

Scagglethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st November 2023 at 7.00pm in the village hall

1. Appologies for absence/Councillors present

Present: Councillors Paul Douthwaite(PD), Pauline Caruthers(PaC), Sheila Cook(SC), Janet Bates(JB), Nancy Wilson(NW). Also present David Sonley(DS), Clerk and one other member of the public. Appologies were received from Councillor Maureen Danby-Smith which were accepted by the 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. Matters arising from the minutes

4. The broken gate post in Johnny Lane has been fixed.

6. National Highways have replied to the clerk stating that they are working on a cycling improvement scheme which will include establishing an island in the centre of the A64 near the bus stop.

4. Co-option of a councillor to fill the vacancy left by the retiring councillor

DS had posted statutory notices regarding the vacancy which required electors to contact NYC if they wished for an election. The period for contacting NYC expires on 23rd of November at which point NYC will inform us if an election is to be called. In the event that no election is called, the meeting agreed that it would co-opt Sarah Hopper to fill the vacancy.

5. Correspondence/Clerk's report

5.1 Vehicle Activated Sign. DS showed a spread sheet summary of deployments of the VAS over the last few years. It showed weekday average of 770 vehicles and a weekend average of about 615 passing through the village in one direction only, mostly travelling north. Vehicle numbers recording is not completely accurate, so any figures should be used to observe trends. The number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit is around 0.5% and the maximum speed ever recorded is recorded is 45mph. It was agreed that we should use the speed figures to attempt to get a 20mph restriction, at least round the bend. DS said that a large white van which was frequently parked at the roadside was preventing us setting up the VAS for south bound traffic.

5.2 The clerk had received a request from NYC for the PC to comment on a draft public engagement document which was open to comments until 22nd

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December. DS will forward the information to the councillors who will liaise by email to establish what comments would represent the views of this PC.

6. 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. The clerk asked the councillors to consider obtaining a Parish Council bank card to make online purchasing more efficient instead of using personal cards and claiming expenses. Also to consider the use of internet banking to make bill payment easier. The meeting decided that it did not want to introduce these facilities as it would result in less control over our purchases which currently require two signatures.

7. Setting of the 2024/25 Precept Requirements

The clerk circulated a summary of anticipated income and expenditure for the period up until the end of the 2025 financial year. It was agreed that we should apply for the same precept as this year - £3000 which would take our expected balance to around £8000 at the end of next year.

8. Document Review

8.1 Councillors reviewed the PC Risk Register. Minor corrections were required to remove references to Ryedale District Council. The clerk will edit the document as appropriate.

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

9. Primrose Corner Planning application for a 4 place holiday caravan site.

The PC examined some of the documents which had been submitted for the application. After discussion it was agreed that there were no valid grounds for opposing the application but concerns were raised that the new static caravans could be used for permanent housing. The clerk will submit comment to NYC which will state that although we had no objections, a site license should be obtained and regular inspections for compliance should be carried out.

10. Participation of D-Day celebrations in June next year

It was agreed to postpone discussions on this topic until our meeting in February next year.

11. Playing fields development update

The Chairman informed the meeting that the development would start approximately in the 2nd week in January next year with the building of the new access ramp and the wooden shelter. The siting of the new adult exercise equipment would be in February. There would be another phase of improvements which would be paid for

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by the remaining grant money.

12. North Yorkshire Council Housing Strategy - consultation request

The clerk will forward the letter to all councillors to read and comment. It was noted that the consultancy period finishes on 11th December so that web site comments must be submitted for that date.

13. Scagglethorpe Village Plan

The clerk had taken notes at the informal meeting held on 10th October. The notes were read out and the time table agreed at that meeting confirmed. It was agreed that we would hold another informal meeting on Tuesday 16th January.

The clerk had created an outline copy of the first consultation document and will circulate it. In preparing the village plan, Councillors should also take into account the two NYC consultations mentioned above – the draft "Statement of Community Engagement" and the Housing Strategy.

14. The Slow Ways Network

The Slow Ways organisation had invited the PC to participate in this initiative. The meeting agreed that it should be promoted through the Hub.

15. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 13th February at 7.00pm in the Village Hall

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Signed by the Chairman of the February 2024 meeting

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