

# Scagglethorpe Parish Council

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021

### 1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the Parish Open Meeting

### 2. Councillors present

All Councillors were present: Janet Bates, Maureen Danby-Smith, Paul Douthwaite, Sheila Cook, Lee Walker, John Smyth, Nancy Wilson. The Parish Clerk and nine parish residents were also present.

### 3. Minutes of the last open meeting

The minutes of the 2019 Annual Parish Meeting had been circulated before the start of the meeting. The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### 4. Matters arising from the minutes

4.1 Bus Stop. NYCC had not responded to our requests for the road at the bus stop to be demarked to deter motorists from parking. It was put forward from the floor that Parish Council should try again.

4.2 The Clerk reported that the buckled wall outside Brow Farm had been reported and logged by North Yorkshire Building Control Partnership, and the matter was now in their hands to take action as they see fit.

4.3 There had been no Speedwatch deployments this year. It was put forward from the floor that these should be reinstated. The Clerk agreed to seek the opinion of all current Speedwatch volunteers.

### 5. Chairman's report on the last year

5.1 Implementation of fibre throughout the village for fast broadband. This appeared to be almost complete following long delay due to the need to install more poles to carry the wires.

5.2 Lorries running down the pavement. Originally raised at the Open Meeting in 2019. After on site meetings with NYCC the agreed preventative solution is to raise the kerb height at a cost of around £10,000 which would include a £1,200 contribution from Scagglethorpe Parish Council. NYCC are expected to budget for this work to be completed next year.

5.3 Scagglethorpe Manor Farm Housing Development. The developer had submitted a revised plan which included off road parking for the four cottage terrace on the Main Street side, instead of the original plan to provide parking facilities in the cul-de-sac. The Parish Council and several residents had objected to the revised arrangement, but the plans have now been approved. A double yellow line parking restriction will be put along the road in front of the terrace.

5.4 General increase in traffic through the village. The increase in the number of heavy lorries was of particular concern, and the Parish Council had raised this issue with district councillors and the management of the nearby quarry business. Unfortunately, no solution is forthcoming in the foreseeable future. We have joined forces with Settrington Parish Council and both councils are carrying out a series of vehicle surveys to gather evidence for presentation to relevant authorities.

5.5 Vehicle Activated Sign. Ryedale District Council have provided an electronic road sign which can be shared and moved between the villages of North Grimston, Leavening and Scagglethorpe. The sign detects the speed of approaching vehicles and flashes a warning if the speed limit is exceeded. The sign also logs information for analysis and we can see from the data that very few vehicles exceed the speed limit.

5.6 Proposal for NYCC to become a unitary authority. During the consultation period, the Parish Council had expressed a preference for the East-West two way split of the North Yorkshire area, but central government has approved the option to create a single NYCC unitary authority, which should be in place for 2023.

5.7 Village footpaths. The Parish Council has been in contact with local landowners regarding the creation of permissive paths through fields around the village. One landowner has indicated his approval and we await further communications from him.

5.8 Village tree maintenance. A tree surgeon has been engaged and recommended maintenance work has been completed.

## **6. Financial Statement and Presentation of Accounts**

The Clerk circulated copies of the Parish Council Receipts and Payments. for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. He commented that the payment for our street light electricity would be about £200 less in subsequent years as we now bought our energy through NYCC. Also that volunteers who cut the grass in public areas could, if they wish, claim reasonable expenses from the the Parish Council, for example, petrol costs for lawn mowers. He was asked to comment on the possible conversion of village street lighting to LED. The clerk said that further conversations would be held with NYCC on this subject, but there was unlikely to be any financial advantage to us if the lights were converted.

## **7. Community Grant**

A questionnaire regarding how this money should be spent had been sent out to all Scagglethorpe properties some weeks earlier, and nearly all the responses had suggested that the money should be spent on improving the Playing Field area in some way. From the suggestions it would be possible to make a priority list. The meeting agreed that one of these suggestions – the provision of a shelter for seating - would be particularly beneficial. The Chairman of the of the Playing Fields Committee who was present at the meeting said that further consultation is required and a liaison or steering committee should be formed from interested parties within the village. The Parish Council are happy for this to be arranged.

## **8. Open Forum**

8.1 Village residents had occasionally experienced difficulty in requesting the Scarborough bound bus to turn into the village, and had been forced to alight in the bus stop on the opposite side of the A64. This can be a dangerous road to cross, particularly for those with children or mobility problems. It was agreed that the Parish Council will approach the bus company to discuss the issue.

8.2 Parking on the pavement and across dropped kerbs is causing serious problems for users of mobility scooters, of which there are at least two in the village. They are often unable to pass the car without having to drive onto the road. As parking partially on the pavement is common practice within the village the Parish Council will need to discuss the best approach addressing this issue at their next formal meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> August.

8.3 Discussion took place regarding the littering of the village and a suggestion put forward that we should reinstate the community litter picking day. Also that anti-litter signs could be acquired and placed at

strategic points throughout the village. The Parish Council will consider this at its next meeting.

8.4 Some parts of the footpath running between Meadowcroft and Conker Corner in the old part of the village become covered in standing water in rainy weather resulting in pedestrians and their dogs being covered in mud. The Parish Council will discuss the possibility of resurfacing the path.

8.5 Discussion took place regarding the volume level of the music from the outdoor entertainment events at the public house in the village. The sentiment of the meeting was that we recognised that a great deal of hard work had been put in by the business owners to create a successful business which provided an asset to our community. Also that they needed to recover from the financial impact of recent conovirus restrictions. One resident felt that the noise problem was outweighed by the fact that people were enjoying themselves and would bring business into the pub. But the meeting did agree that the volume of the music could be regarded as excessive and intrusive by people living within the vicinity. The Parish Council cannot intervene, and it was suggested that if individual residents wished to make formal complaints they should do so through Ryedale District Council who do have powers to act if it is found appropriate to do so.

## **9. Chairman's closing remarks**

The chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

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Signed as a true record bby the Chairman of the 2022 open meeting

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