

# Scagglethorpe Parish Council

## Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2017

### 1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillors Maureen Danby-Smith and Ben Harris(BH).

Councillors present: Linda Waslidge(LW), David Ackroyd(DA), Paul Prichard(PP), Paul Douthwaite(PD). Also present clerk David Sonley(DS) and RDC Councillor Elizabeth Shields(ES).

Peter Smith, Chairman of Settrington PC was present for that part of the meeting.

In the absence of BH, PD was elected as chairman of the meeting.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted and signed by the chairman

### 3. Matters Arising

Street light purchase. The bill had now been paid, but ES suggested that the cost of the light might have been able to be recovered from her locality budget.

Pot holes. Those defects that had been raised at the last meeting had now been repaired by RDC highways department, as had the problem with the tree roots. However, three more areas of road damage were identified. It was resolved that the clerk would view the damage and if necessary report the matter to RDC.

Village Risk Assessment. This was still to be completed, the delay due to illness, and will be discussed at the next council meeting.

### 4. Councillor Vacancy

It is necessary to co-opt another councillor to fill the recent vacancy urgently. A list was drawn up of people in the village who we might approach. PD will start the process.

### 5. Clerk's Report

The clerk had received a number of emails from RDC, NALC and YLCA and had circulated them. Included in these was a survey form for information on local facilities which was completed at the meeting and the clerk will send it off to the RDC forward Planning Officer

### 6. Finances

The clerk presented the latest banking position with one outstanding cheque for the lighting. The payment from RDC for the grass cutting had not yet been received, but had been chased up.

### 7. Insurance Policy

The Parish insurance policy from Zurich Insurance is due for renewal in March. The premium is slightly less than last year because the reported value of the employees

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salary has been reduced from £2000 to £1000. DS will pass the new policy documents to PP to review before renewing.

## **8. Traffic Survey**

Since the traffic survey in September, the clerk had contacted RDC highways department. There is little that they can justify doing for us owing to budget restraints. They will paint back in the "SLOW" road markings which are currently very worn and unnoticeable. They advised that we ourselves are prohibited from painting the road or erecting any road signs on the highway. It was resolved that the clerk would contact RDC to ascertain if anything could be done to the road to reduce the vibrations caused by the heavy lorries which were the main problem. Also, in view of the amount of traffic passing through the village now, to request chicanes to be put in place as the speed ramps were ineffective.

## **9. Planning Application**

A copy of a planning application had been received informing of a development at Ebor Cottage Highfield Lane Scagglethorpe Malton YO17 8DR. The clerk will circulate the councillors with the details.

## **10. Grass Cutting at Settrington Church**

Peter Smith had asked to attend the meeting to explain to Scagglethorpe PC the requests from Settrington PC for contributions to the grass cutting at Settrington Church.

Settrington Church is the Parish Church for both parishes. Over the past 10 years the number of burials from Settrington and Scagglethorpe were in a 2:1 ratio. The church is responsible for the grass cutting and Settrington make a contribution of around £350 a year. Settrington PC would like us to make a contribution of about £175.

After Peter Smith had left it was decided that the request for contribution should be put to our Parish Open Meeting in May.

## **11. Any other Business**

11.1 Parish open meeting in May. The clerk will contact The Gazette and Herald to place an entry on their events page.

11.2 Queen's Sapphire Jubilee. LW proposed that the Parish might like to join in with any national celebrations that were being arranged for this event. The meeting required more information before any proposal could be endorsed and LW will ascertain what if anything is happening nationally.

11.3 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 is a national commemoration of the ending of the First World War and a chain of 1000 beacons will be lit throughout the country. It was resolved that the Clerk would register our interest to be involved.

11.4 The council noted that although we expected our village roads to be cleaned 6 times a year, no activity had been seen recently. Also there are some pavements that are becoming slippery. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact RDC Environmental Services Department with a view to cleaning the roads and pavement.

11.5 One of the residents had offered to sponsor the provision of a new dog litter bin. PD will contact the proposer to find out where it is needed and inform RDC of the location.

11.6 the 30MPH sign to the South of the village is corroded at the base and needs replacing. It was resolved that the Clerk would report the matter to RDC Highways Department.

## **12. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 9th May, immediately following the Parish Open Meeting which starts at 7:00pm

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