



Minutes of a meeting of Sutton on the Forest Parish Council held on Wednesday 12 May 2021 at 7.45pm in the Grey Village Hall

Present: Councillor Anderson  
Councillor McMeekin  
Councillor Matthews  
Councillor Prowde  
Councillor Rankin  
Councillor Shearman (Chair)

In Attendance: Sue Bracewell (clerk)  
County Councillor Patmore (NYCC)

One member of the public.

### **Apologies**

Apologies were received from District Cllr Watkins.

### **Declarations of interest**

Cllr Shearman declared interest in planning application for 2 The Gowans. Cllr Matthews also declared an interest.

There were no declarations of interest.

### **21.20 Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 January 2021**

21.1 The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 20 January 2021 had been circulated. After some minor amendments these were proposed as a correct record by Cllr McMeekin and seconded by Cllr Rankin.

### **21.21 Matters arising**

21.1. MVAS signs: Cllr Prowde reported that the signs were fitted at end of March. We have three positions in the village approved for use by Highways. Highways dictate where they can be positioned we can only make suggestions. Data from the signs can be downloaded which should make interesting reading. Approximately every six weeks the signs will either change location or change direction. Thanks to Cllr Prowde for getting this up and running. Some new volunteers would be helpful to cover for holidays etc.

21.2. RCAF visit: The Canadians planned to visit in August if it was allowed but this is still looking unlikely. Alan Dolding had suggested that we might like to commemorate the birthday of the Squadron in some way. If anyone has any ideas please pass to Cllr Shearman. A wreath will be laid on the memorial on The Pound on 15 May, the

weekend the memorial would have taken place. A prayer will be said and photo taken to send to the Canadians. It is hoped to hold the full event in 2022.

21.3. Yorkshire Water sewage issues: Cllr McMeekin suggested we should now go back to the Consumer Council and ask them to investigate, and also inform Yorkshire Water that we are not satisfied with their response. We had been advised that we should also put our complaints on sewage to the Environment Agency. Cllr McMeekin to take this forward. Thanks were given to Cllr McMeekin for dealing with this.

**Action: Cllr McMeekin**

21.4. Cllr Patmore suggested that we ask NYCC for a plan of the surface water drains in our area.

21.5. Moor End update: Cllr McMeekin had organised meetings on site with three experts, Martin Hammond, Ecologist, Daniel Burdus an arboriculturalist from Askham Bryan, Ben Aston also an ecologist but he works for Yorkshire Water. David Brown had come forward and offered to get involved with work on Moor End. Our immediate problem is to deal with the Himalayan Balsam. It was suggested that volunteers could go on site and pull it out. If this was done over two to three years, we should be able to rid the site of it. Cllr Shearman suggested a dedicated meeting to discuss Moor End, to include any interested Councillors and any other interested volunteers from the village. It was also suggested that David Brown be asked if he would like to organise the volunteer help to clear the Himalayan Balsam. **Action: Cllr Shearman.**

## 21.22 Public Participation

22.1. There was no public participation.

## 21.23 Report from North Yorkshire County Council

23.1. County Cllr Patmore, two big issues at County. Covid still a problem in parts of North Yorkshire. Changes to Councils in North Yorkshire, decision is now with government. Decision is promised in July.

## 21.24 Report from Hambleton District Council

24.1. District Cllr Di Watkins had sent apologies. She reported that work on the crematorium was going ahead at a good pace and the new Business Centre at the old prison site in Northallerton has opened virtually this week.

## 21.25 Finance

25.1. The following payments were approved proposed by Cllr Matthews and seconded by Cllr Anderson

30.4.21	BACS	30/21	DSM Garden Services	Grass Cutting	20.00	
30.4.21	BACS	170/21	Jorvik	Web hosting	160.62	40.67
30.4.21	BACS	20/21	YLCA	Subscription	309.00	
30.4.21	BACS	80/21	S M Bracewell	Clerks expenses	158.75	

- 21.26** The Governance statement was proposed by Cllr Shearman and seconded by Cllr Matthews
- 21.27** The asset register was proposed as correct by Cllr Shearman and seconded by Cllr Rankin
- 21.28** The Audited year end accounts were approved, proposed by Cllr McMeekin and seconded by Cllr Matthews. It was suggested that we should revisit the need for our membership of YLCA ahead of the next renewal.
- 21.29** The Exemption Certificate for submission to the Auditors was proposed by Cllr Shearman and seconded by Cllr McMeekin
- 21.30** The Accounting Statement for 20/21 was approved. Proposed Cllr Shearman and seconded Cllr McMeekin
- 21.31** The audit documents for publishing on our website were agreed. Proposed Cllr Shearman seconded Cllr Anderson.
- 21.32** It was agreed that a payment of £75 in the form of a gift voucher was to be sent to our internal auditor as a token of our appreciation. Proposed Cllr Matthews seconded Cllr McMeekin

**21.33 Planning**

33.1. The planning update as circulated was noted.

33.2. The application for 2 The Gowans was discussed. It was agreed that the Council would object on the privacy issue and the scale of the development. It was also agreed to ask Cllr Watkins to have this application referred to Committee for decision.

**Action. Cllr Rankin and clerk**

**Post meeting note:- A revised plan has now been submitted by the applicant.**

33.3. Licence application for Magpies Music Festival at Sutton Park. After some discussion, the Council agreed that they had no objections to put forward. We would respond to HDC to give them our decision. **Action Cllr Rankin/clerk**

**21.34 Reports from village organisations**

34.1. Village Hall. Cllr McMeekin reported that financially they were in a good position and had in fact refused the last offer of a grant from HDC. There is a drama event planned for the autumn and it is hoped to offer free supper to encourage people back to the hall.

34.2. Playing Field. The recent maintenance day was successful there was more work to do on the benches. It was good to have the site open and in use again. It was hoped that the 10k run planned for September could go ahead, subject to any covid rules in place at the time. All the marshalls had been contacted and they are happy to help again.

34.3. Rob Delaney is lined up to do the work on the footpath through to the playing field from Main Street. Gutters on the garage of Park House have now been cleared and will be replaced when essential roof work is done.

**21.35 Public footpath in Sutton Park**

35.1. It was agreed that Cllr Shearman should speak to the Administrator at Sutton Park re signposts to make public footpath clear and distinct from private land. **Action Cllr Shearman**

**21.36 Date of next meeting**

Next meeting **Wednesday 14 July 2021 7.30pm**

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.45pm

These minutes are considered draft until ratified at the next Parish Council meeting.