

SHERIFF HUTTON PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD IN THE MISS WARD ROOM, METHODIST CHURCH,
SHERIFF HUTTON ON THURSDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2023 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Councillors: Penny Bean (Chair), Sally Wright, Marcus Oxendale, Philip Lazenby & Sam Warriner.

ALSO PRESENT Louise Pink – Clerk. 1 member of the public (part meeting only).
County Councillor Caroline Goodrick.

1. APOLOGIES OF ABSENCE

Cllr Dave Smith & Cllr Ed Stephenson.

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

3. MINUTES

The council resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on the Thursday 12th October 2023 were agreed and were signed by the Chairman.

4. PUBLIC FORUM

One member of the public was present at the meeting and spoke of queries and concerns surrounding Voneus Broadband and broadband and internet suppliers in the village as a whole. Cllr Goodrick advised that she would like to take the process undertaken by Voneus Broadband and the fact that the poles have been installed under permitted development to the area constitutes committee meeting for investigation and asked for approval of the parish council to do this. After discussion, approval was given by the parish council.

5A. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Not Required.

5. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

Nothing noted.

6. CLERK'S REPORT

Nothing noted.

7. MATTERS ARISING

(a) Update on the Neighbourhood Plan - The clerk advised that, to date, only 2 residents have responded to the article in the Village News asking for volunteers to help create a Neighbourhood Plan. Another article to be added to the next Village News.

(b) Village streetlights – Clerk to speak to NYC to ask the following:-
Is the parish council responsible for paying for the electricity for all streetlights regardless of ownership?
Could NYC advise of the status of each of their streetlights in terms of when/if they are turned off.
NYC to advise of the criteria for the turning off of streetlights.

(c) The grass cutting for the 2024/25 season was discussed, including the quotation received from the current grass cutting contractor. After discussion, it was agreed to continue with the current contractor for 2024/25.

Approved Chairman

8. PLANNING

a. The following new planning application was received this month:-

ZE23/00437/FUL

Land At Cornborough Road, Sheriff Hutton

Change of use of former agricultural building for use as a (small breeds) dog breeding kennel and domestic storage, together with an extension to the building to provide toilets and external alterations, including the installation of insulated acoustic sheeting to the exterior of the building (part retrospective).

Decision – The parish council object to the above planning application, on the following grounds:-

Planning permission for the dog breeding kennels expired on the 21st of January 2023, as no part of the planning permission has been started on site or any of the conditions adhered to this planning application must be fully resubmitted. This is not a retrospective application.

Not all neighbours have been consulted on this application by North Yorkshire Council.

On the planning application, it states there is no parking. However, a huge area of hard-core has already been put down covering approximately an acre of land which could easily park a large number of vehicles.

Partly due to this new area that has been stoned over there are drainage issues that is an increase of run-off to the fields below. The applicant states that the run-off goes into the gutter. However, this is above the site and therefore run-off cannot go into it. They also state that any run-off goes into a soak away, where is this soak away and when was it put in and did it follow any building regulations?

When the kennels were given permission, it was on the proviso that there was no residential element to the site. This is no longer true as the applicant has lived on site over a year.

The planning application states that there are no employees on site. However, the whole family has been living on site for over a year now.

The planning application states that the opening hours are irrelevant. However, one of the conditions when planning permission as granted was that there were stricter hours in particular for the dog walking area.

The application states that it cannot be seen from the road or public footpath. However, a public footpath runs right through the centre of the site. Therefore the site can be fully seen by the public. Prior to planning permission, a noise survey was carried out. However, this has now been ruled invalid by the changes to the design of the barn with a large new opening fitted with a roller door, which has no soundproofing whatsoever.

The site is not being used for dog breeding. All dogs on site are kept in wooden kennels outside.

The shed only appears to be used for storage for the number of businesses running from the site. Planning permission for the barn was granted on the proviso that no new openings were made again. This has not been adhered to.

How can this shed be made into a dog breeding centre when there is not a single window for natural light within the barn are the dogs to live in darkness, their whole lives?

Why is there a need for four toilets? If this is simply to be used for anyone visiting the site surely this is excessive at present a portaloo is used on site if this works now why is there a need for a further extension?

The parish council query what is the need for a domestic storage when the site should have no domestic usage.

Since the first application over 4 years ago there are thousands more dogs that require re homing.

Therefore, the parish council query why there is even a requirement for a puppy farm.

There are constant noise issues on site with dog's barking at all hours with no effort made to stop them. NYC has been made aware of this but no action has been taken.

b. No results of applications decided were recieved.

9. VILLAGE REPAIRS

Cllr Bean advised that the seat in the Square has been painted.

Approved Chairman

Clerk to ask the handyman to clear the leaves in front of School House. Also, to check whether the same is needed in the Warwick Close & Main Street snicket and the Laurels Garth & West End snicket.

10. FINANCIAL MATTERS

a. The Clerk submitted the following accounts for payment by BACS:-

L Pink	Clerks Salary (Net)	£568.57
L Pink	Expenses	£38.80

The accounts listed for payment were accepted. Clerk to make the payments via BACS using the online banking process.

- b. No payments were submitted by cheque.
- c. No income was received.
- d. No invoices were received after the production of the agenda.
- e. The bank balances were noted from October 2023.
- f. The actual vs. budget figures were noted.
- g. Any other urgent request submitted to the meeting:-

Approval was given to Cllr Oxendale for the purchase of a new set of Christmas lights for the village Christmas tree, approx. 80m metres. Christmas lights to be switched on the 2nd December @ 4pm.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

A list of correspondence since the last meeting was issued to all Councillors.

11. REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Cllr Goodrick advised of the following:-

- New local plan.
- Changes to the officer's scheme of delegation for planning applications.
- Budget setting in January 2024.

12. REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS

Cllr Warriner advised that some parents have expressed concerns regarding children's accessibility to the playing fields. The Chairman advised that children are allowed to play on the playing fields when not in use but are not permitted to cause any damage to pitches.

Cllr Lazenby spoke of the downloading of the data from the speed matrix data. Cllr Lazenby to forward the most recently obtained information to the clerk for distribution to all parish councillors.

13. MATTERS FOR INCLUSION IN THE VILLAGE NEWS

Further request for volunteers for the Neighbourhood Plan.

Christmas lights switch on information – to be sent from Cllr Bean.

14. MATTERS FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

2024/25 Precept.

Any update on the Neighbourhood Plan and any responses from volunteers.

15 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next parish council meeting is to be held on Thursday 14th December 2023 @ 7.30pm in the Miss Ward Room, Methodist Church, Sheriff Hutton.

Approved Chairman

The meeting closed at 8.46pm

Approved Chairman