

Scagglethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th February 2024 at 7.00pm in the village hall

1. Appologies for absence/Councillors present

Present: Councillors Paul Douthwaite(PD), chairman, Pauline Caruthers(PaC), Sheila Cook(SC), Janet Bates(JB), Nancy Wilson(NW), Maureen Danby-Smith. Also present David Sonley(DS), clerk and Nicky Hodgson(NH) from the Playing Fields Committee (part meeting).

2. Minutes of the last meeting

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes

3. Work is expected to start on the A64 improvements at Scagglethorpe later this year.

5.1 We should be able to apply for a 20mph limit having apparently satisfied the criteria.

4. Correspondence/Clerk's report

4.1 The Clerk had received an email from NYC to inform us that the garden waste collection would be charged from 1st March until early December from this year, but the cost of Ryedale collections would be reduced as we had already paid until the end of March

4.2 The landowner had erected gates at all the field entrances on the western section of the old A64. We have had verbal confirmation from the land agent that they will not be locked and that village residents can continue to walk on the uncultivated strips around the edge of the fields on the southern side of the road.

5. PD had had correspondence from Kevin Riley, the NYC Senior Planning officer stating that the Monkey Puzzle tree in the old village would not qualify for protected status. The reasons given were that it is a non-native species that had a potential to grow to 30 metres. This was not conducive to its position next to the road in a built up area,

5. 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.

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6. Playing field Development updates

6.1 NH gave an update to the developments to the playing field. The new pagoda was complete except that foot rests were to be installed along some of the seating. The new adult exercise equipment had been installed, but we were still awaiting the notice and QR code stickers. The invoice would be received shortly. DS said that we had sufficient funds to pay the invoice before applying for the remaining £8,499 of the grant if it became necessary. We will need to display notices in the playground to warn that children should not to use this equipment.

6.2 We still have approximately £4,500 of unallocated grant money which we could apply for to buy more equipment for the Playing Field. We should consider equipment for an older age range. NH showed pictures and provided costs of a range of equipment from two manufacturers, The Yorkshire Play Company, and Playscheme York. The PC preferred the former supplier as the equipment appeared to be more suited to our requirements. The equipment selected was a)picnic table, b)A-frame for climbing, and c)Split traverse wall. Including installation and VAT this came to £4,398. It was resolved that NH should pursue this option, obtain formal quotations and will contact the manufacturer for a site visit.

6.3 Access ramp. During a site visit by the PC some weeks ago, it had been proposed that further work was needed to reduce the ramp gradient and a number of options of doing so had been discussed. Since then, NH had had additional discussions with the contractor and PD. As a result of the consultations, NH provided the meeting with a new sketch diagram and described the plan which would

- Bring the access forward resulting in a less gradient throughout,
- flatten out the top of the path
- install a new fence and gate at the entrance
- trim back the middle barrier for more space.

The contractor has given a total price of labour and installation of £970.00.

NH left the meeting at this point. The PC agreed that the installed access ramp needed to be improved and it was resolved that we should go ahead with this work. DS would inform NH.

7. Parish Council Insurance

7.1 Our insurance with Zurich Municipal is due to be renewed on 25th March. The original quotation for this year was £322 – similar to last year.

7.2 DS has approached the insurers to obtain a quote for insuring the Parish Council for liability claims arising from the use of the playing field equipment. This would be an additional £57.00 annually. The meeting agreed that this was

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acceptable and should be bought. It was resolved that DS would contact the insurers to add this extra premium.

7.3 DS had also asked for a quote for insuring all playing field equipment and the new pagoda against loss or damage. The additional premium based on an estimated value of £ 49,500 including the pagoda and new railings would be an additional £345.00. The meeting felt that this extra premium was not acceptable, but requested that DS ask for the cost of insuring the pagoda only for £15000 as this was the most vulnerable item.

8. Grant funding requirements and opportunities

The meeting had a general discussion about grants, There are many different bodies who offer grants and research needs to be carried out each time a new requirement for funding is identified so that the most appropriate source can be approached.

9. Groups and Committees within Scagglethorpe

The Chairman gave an account of the existing independent committees within Scagglethorpe:

- Chapel Committee, dating from 1816. It has members from Scagglethorpe, Winteringham and Rillington, six in total who bear the cost of running the chapel between them.
- Village Hall (or Church Room) Committee dating from 1844. This has five local members and representatives of the church.
- Parish Council, dating from 1894.
- Playing Field Committee dating from 1967. This has two distinct operational sides, one concerned with the operational maintenance, and the other with social activities.
- Scagglethorpe Hub. Still under control of the Parish Council, but it is intended to establish this as a separate group.

10. D Day 80th anniversary event, 6th June 2024 (Thursday)

The meeting agreed that we should participate in this event and that music and drinks should be provided. We should ascertain from the pub that we are not clashing with any event they may have arranged. The event should not require a lot of organisation and we can wait until our meeting in May to assign tasks.

11. NY/2022/0224/FUL Planning Application to extend Settrington Quarry

Scagglethorpe PC has been designated a consultee for this application which was initially put forward in 2022 and has undergone several amendments. Councillors had had sight of the application in advance of the meeting and were concerned about a number of the proposals made. In particular the increase of the number of lorry movements from 36 currently to 112 following the extension of the quarry. Also, concern was raised regarding the control of lorry routing through Settrington and Scagglethorpe. SC read out the 2022 response from Settrington which the meeting felt made many valid points. SC will create the draft consultee response

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for circulation and approval, and will forward the final copy to the Clerk for submission to NYC.

12. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 14th May in the village hall. This will be the annual Parish Council meeting and will immediately follow the annual Parish Open Meeting starting at 7.00pm at the same venue.

Signed as a true record by the chairman of the May 2024 Parish Council Meeting

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