

Scagglethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Tuesday 11th August 2020 at 7.00pm

using the Zoom video conferencing facility

1. Appologies for absence/Councillors present

Appologies were received and accepted from Councillors Maureen Danby-Smith, Nancy Wilson.

Present: Councillors Paul Douthwaite(PD), Sheila Cook, John Smyth(JS), Lee Walker, Janet Bates. Also present David Sonley(DS), Clerk. This Zoom meeting had been advertised to the public, but none were present.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record and would be passed to the chairman for signing after the meeting.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

3.1 Posts to be erected on the pavement in the lower village. The meeting between Councillors and NYCC took place on Thursday 21st May, and it was decided that the best option, rather than use posts, was to raise the footpath level and install a double kerb. This would have less impact on the appearance of the area and would be less expensive to maintain. The NYCC representative said that installation of the pavement would be put into their budget for the next year.

4. Financial Statement

The latest bank reconciliation statement had been circulated to Councillors. There were no questions on the accounts.

5. Correspondence/Clerks report

5.1 Jack Garbutt Moore had taken over from Bridget Skaife as our Community Support Officer at Ryedale District Council.

5.2 There had been two Planning Applications submitted over the last 3 months, one down Scagglethorpe Lane and the other at Scagglethorpe Manor, neither of which appeared to have any impact on the village or environment.

5.3 DS had contacted Keane Duncan regarding progress of the community shared VAS who said that he was waiting for a contract to be signed. It would be interesting to see if the VAS made any difference to traffic speed recorded by our Community Speed Watch deployments.

5.4 DS brought the attention of the meeting to the bi-weekly on-line councillor's discussion forum organised by YLCA and will forward the information.

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6. Old village road

There had been representations made to NYCC to lay a hard tarmac surface on the unmade road section in the old part of the village. These had been made by a resident living in that area, but with little success so far. This is an adopted road, but had never been surfaced.

Also, the condition of the tarmac section of the road was very poor with a large number of pot holes, which had been marked by spray paint, sometime within the last month. Though not a through road, this road was in constant use by residents and a significant number of delivery vans and lorries, some of which were heavy, such as the oil tankers and those of MKM.

The Council expressed surprise and frustration that that Main Street had been recently resurfaced, but the poor condition of the old village road had been ignored. Also, that time and money had been spent to clean out the drains on the old A64 sections of road which would have little benefit to our community.

It was resolved that the Clerk would contact NYCC Highways Department expressing our concern and asking the above matters to be taken in hand.

7. Implementation of Fibre connections in the village.

Fibre connections to the village are in place and a number of residences now have fast broadband connection. However, the Openreach work was never completed, and most houses in the northern and southern parts of the village are not yet fibre connected. We believe that the delay has been caused because some changes to the electricity supply routing are required before the fibre may be finished off as the poles are used for both of the two services.

It was resolved that DS and JS would contact Openreach again to try and get the installation date brought as far forward as possible.

8. Flooding behind Southwood

In times of heavy rain, the culvert taking the water from the spring in the field above Southwood cannot cope, and the water floods across the property at ground level, damaging the contents of the garage, and washing large quantities of gravel from the drive onto the road. This is happening much more frequently now than in years past. It was thought likely that parts of the culvert may have collapsed and remedial work was required. DS will initiate the investigation, starting by contacting Yorkshire Water.

9. Proposal for NYCC to become a unitary authority

This agenda item was added following a letter from Keane Duncan who would be interested to hear our views. Much discussion took place. The main concern of the meeting was that smaller Parishes such as ours would not get sufficient attention to their issues if we were administered by one large authority based in Northallerton. There is an online presentation on Wednesday 19th August given by NYCC which is intended to show how a single NYCC authority could operate, and it was decided that all Councillors should see this before we could give our approval or disapproval to the proposals.

10. Review of Standing Orders

The Council's Standing Order document dated November 2019 had been circulated to all Councillors. The meeting agreed that the current document was sufficient for our requirements without further amendment.

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11. Review of Data Protection Regulations

The Council's General Data Protection policy document dated August 2018 had been circulated to all Councillors. The meeting agreed that the current document was sufficient for our requirements without further amendment.

12. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 10th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (Subject to there being no social distancing requirements)

Signed by the Chairman of the November 2020 meeting, but after the meeting which was held remotely using the Zoom conferencing facility

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