

# Scagglethorpe Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2018 in the Village Hall at 7:30 pm**

## **1. Apologies for absence/Councillors Present**

Apologies received from Councillor Paul Prichard(PP).

Councillors present: Linda Waslidge(LW), David Ackroyd(DA), Paul Douthwaite(PD), Maureen Danby-Smith(MDS), Ben Harris(BH), Janet Bates(JB). Also present Clerk David Sonley(DS).

## **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

Accepted and signed by the chairman.

## **3. Matters arising**

Minute 7.3 Call for Speedwatch Volunteers. Disappointingly there had been no volunteers come forward, despite the leaflet request

Minute 11.1. The Clerk had reported the poor state of the village pavements to NYCC through the Parish Portal but had not yet seen a reply.

Minute 11.2 The Clerk had sent an email to NYCC and Highways England enquiring about their policies in dealing with unauthorised advertising signs within the village and on the A64 outside the village. DS read out the relevant part of the responses as follows:

*RDC - "We try to take a balanced view on such signs being aware of the economic needs of local businesses and the safety of the travelling public. Once we receive complaints or concerns we will ask the local highways officer to visit the area and should they consider the signs pose a safety risk they will remove the signs. So if the visibility at junctions is affected or the signs or banners are placed on 'visirails' at junctions we will remove them. The removed signs will be available for collection at a highway depot and there may be a charge levied"*

*Highways England - "I can confirm that it is our policy that signage is not permitted to be placed anywhere on the network. Any signage, banners or posters which are placed through another source to ourselves have not been authorised. On receipt of your report our operatives have been instructed to visit the area and removed any items which pose a safety risk and have been placed on Highways England land. ....Any other items are removed periodically as and when we have resources in the area. This type of issue is a constant battle on our network and your continued patience with this matter is much appreciated."*

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The Parish Council agreed not to take any further action on this matter at this time unless requested to do so.

## **4. Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council held on 4th September**

Accepted and signed by the chairman.

## **5. Matters arising from the Extraordinary Meeting**

JB had sent letters to both Kevin Hollinrake, our current MP and Kean Duncan, our local RDC councillor regarding the PC's position on the proposed changes to Shale Gas Exploration planning requirements. A reply had been received from the former acknowledging our concerns.

## **6. Financial Statement.**

The Clerk circulated a summary of the current financial position. He reported that we had recovered approximately £800 in VAT payments and was contacting NYCC regarding the payment for the village carrying out its own grass cutting, over £900 last year.

## **7. Next Years Precept**

The clerk stated that he expected a surplus of £1400 - £1800 if we kept the same level of precept next year as it had been this year - £2601. But as the grass cutting payment could not be guaranteed, and we still needed to build up the reserves for contingencies, we should ask for a 10% increase. It was resolved that the Clerk would submit the request for the increased amount for next year.

## **8. Correspondence/Clerks report**

DS drew the Council's attention to the following information he had received

- RDC Don't be a Waster campaign which would have planned focused campaigns over the next year next year on Responsible Dog ownership, Waste and Recycling, Litter Clean up and Fly tipping.

The Council felt that dog fouling was still an issue in the village but the culprits were unknown. Also, councillors had noted that RDC were still collecting plastic bottles even though it was understood that they were not being recycled

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- The Citizen's Advice annual report which indicated that there were 9 clients in Scagglethorpe using the services last year and 19 cases had been progressed.
- RDC Chairman's Charity fund
- Grit Bin Request from two residents of Scagglethorpe Lane. The Clerk had previously received a quotation of £130 excluding VAT from RDC for bin and grit. The Council agreed that a grit bin should be provided and asked the Clerk to approach NYCC because it was thought that they would provide one at no cost to us.

There were no recent planning requests to be discussed, but councillors had received adverse comments about the large structure being built at Primrose Corner. After comparing what was being built to the original planning application, the Council decided that no action was warranted.

## 9. Defibrillator

The training arranged in the Village Hall had been very well received. Some discussion took place regarding the role of the owners of the Ham and Cheese in the funding of the equipment. The Council had not been made aware of the involvement of the H&C by the other two parties, even though they had both seen and approved the wording on the plaque, and the article prepared for the Gazette and Herald. The council decided not to replace the plaque and JB agreed to write another article, but would not seek further publicity by arranging for a photograph in the paper.

## 10. Community Speed Watch

From our 15 Speedwatch sessions so far, no one had been reported to the police. Drivers did appear to slow down as a result of seeing the "Speedwatch in operation" signs. We understand that the Speedwatch team in Hovingham had found the same.

The Council agreed that permanent Speedwatch Notices placed on the village entry signs with the message "Speedwatch Village – Slow Down" or something similar, may have a calming effect on the traffic. PD and DS would take measurements for the new signs, and DS would obtain a quotation for making them up.

We would continue to run Speedwatch sessions, but only on the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of each month starting 15<sup>th</sup> November.

DS will write to the NY Police Speedwatch co-ordinator to let him know our intentions.

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## 11. 11<sup>th</sup> November Commemorations

PD had circulated some information around the village and a Service would be held in the Chapel followed by a meeting for refreshments in the Village Hall. The proposal to light the beacon had been cancelled because there appeared to be little support for it.

## 12. Asset Register Review

The asset register was reviewed by the PC and a few minor corrections were made. The Clerk will amend the document accordingly.

## 13. Risk Register Review

The risk register was reviewed by the PC and a few minor corrections were made to some of the Control/Management procedures. The Clerk will amend the document accordingly.

## 14. Any other business

Workmen in the village had mentioned, rather surprisingly, that we might have the superfast broadband upgrade by the end of this year. They had indicated that it might be distributed through the power lines.

In February this year the 18 month experimental ban on HGVs driving over the level crossing in Norton had come into effect. The period for making representations on this arrangement had been extended until May next year. The Council requested that the Clerk should report on this by reporting that the ban had resulted in a significant increase in the number of HGVs passing through Scagglethorpe.

## 15. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

D R Sonley, Parish Clerk

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Signed by the Chairman of the following Parish Council Meeting

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