**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**

**St Cuthbert’s Church, Shadforth on Tuesday 9th January 2018 at 7.30 p.m.**

Members Cllr D Bell (Chair) Cllr D Barnes Cllr D Woods

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

Cllr B Bell

Members of the Public – Mr Bentham, Ms Young, Mr Baldin, Ms Beattie, Mr Flude, Mr Kell, Ms Lyon and Ms McColl.

**75 Apologies** – None.

**76 Confirmation Of The Minutes** – The minutes of the 5th December 2017 were confirmed as a true and accurate record.

**77 Matters Arising**

77.1 Clerks Update - None.

77.2 Skate Park – A meeting is to be held on 15 January at 2.00pm in Ludworth Community Centre. All members are welcome. The meeting is with all parties concerned to discuss progress.

77.3 Vacancies – Still being advertised.

77.4 Sherburn Hill Cross-Roads – The corner is ready to get the memorial seat installed. Members discussed the plaque to go on the seat and agreed its wording. Cllr D Woods will measure the seat back to see what size plaque will fit and Cllr D Bell will arrange to get a brass plastic one engraved.

77.5 Neighbourhood Civic Pride Funding – Certain needed improvements have been identified in Ludworth, Cllr D Woods is working on some applications for funding to make these improvements alongside County Cllr Hovvells. He is hoping people will adopt planters purchased from the County Council. The clerk will assist with filling in the applications.

**78 Durham County Council**

78.1 Planning: Plans Lists w/e – 11.12.17; 18.12.17; 22.12.17

Applications

DM/17/03760/FPA Mr Allan Chance - Application for the erection of a dwellinghouse and garage at land to the north of 1 Rectory View, Crime Rigg Bank, Shadforth, DH6 1LF – We were under the impression that permission had already been granted to build a dwelling on this plot. These plans look totally different to the previous ones as the property is set further back from the road on the plot and not inline with neighbours. Cllr Barnes will talk to the neighbours to ensure they are aware of this new application. Members were concerned that the neighbours may have privacy issues with the proposed dwelling being further back and felt it should be inline with neighbouring properties. There is currently a sub-station on the plot, members queried where that would go if this development is built. The clerk will contact planners and ask for information.

**79. Parish Paths Partnership & Allotments**

79.1 Cutting Programme 2018/19 – Members agreed to keep the cutting programme the same this year, we may need to have a contingency plan for Path 6 which gets very overgrown. The clerk will advertise.

79.2 Consultation over proposed changes to Bridleway 12 – We were asked some time ago about moving this bridleway. At the time members were concerned at the loss of bridleway paths but this bridleway is now inaccessible due to land work by the farmer. The proposed new bridleway will be along footpath 14 which will be significantly shorter linking the two roads, they also request to remove footpaths 13a & 13b but add a new footpath linking from bridleway 12 to the northern end of Ludworth heading towards Haswell and their footpaths. Cllrs Barnes and Cllr Robson-Witt will look into it further and the item will be discussed again. It might also need discussing with the British Horse Society.

**80 Finance** **Payments** £

80.1 J Owston - Salary & Allowances £411.27 dd

- Expenses £36.41

M Savage - Cemetery Pay & Expenses £247.60

St Cuthbert’s Church - Room Hire 9.1.18 £15.00

Post Office Ltd - 100 x 2nd Class Stamps (acct 2) £56.00 paid

S.L.C.C. - Membership top-up £16.00

Shadforth Community Assoc. - Donation towards Christmas Tree £100.00

Ludworth Community Assoc. - Donation towards Christmas Tree £100.00 paid

Michael Savage - Purchase of Second Hand Hedgecutter £40.00

**Income**

Ms Goodwin - Allotment 8 £26.00 cash

Miss Beattie - Garage 5 £52.00

Mr Flude - Garage 3 £52.00

Mrs Moody - Allotment 5 & Garage 2 £78.00

Durham County Council - Parish Paths Partnership Grant £1,200.00

80.2 Audit Arrangements – The audit process is changing this year, but we will still need an internal audit doing so members agreed to use our current accountant for 2017/18.

**81 Cemetery**

81.1 Burial of Ashes – Mrs Ann Wright into D419 - Noted.

81.2 Memorial – Mr Oliver Barrie Thompson into D311 - Noted.

81.3 Cemetery Mowers – Service - Noted.

**82 Other Correspondence**

82.1 Durham Miners Association – Sponsor a Seat - Members discussed this and as the parish has strong links with mining agreed to give £100 towards sponsoring a seat.

82.2 NALC – Data Protection Officer (May 2018) - Noted.

82.3 Campaign to Protect Rural England – Autumn 2017 - Noted.

82.4 Local Council Review – Winter 2017 - Noted.

82.5 Clerks & Council Direct – Issue 115 - Noted.

82.6 The Clerk – January 2018 - Noted.

**83 Any Other Business**

83.1 The roads down Sherburn Hill bank towards Sherburn are in a poor state, very bumpy and with hollows near the bus stop. The clerk will report to Highways.