

Scagglethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2017

1. Apologies for absence

All Councillors were present: Paul Douthwaite(PD) – chairman, Linda Waslidge(LW), David Ackroyd(DA), Paul Prichard(PP), Paul Douthwaite(PD), Ben Harris(BH), Maureen Danby-Smith(MDS) and clerk David Sonley(DS).

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted and signed by the chairman

3. Matters Arising

3.1 Remembrance of the end of the First World War -11th November 2018. The Clerk had registered our interest to be part of the 1000 beacon celebrations. This event would not be organised by the Parish Council directly, but it would require an organising committee and the Parish Council should find someone to lead it. PD will raise the matter with the Village Hall Committee.

3.2 Road Cleaning. The Clerk had contacted RDC regarding road cleaning in Main Street, but the reply had been that as there was only one mechanical cleaner for the whole of Ryedale's roads, they could not give us any timescales. It was resolved that the Clerk will contact them again. The sides of the western section of the old A64 had been cleared of debris, but one of the local farmers had done this. It was noted that one of the storm drain covers had been removed leaving a potentially dangerous hole. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact NYCC for a replacement.

3.3 The Clerk had obtained the costs from RDC for a dog waste bin which was to be sponsored by a resident. These were approximately £175 including VAT for delivery and installation. The Clerk would contact the resident and confirm that this was acceptable. If so, he would order it.

3.4 Settrington PC request for Scagglethorpe PC to contribute towards grass Cutting a Settrington Church. Since the last meeting PD had spoken to Pauline Durrant, one of the church commissioners who had said that the church did not want a contribution from Scagglethorpe. It was resolved that the Clerk would write to the chairman of Settrington PC saying that the matter was now closed.

4. Correspondence/Clerk's Report

The clerk had received and previously circulated a number of emails and documentation for local welfare groups and the newly appointed RDC community officer. He had tried to get the community officer and a representative from the Next Steps resource centre in Norton to attend the Parish Open meeting, but neither was available. The Clerk was asked to arrange for the community officer to attend our next meeting. The PC felt that some of the local community groups and charities overlapped in their aims and objectives, such as the Next Steps resource

centre and the Ryedale Community Transport Group. It was suggested that the Clerk could invite the Next Steps representative to a meeting to explain how that group was different.

5. Financial Statement

5.1. The Clerk informed the Council that the Annual Return was in preparation for audit, and that prescribed proper practices needed to be applied to the Annual Governance Statement and the Accounting statements when reviewed by the Parish Council.

5.2. Annual Governance Statement 2016/17. The Clerk read out the affirmation statements in respect of financial control. All were confirmed by the Council apart from the statement regarding the exercise of electors rights, because the external accountants believed that we had not displayed offered the accounts for inspection during the statutory period. The Clerk believed that there would be no consequences of this, providing that the statutory period was met this year. The meeting approved the Statement and both the meeting Chairman and Clerk signed the document.

5.3. Accounting Statement 2016/17. The Statement, prepared by the Clerk, which lists the balances, totals of receipts and payments, assets and loans for the year was inspected by members of the council. The Statement was approved by the meeting and signed by the Chairman.

6. Matters Raised at the Open Meeting

6.1 New light outside Beech Tree Farm. The light should be connected and the affect on the property reviewed. If necessary a shield could be applied to the light.

7. Discussion on the meeting with BT in April

A meeting had taken place in April between the Parish Council, BT and our MP's secretary to discuss the provision of high speed broadband in the area. BT informed us that a new round of provisioning contracts was to be awarded in August, after which time details of which communities would be included would be available This meeting decided to take no further action until the details of the next phase of the provisioning contracts was known. It was noted that some village residents already had fast broadband provided by Beeline.

8. Risk Assessment

The risk of damage or injury caused by falling branches from the Jubilee trees should be added to the risk assessment document, and an annual schedule of inspection instigated. It was resolved that DA will amend the risk assessment and the Clerk would circulate it for approval. This should be done as soon as possible. In addition, there is an issue with the overhead electricity cables fouling up in the tree branches at the bottom of the drive at Southwood. The electricity cable needs to be properly inspected and the Clerk will contact NEDL (Northern Electricity Distribution Ltd).

9. Playground Report

The Play Inspection Company had carried out the annual inspection of the playground equipment in January. There were a number of findings, all of which

were rated as low or very low risk. PD had arranged for the recommended remedial work to be carried out and provided a report on the items that had been addressed.

10. Any Other Business

None

11. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 1st August at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall

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