

Scagglethorpe Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 11th February 2025 at 7.00pm in the village hall

1. **Apologies for absence/Councillors present**

Present: Councillors Paul Douthwaite(PD), chairman, Pauline Carruthers(PaC), Sheila Cook(SC), Nancy Wilson(NW), Sarah Hopper(SH). Also present David Sonley(DS), clerk and one member of the public. Apologies received from Councillors Maureen Danby-Smith and Janet Bates(JB), which were accepted by the 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. The grant money for the Hub rental of the village hall has now been paid over to the Village Hall Committee.

5. Nothing has been received regarding our nomination for the Royal Garden party in May. It would seem that our application has been unsuccessful.

4. **Finances and bank reconciliation**

The latest bank reconciliation statement was circulated to councillors, and the cash-book and cheque book were offered for inspection. There were no other questions on the accounts.

5. **Correspondence/Clerk's report**

5.1 NYC have confirmed that our request for a 20mph speed limit through the village meets their criteria. They have started putting together a proposal and as a "key" stakeholder, we will be formerly consulted but there are no dates yet.

5.2 The village phone box was recently visited by BT technicians. Our belief is that it may be offered to us for adoption again in the future.

5.3 NYC have notified us that there is a call for new building developments in the area. A map showing sites currently proposed is available for web site viewing. There are a few changes since the publication of the last map. We have noted that Brow Farm is no longer considered to be a potential site, and land next to Bar cottage is now included.

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5.4 Notification of a planning application from Primrose Corner had just been received and the PC is invited to comment on it. The application is in respect of the utility buildings for residential use. DS will circulate the web site link to Councillors for reading and a draft of our response for approval before submitting it.

6. Parish Council Insurance

The renewal costs for insurance are similar to last year [£471, £453]. DS had asked our insurers how we could evidence the additional insurance we took out last year covering liability for accidents resulting from use of the playground equipment, as it did not appear on our schedule of insurance document. It was resolved that the PC should wait for confirmation of this, and if satisfactory should renew the policy with Zurich Municipal.

7. VE Day Commemoration 8th May 2025

There is a country wide official programme of events for that day and it was agreed that Scagglethorpe would include its own version of the events, centred around an evening beacon lighting ceremony as on previous similar occasions. The Parish Council will organise this event and would hold an informal meeting on Tuesday 1st April at 7.00pm in the Village hall to plan it.

8. Village Plan

The working documents had all been updated by the respective authors and had been published on the PC web site. SH will obtain a new quotation for a new Notice Board. The next litter picking day was already scheduled. The surface of the public footpath at the end of Johnny Lane into the field was in poor condition, but the PC were not in a position to fix this as it was on private property. DS will contact the NYC parish paths office. The PC will await the formatting of the working documents into a booklet form by JB before discussing the plan in further detail. .

9. Gypsy and Traveller Accomodation Assessment

NYC were arranging a consultation on the above subject and had comissioned a web site survey to establish the current situation. The meeting discussed the survey questions and PaC will respond on the PC's behalf.

10. Application to NYC by Settrington Quarry for expansion

SC had submitted a second response to the application prior to the second NYC Planning Committee meeting which was due to be held the previous day. We can do no more than await to hear the final result.

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11. New Clerk

11.1 A new Clerk has been appointed and will take over as soon as the printer and Lap Top PC hve been transferred. DS will arrange to meet with her to discuss the process and procedures and affect a smooth hand over.

11.2 Anti-virus software needs to be purchased to replace the software provided by the current clerk.

11.3 JB had previously volunteered to take on the role of Defibrillator Guardian.

11.4 PaC will take on the responsibility of taking and analysing data from the MVAS and DS will continue to arrange to collect and install the MVAS unit in the village when it is our turn for use.

12. Scagglethorpe Hub

PaC presented a proposal for the Scagglethorpe Hub which is intended to be an independent body with its own bank account and with a governing structure of officers. The overall function of the hub would be to provide a platform to assist other interest groups to thrive within the parish. Two individuals had out themselves forward to start a committee and push the organisation forward.

13. Date of next meeting

This will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday 13th May 2025 in the village hall, immediately following the Annual Parish Open Meeting at the same venue.

David Sonley
Scagglethorpe Parish Clerk