

Scagglethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Tuesday 10th August 2021 at 7.30pm

in the village hall

1. Apologies for absence/Councillors present

Present: Councillors Paul Douthwaite(PD), Sheila Cook(SC), John Smyth(JS), Janet Bates(JB), Nancy Wilson(NW), Lee Walker(LW), Maureen Danby-Smith(MDS). Also present David Sonley(DS), Clerk. One Scagglethorpe resident was present for approximately, 30 minutes.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

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

3. Matters arising from the minutes

4. It is understood that fibre for broad band had now been installed throughout the whole village and some residents had already been in contact with their telephone providers to upgrade their internet connection.

4. The Clerk had had no further contact with NYCC regarding the upgrade of the street lighting to LED. Councillors were aware that Halogen street lights as an option may be phased out.

6.4 A spring had been fitted to one of the three public footpath gates that require them.

9. The PC had contacted Birdsall Estates to discuss the possibility of making a permissive footpath around one of their fields but this had been rejected. The representative from Cater Farms, who we did meet to talk about a permissive path round another field had not been in touch since. The Clerk will contact him to ascertain progress.

9. The Clerk had not yet written to Highways England regarding the difficulty in crossing the A64 to and from the Bus Stop but intends to do so. Councillors suggested that what was really needed was a roundabout at the Village entrance/exit to the A64 to slow traffic down.

9. LW is still to obtain an estimate for the village plan display board.

4. Finances and bank reconciliation

The latest bank reconciliation statement was circulated to councillors, and the Cashbook and cheque book were inspected. DS commented that we held an unusually high bank balance, but we had allotted £1,200 of it as a contribution to the double height kerb installation by NYCC, although we had only an indication that the work would be done next year. LW had spoken directly to NYCC about it but felt that we should escalate the problem further up the chain in order to progress it.

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5. Correspondence/Clerk's report

The clerk read out a list of the emails he had circulated to Councillors since the last meeting. He said that he was very conscious of the large number of emails that were circulated but will continue to forward them.

6. Community Grant Application

At this point in the meeting we were joined by Nicki Hodgson(NH), Chairman of the Playing Fields Committee.

The PC felt that the initial village consultation was complete and it was agreed that the Playing Fields Committee would apply for the grant on the assumption that the entire grant funds would be available to enhance the playing field.

The grant of £21,500 would not go far, particularly if an all weather playing surface was included. Match funding from another source should be considered, so that plans for development should not necessarily be limited by the size of the community grant alone. Match funding in kind – free available expertise within our community, may be an option.

NH said that a feasibility study should take place based on the ideas put forward. As the building work had stopped on the Manor farm development, there was no pressure to apply for the grant in the near future, and she suggested that some time in October would be an appropriate time to engage with the Parish Council again.

Once we had a better idea of costs, then we could then arrange another open session for village residents to finalise requirements.

NH left the meeting following this discussion.

7. Document Review

7.1 Councillors reviewed the PC Standing Orders document. The Clerk requested that section 7.5 relating to the publishing of draft minutes was taken out as it was not appropriate, or necessary to publish them. Councillors agreed to this, and the rest of the document was approved without further amendment.

7.2 Councillors reviewed the policy document relating to the PC's application of the General Data Protection Regulations and agreed that no amendments were necessary.

8. Traffic Monitoring and Control – joint exercise with Settrington.

One traffic survey had taken place in both Settrington and Scagglethorpe. Dates for the remaining Scagglethorpe surveys will be Monday 16th August and Friday 17th September. The Clerk will inform Settrington of those dates. Councillors from both villages will meet again in October.

General discussion took place regarding ways to reduce the amount of heavy traffic through the village. The best solution would be to persuade the authorities to impose weight restriction on the road. Other roads in the Ryedale area had such restrictions, but it was not obvious what criteria were used in the decision to impose the

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restriction. Also, it was noted that the conditions laid down for a permit to extract minerals from the Settrington quarry, specifically excluded the routing of trucks through our village. The PC agreed that we should comment on the application to extract minerals when it came up for renewal in 2022.

Councillors noted that the long awaited plans for a housing development and new link road had been announced in the Malton Gazette and Herald. This development should solve most of our traffic problems when completed.

9. Matters brought forward at the recent Parish Open Meeting

9.1 Bus stop. Scarborough bound bus drivers had been reluctant to turn into Scagglethorpe and occasionally, travellers had been forced to alight on the other side of the A64. This situation is unacceptable, even though the PC does acknowledge the difficulties for drivers turning right out of Scagglethorpe having dropped off passengers. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to the bus company. Also, bus drivers have encountered serious difficulties resulting from vehicles parking on the bus turning circle. The road in the area should be marked for "no parking" as we have asked NYCC before. The clerk will also mention this in the email to the bus company and ask them for assistance in persuading NYCC to carry out the road lining work.

9.2 Speedwatch Deployments will resume. The next two will be Thursday 12th August and Tuesday 24th August. Afterwards, the kit will be returned to Settrington with whom we share.

9.3 The Vehicle Activated Sign, which we share with two other Parishes, is located in a poor position. The Clerk will write to NYCC and ascertain the cost of moving it.

9.4 Litter Picking. This will be arranged later in the year when the grass has died back.

9.5 Footpath between Meadowcroft and Conker Corner. The path becomes waterlogged after heavy rain, and may benefit from having a gravel surface over a membrane. This could be done by village volunteers and PD will consider how this can be arranged.

9.6 Volume of music from the outside events at the village public house. Councillors recognise the hard work put in by the establishment owners and the need to expand the business after the lifting of the coronavirus restrictions. They also acknowledge that a number of residents had been disturbed by these outside events, but the PC were not in a position to formally challenge it. Individual residents could take it up with Ryedale District Council if they wished, and this had been suggested at the recent Parish Open Meeting.

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 9th November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Signed as a true record by the Chairman of the November 2021 Meeting

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