

Scagglethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Tuesday 9th February 2021 at 7.00pm

using the Zoom video conferencing facility

1. Appologies for absence/Councillors present

Appologies were received from Councillors Maureen Danby-Smith and Lee Walker. The reasons given were accepted by the meeting.

Present: Councillors Paul Douthwaite(PD), Sheila Cook(SC), John Smyth(JS), Janet Bates(JB), Nancy Wilson(NW). 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. The PC should contact NYCC again regarding the state of the road surface, particularly in the old part of the village. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact them in March when the current spate of bad weather would be over. We should emphasize the number of households that were served by this road and suggest to NYCC that we were being overlooked in determining priority for repairs.
3. The Clerk had asked for, but not received, any further information regarding the VAS and will attempt to make contact again.
4. The Clerk had not yet invited a representative from NYCC to talk to the PC about lighting provision as a face to face meeting would be more appropriate, and there may be an opportunity later in the year.
6. Lorries running along pavement. JS had taken a number of pictures as evidence but had decided to postpone the siting of a camera for a month or so for reasons of security of the equipment.

4. Financial Statement

- 4.1 The latest bank reconciliation statement and Cash Book copy had been circulated to Councillors. Since the statement had been prepared we had received a further £916 from NYCC for grass cutting. There were no questions on the accounts.
- 4.2 PD requested approximately £500 to purchase a new lawn mower as the current one was worn out. It was resolved that PD was purchase a mower of his choice up to that amount.

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5. Correspondence/Clerks report

5.1 The Speedwatch equipment had been passed over to Settrington PC as we have been asked to share it with them. DS will contact them to arrange a sharing rota.

5.2 The Clerk had received an email enquiring about the availability of the fast broadband in different parts of the village. It had been observed that Openreach contractors were still working in the village, suggesting that work was still in progress. JS will contact BT again to ascertain the current situation.

5.3 An email had been received asking Councillors to complete a survey about YLCA branch meetings. The meeting felt that although YLCA was valuable to us, there was little at the branch meetings to attract our involvement. Councillors were asked to complete the survey for themselves and some had already done so.

5.4 An email had been received from the YLCA asking Councillors to complete a survey about making the power to hold remote meetings such as this one a permanent right. Councillors were asked to complete the survey for themselves and some had already done so.

6. Insurance review

The Clerk had received a communication from Zurich insurance to renew the policy for next year. The meeting agreed that as the policy schedule is the same, our insurance requirements had not changed and the increase in cost was minimal, then we should go ahead and renew.

7. Playground Inspection report

The inspection had taken place in December last year, and Councillors had been supplied with an electronic copy of the report. The meeting noted that all risks were rated as "low" or "very low". The meeting accepted that any highlighted issues in the report could be dealt with at the same time as other general site maintenance.

8. Community Grant resulting from the Scagglethorpe Manor Farm Development

Individual Councillors had received suggestions on how the money could be spent, including an upgrade to the play area, provision of outdoor exercise equipment, a village directory sign, and footpath improvements. It was unlikely that the grants would be available for several months yet as the money would not be paid to RDC until half the houses had been built. In order to ascertain the opinions of Scagglethorpe residents, a flyer would be posted to all homes. The PC should aim to have a clear understanding of opinion prior to the next Parish Open Meeting, which would normally be held in early May, subject to social distancing regulations. DS would initiate the process by forwarding to all Councillors a copy of the flyer he drafted last year for this purpose.

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9. New planning application for Scagglethorpe Manor Farm Development

The new planning application had proposed to changes to the original 2012 authorised plan. A number of objections had been raised by residents. All objections related to the resiting of the four terraced houses fronting Main Street which would now have private parking next to the road, instead of at the rear of the properties in the cul-de-sac. The PC agreed that although the housing development was welcome, they would support the objections to the changes. The main points of concern were that with parking provision at the side of Main Street, the cottage residents would be encouraged to park on the road and pavement which would increase accident risk and lead to further congestion. Also, front of house parking next to the road would detrimental to the overall appearance of the village. It was resolved that SC would submit comments on behalf of the Parish Council.

10.State of the wall at Brow Farm

The wall was in poor repair and there was a risk of collapse onto the footpath. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact North Yorkshire Building Control to arrange an inspection.

11.Date of next meeting

Tuesday 11^h May 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall (Subject to there being no social distancing requirements)

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Signed by the Chairman of the May 2021 meeting, after the meeting which was held remotely

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