

Scagglethorpe Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 29th January 2019 in the Village Hall at 7:30 pm**

1. Apologies for absence/Councillors Present

Councillors present: Linda Waslidge(LW), David Ackroyd(DA), Paul Douthwaite(PD), Maureen Danby-Smith(MDS), Ben Harris(BH), Janet Bates(JB), Paul Prichard(PP). Also present Clerk David Sonley(DS).

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted and signed by the chairman.

3. Matters arising From the Minutes

10. Community Speedwatch. DS had obtained the price of the permanent Speedwatch Signs - £79 + VAT each. After some discussion it was resolved that the Clerk would order the signs with simple wording - "Community Speedwatch in progress".

Speedwatch had been deployed on 15th January as agreed, and another one on 24th January to support the NYP speed awareness campaign.

14. DS had written to NYCC regarding our views of the impact caused by the ban of HGVs across Malton Level Crossing. He had highlighted the increase in the number of HGVs passing through the village and sent pictures of damage caused to the pavements and verges.

4. Financial Statement

DS circulated the Bank Reconciliation statement and the cash book. He confirmed that the payment for grass cutting had been received.

5. Correspondence/Clerk's report

DS had attended the Parish Liaison Meeting on 12th December along with JB and MDS and gave a summary of a couple of the agenda items.

DS drew the Council's attention to the Rural Services Network organisation which is a government body and circulated two of the most recent bulletins which he receives weekly. Some Council members expressed an interest in the information and DS agreed to circulate the web site address and copies of the latest bulletin.

6. Parish Council Elections 2019

The election will take place on 2nd May. Four councillors indicate that they would not be standing for re-election so, although this would still leave a quorate Council, it would be necessary to conduct a campaign to encourage parishioners to put themselves forward for Council membership. NALC had produced some literature which could be used for that purpose. Notices will be posted throughout the village on the notice boards and posts. Also, DS would produce a leaflet which would

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distribution to all homes in the parish. Councillors will assist in distributing the leaflet.

DS would keep PD informed as to the receipt of applications once the election process had started.

7. Playground inspection report

The Play Inspection Company had conducted an inspection on 5th November 2018. They had identified pieces of equipment in the following risk categories:

6 Very Low Risk items for which no remedial work was required

8 Low Risk items, 4 of which had already been dealt with, and the necessary remedial work on the others will be carried out this spring, The Spring Frog had been decommissioned until the grass had grown back around it.

The Activity Trail equipment was given the Moderate Risk Category. The rotting timber post has now been replaced.

8. Approval of Standing Orders

DS had authored a Standing Orders document which was approved for use by the council. He will make the necessary typographic amendments, He will also add directives for the Council to annually review the Risk Assessment, Playground Report, Insurance Proposal, GDPR Policy and standing orders so that there is a central record of all documents that require review.

It was agreed by the Council that the Standing Orders document should be made available for consultation at each Council Meeting.

It was also agreed that to comply with legislation, the election of the Council Chairman should take place at the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council, and not the Annual Parish Meeting, as had been the custom in the past.

9. Dog Fouling

There had been further instances of dog fouling, particularly in the old part of the village. In order to demonstrate to the offending dog owners that their transgressions were being noticed, it was agreed that DS would spray white paint on any faeces that he noticed in the village which were left on grass or soil.

10. "For Sale" Notices on the A64

Three "For Sale" signs had been erected in a row on the verge of the A64 next to the village turn off. The Council recognised that these should all have had planning permission and permission from Highways England, but in practice, it would be unusual for such permissions to be applied for.

The Council noted that one sign was for a property in Settrington and one was for a property marked as "Sold". It is clear that these two signs are inappropriate in this location, and that a precedent will be created if they go unchallenged. Our concerns are that

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- they are dangerous in that location as they could get blown on to the road. The signs were inspected, by a member of the Council, found to be very loose in the ground, taken out and laid down away from the road.
- They are a distraction to motorists approaching the Scagglethorpe turn off which may potentially lead to an accident
- They are a eyesore for residents and may result in an adverse affect on people seeking properties in the area.

It was agreed that DS would write a letter to be sent to the estate agents.

11. Any Other Business

JB read out an article which she would be sending to the Malton Gazette and Herald regarding the Defibrillator, and which met the Councils approval.

12. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 14th May 2019 in the Village Hall, immediately following the Annual Parish Meeting which starts at 7:00pm at the same venue.

D R Sonley, Parish Clerk

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Signed as a true record by the Chairman of the 2019 May Meeting

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