

# Scagglethorpe Parish Council

## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

held at 7.00pm on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023  
in the Village Hall

### 1. Apologies 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, Nicky Hodgson(NH) (part meeting)

### 2. To accept the Minutes of the last meeting

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

### 3. Coronation May 2023

The official program had now been announced by Buckingham Palace (shown in brackets, below), but it was decided that we should hold a modified program more in keeping with village tradition and capabilities.

Saturday (coronation day) – lighting the village beacon at 9.00pm.

Sunday (coronation “big lunch” and concert day) – service in Scagglethorpe Chapel

Monday (“Big help out day”) - Village Party with games. PD will arrange for a celebration cake to be made. We should ask around the village for people to bring savoury items such as quiches.

We already have plenty of bunting available for all events. More lanterns than we had at the last beacon ceremony are required. We should provide gazebos and chairs for all outdoor events. Coronation mugs will be purchased to be given free to children attending the Monday event. We will buy extra so that over 16's can buy a mug, but we need to know the numbers of people wanting them.

The events should now be advertised at “The Hub” to get volunteers. We will hold an informal village meeting to discuss the weekends events on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April [ *since the PC meeting, this date has been changed to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> April*].

### 4. Scagglethorpe Hub

We have had two hub events so far and 15 and then 12 people attended. During the sessions, it had been slow during the first hour, and most people had left by 1.30pm. We may need to modify the timings depending how the next sessions go.

Spare village hall keys for emergency access were now available in the key safe attached to the porch. DS will approach relevant individuals to arrange defibrillator training and a possible promotion of craft courses on a Hub day.

We should move the date of the Easter Sunday Hub meeting from 9<sup>th</sup> April to Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April with a view to organising activities for greater village participation, for example egg painting competitions for both children and adults. There will be an informal meeting to discuss the Easter events on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March in the village hall. This meeting will also be advertised in "The Hub" to recruit volunteers.

## **5. Grant for playing fields development**

It is likely that there would be a delay in obtaining the grant money because of a dispute about who should pay it. The Parish Council will be paying for improvements to the access ramp. The previous estimate had been around £1000, but the Playing Fields Committee will obtain an updated quotation. The Playing Fields Committee had already carried out some research into the requirements for the main developments.

## **6. Matters arising from the minutes**

3. Keane Duncan had responded to an email from SC. In the response he anticipated that the link road would be completed after 100 houses had been built. This is likely to be 2-3 years into the build. The meeting noted that Settrington Parish borders the development and their PC has been included in the list of parties to be notified of project developments.

4. The process of obtaining a preservation order on the monkey puzzle tree in Charleton place is still with the RDC tree officer.

6.2 This meeting recognised that we do need a village plan, and that discussion about it should take place at our parish open meeting and PC meeting in May.

## **7. Correspondence/Clerks Report**

Correspondence had been received about the following topics:

1. Malton and Norton Neighbourhood plan. They wish us to respond to their consultation survey.
2. NYCC had informed us that their payment to us for cutting our grass was going up slightly.
3. YLCA training bulletins had been forwarded to the Councillors.
4. NYCC Climate Change Strategy. An online meeting is planned for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February which JB will attend. Following the meeting we will decide if the subject should be on the agenda for the next meeting.
5. The broken gate at the end of Johnny Lane has been reported to NYCC.
6. A reminder of the next YLCA meeting by Zoom on 7<sup>th</sup> February.
7. Ryedale Plan review. The PC felt that there was little point in responding as the planning policy is likely to change significantly when NYCC takes over.
8. NYCC Draft Parish Charter. NYCC would like individuals to respond to the draft charter. The clerk will circulate the received information to enable councillors to do so.

#### **8. Finances and bank reconciliation**

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. Street Lighting**

NYCC had replaced one of our street lanterns with a 15W LED array. Councillors were shown photographs taken after dark by DS which compared the lighting levels with an existing 42W fluorescent tube. They were happy that the light intensity of the LED array was adequate and it was resolved that DS would arrange for NYCC to replace the remaining street lights with LED units. It was agreed that we should ask for a brighter LED array to be installed outside Beech Tree farm as it was necessary to provide a little illumination to the footpath on the bank opposite.

#### **10. 20's Plenty Campaign**

An Email had been received asking us to participate in demonstrations outside of two council meetings. The PC decided that we would not participate in these. JB will write to a number of NYCC councillors on information given to us by the campaign organisers emphasising the PC's support for this campaign.

#### **11. Playground Safety Inspection Report**

The report, written in November high-lighted a number of low or very low risks which will be handled by PD during routine maintenance. One moderate risk was discovered regarding a small area of rotting timber on the Multi-play equipment. This will be dealt with as soon as possible.

#### **12. Insurance**

Our Insurers, Zurich Municipal had sent a renewal notice offering the same level of cover as last year for a small premium increase to £317 per year. It was resolved that the Clerk would renew this insurance for the coming year.

#### **13. Date of next meeting**

The Parish Open Meeting will be held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May at 7.00pm in the village hall. This will be followed by the next Parish Council Meeting.

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Signed by the Chairman of the May 2023 meeting

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