62 Donation Requests**

62.1 Great North Air Ambulance – Donation request received. Members agreed £200 to the worthwhile cause.

**63 Other Correspondence**

63.1 Clerks & Council Direct – Issue 114 - Noted.

63.2 The Clerk – November 2017 - Noted.

**64 Any Other Business**

None brought to the meeting.