**BYRAM-CUM-SUTTON PARISH COUNCIL**

Minutes of meeting held on **Thursday, 15th May 2025** at Anne Sharpe Centre, St Edward’s Close, Byram

**Present:**

**Parish Councillors** Mitchell (Chair)**,** Nicklin (Vice-Chair), A Nicklin, Wharton, Milner, Fitzsimmons & Lightowler

**District Councillor**

**County Councillor** Grogan

**Public**  13

**Police**

**12.426 PUBLIC REQUESTS, CONCERNS & DISCUSSIONS**

The main concern raised was the school transport. Several residents attended to speak to County Councillor Grogan regarding this. Concerns brought to County Councillors attention were that the bus had been taken out of the catchment area and the children were now walking to and from school, which is totally unsafe. If children stay over at school for extra activities or GCSE then there are no buses to bring them back after 4pm. Parents are having to come out of work early to collect them.

The residents state that people on benefits are getting priority over people that are working.

County Councillor Grogan advised that they need to appeal the decision for the bus service. If it gets to stage 2 in their appeal, then to get in touch with him and he will push the matter forward. County Councillor Grogan was hopeful that the residents would get support.

Clerk gave the residents contact details of Sharon Fox, County Councillor Grogan and also MP Keir Mathers and his assistant, Emily Moore.

**12.427**  **APOLOGIES**

No apologies and everyone attended the Parish Council Meeting.

**12.428** **MINUTES**

Parish Councillor Mitchell asked if everyone agreed with the Minutes from the last Parish Council Meeting. The Parish Council agreed and accordingly Parish Councillor Mitchell signed & dated each page thereafter.

**12.429 FINANCES**

(a) S Lifsey – Clerk - £801.13

(c) HMRC – NI & tax - £158.80

(c) S G Parkin (gardener) - £300.00

(d) Sherburn & Villages Community Trust (library) - £67.00

(e) Mrs E Crowther (Accountant) - £106.49

**Total - £1,433.42**

All cheques & stubs were accordingly signed & initialled by Parish Councillors Mitchell & Nicklin

**12.430 COMPLAINT – COUNTY COUNCILLOR GROGAN**

The Parish Council has made a compliant about the lack of attendance to the Parish Council meetings from County Councillor Grogan. He had not attended a meeting since December 2023. This was discussed and eventually all the Parish Council voted to move on from the discussion.

**12.431 GENERAL MATTERS**

**Grass Cutting**  - **Brotherton Parish Church** The Cemetery grass is cut by volunteers. Some of the volunteers are elderly and struggling. It has been agreed that The Parish Council would step in and pay for the grass cutting. Parish Councillor Nicklin to meeting with our gardener SG Parkin Landscapes and discuss a price and also how many times per year.

**Ginnel**  - the trees are still overgrown. In addition, we need to obtain addresses where the bushes are overgrown and let County Councillor Grogan have them to follow up.

**Library** – County Councillor Grogan is to arrange for the library to come into the village for 2 hours. Parish Councillor Nicklin is to be this in the Notice board and on all social media platforms to see if there is any interest. Feedback then to be given to County Councillor Grogan.

**Play Area (Oak Tree)** Parish Councillor Nicklin is to arrange a meeting with the Tree Surgeon who has done work for the Parish Council before. Arrange and price and then a suitable date when he can start work.

**12.432 NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Thursday, 17th July 2025 at 6.30pm, Anne Sharpe Centre, St Edwards Close, Byram.