

Scagglethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7.00pm in the village hall

1. Appologies for absence/Councillors present

Present: Councillors Paul Douthwaite(PD), Pauline Caruthers(PaC), Sheila Cook(SC), John Smyth(JS), Janet Bates(JB), Nancy Wilson(NW), Maureen Danby-Smith(MDS). Also present David Sonley(DS), Clerk, Caroline Goodrick(CG), NYCC County Councillor, Di Keal(DK), Malton Town Councillor (part meeting).

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the August meeting were accepted as a true record and were signed by the chairman.

3. Settrington and Scagglethorpe Joint Traffic Initiative

SC gave a summary of our activities to measure traffic flows through our village. Our first survey had taken place in 2016 and since then we had seen noticeable increases in the volume of traffic passing through, and particularly the increase in number of heavy vehicles. Also, from our measurement of traffic turning onto and coming from the A64, it was obvious that heavy traffic is routing through our village to avoid Malton and Norton. We recognise that the creation of the Norton Lodge link road should have a significant effect in reducing traffic flow through Settrington, Parish Council, Norton and Malton town councils, and our Parish Council would like to do as much as possible to emphasise to the planners that this road should be put in place in the initial phase of the housing development.

CG informed the meeting that the planning process was still continuing and that nothing had been decided yet. There is little more that we can do to influence the eventual planning decision, but we should present our survey findings to contacts at our local NYCC Highways office in Kirby Misperton. SC will do this.

Norton Town Council also want the link road in place as soon as possible. NTC will be invited to comment on the plan when published. SC requested DK to let her know when this happens so that we could take the opportunity to add our comments.

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4. Matters arising from the minutes

- 3. Drop kerb near the bus stop. DS had ascertained that the original request to NYCC to paint an "H" line across the kerb had been lost during transfer to the local office and a new call had been logged. DS will follow this up.
- 3. New benches. All three were now in place and had been greatly welcomed by village residents.
- 3. Monkey Puzzle tree in Charlton Place. PD is in the process of obtaining a preservation order on the tree.
- 6.3 PD has written to Rob Robinson regarding the impact of pollution from traffic passing through the village but had not yet received a reply.
- 7. Still more 20's Plenty campaign stickers are required, particularly for Village Street as some vehicles are being driven at speeds inappropriate for that section of road. DS will order and distribute more.

5. Correspondence/Clerk's report

- Permissive footpath. The landowner's agent has emailed to say that they are going to provide gates,. The original proposal to create a path in the field near Primrose Corner has been dropped, but they are happy that villagers continue to use the existing buffer strip.
- Bicycles near the bus shelter. RDC have informed the clerk that they are still in use and that RDC will attach a notice to the bikes.
- Correspondence recently circulated to the councillors included
 - a call by the 20s plenty campaign to write to NYCC Councillors. JB will do so on behalf of the PC.
 - Notification of a Zoom meeting with the Police and Crime Commissioner on 29th November

6. Reports from Councillors

6.1 Malton and Norton Partnership had responded to an email by JB to say that we would be welcome. JB will attend the next meeting and we will assess the value of joining the group.

6.2 JB had attended the YLCA September Conference and had produced a report.

Of particular interest was the session on grant application writing and funding. We should include the suggestions from this session in all our applications in the future. Also, the session on emergency planning and resilience. Our village did not have any procedures in place to cover serious incidents.

A number of presenters stressed the need for having a village plan. Our last village plan was put together in 2014 and needed updating. It should appear on next meetings agenda. CG agreed that a village plan was very important as the Boundary Commission will be making changes.

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7. Playing Field Developments

It was agreed that we should go ahead and fund the upgrade to the access ramp separately from the major proposed upgrade to be supported by the Manor Farm development grant. Another community grant of up to £1400 is available and DS will investigate how we may apply for this. PD will check whether or not planning permission is required for building the ramp.

8. RDC Community Grant Scheme

The meeting agreed that setting up Coffee mornings at the village hall would be a benefit to the village. The grant must be applied for within the next few weeks and PaC will follow this up.

9. Finances and bank reconciliation

9.1 The latest bank reconciliation statement was circulated to councillors, and the cashbook and cheque book were offered for inspection. There were no questions on the accounts.

9.2 Street Lighting. NYCC have informed us of an impending electricity bill for this year of over £1,100, compared with £550 last year (both excl VAT). DS had received estimates for conversion to LED lighting from both NYCC and Acorn Lighting Services. It was resolved that we should employ Acorn to convert the lighting to LED, providing NYCC would continue to supply electricity if we did so. DS will contact NYCC to confirm this. NYCC suggest that we could reduce costs further by switching off the lighting at midnight instead of operating from dawn to dusk as we have now. This would be easily achieved by fitting timed sensors to the units. It was agreed that we should send a questionnaire to all residents living in the village to seek and resolve any issues before making this change.

10. Setting of the 2023/24 Precept Requirements

The clerk anticipated a healthy bank balance at the end of March this financial year and circulated a list of estimates of income and expenditure for the next year. Thought we anticipated an extra spend of £3500 for the street lights, we have sufficient funds at present such that we should only require the same precept as this year.

It was resolved that we should apply for a precept of £3000, the same as this year.

11. Coronation celebration activities – May 2023

It was agreed that we should postpone discussion about this until our meeting in February.

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12. Document Review

7.1 Councillors reviewed the PC Risk Register. No amendments were deemed necessary.

7.2 Councillors reviewed the Asset Register. No amendments were deemed necessary.

13. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 31st January 2023 at **7.00pm** in the Village Hall.

Signed by the Chairman of the January 2023 Meeting

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