

# Scagglethorpe Parish Council

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2018

### 1. **Appointment of Chairman**

The Council elected Paul Douthwaite as Chairman for the coming year.

### 2. **Apologies for absence/councillors present**

All Councillors were present: Ben Harris, Linda Waslidge, David Ackroyd, Janet Bates, Maureen Danby-Smith, Paul Prichard, Paul Douthwaite. The Parish Clerk and 7 parish residents were present.

### 3. **Minutes of the last open meeting**

The Clerk read out the minutes of the 2017 Annual Parish Meeting. The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

#### • **Matters arising from the minutes**

4.1 Bus Stop road markings. NYCC had said in an email that the bus stop road markings would be considered at the same time as the marking and repair of the rest of the road. The road had been repaired and the white lining repainted, but nothing had been done about the bus stop markings. The contractors had been asked about the bus stop and they had replied that it was not on their schedule of work. The clerk had written to NYCC again asking what should be done to put this back on the NYCC work plan and was awaiting a response. We had also reported that the repainting of the "SLOW" sign on the road to the south of the village had missed.

4.2 Bush cutting on the A64 Scagglethorpe entrance. Concern had been expressed at the last meeting and over the last year that the bush cutting had been insufficient and the view round the corner for car drivers turning into the village from the east had been restricted. The Clerk had emailed Highways England who are responsible for maintaining the A64 and cutting down the vegetation growth, but they had replied that cutting foliage on the corner of our side road was not their responsibility. Volunteers from Scagglethorpe had carried out some remedial work from time to time and currently there did not appear to be a problem.

### 4. **Chairman's report on the last year**

A new kissing gate had been recently built into the fence next to the A64 which was already being frequently used.

Main street repairs and white lining had been recently completed after almost a year of waiting.

The Parish Council are expecting the donation of a defibrillator, but this was offered some time ago following fund raising activity by the donors. The donors had not responded to attempts to contact them recently so the matter is still being pursued.

A village litter picking day will be organised in Spring next year.

### 5. **Financial Statement and presentation of accounts**

The Clerk circulated a copy of the Parish Council Receipts and Payments statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018. There were no questions on the accounts.

## **6. Open Forum**

7.1 The incidents of dog fouling had increased over the last few months, particularly on the Public footpath down the side of Holly Cottage. The Parish Council will acquire and put up more signs.

7.2 The new kissing gate between the field and the eater section of the A64 was well received and was much easier than using the main gate.

7.3 The public footpath down the side of Conker Corner was in poor condition. A notice on the gate indicated that NYCC was aware of the problem. The Clerk had written to the Public Rights of Way Field Officer who had replied to say that his intention was to repair it soon as the weather improved.

7.4 There had been an increase in heavy trucks coming through the village. Some points in the road are particularly narrow and the grass verges were being spoilt. We had carried out a traffic survey involving a number of village residents and we had used the information in our discussions with Kean Duncan, the local district councillor who was representing the iinterests of ourselves and Settrington in the matter of traffic in our area.

7.5 We are to participate in the Community Speed Watch Scheme and we have been given the go-ahead by NY Police to monitor three points on Main Street. We are awating them to contact us about training. It was suggested that we should also monitor the old village street as there have been a number of occasions of traffic driving inappropriately fast.

7.6 Broadband. Some residents were experiencing download speeds of just 1.2Mb/sec or less. NYCC Superfast broadband initiative had awarded BT Openreach the £29M contract for connecting up the rest of North Yorkshire. The main barrier in our way is that we do not have a terminator cabinet in the vllage which would allow us to connect property using FTTC (Fiber to the cabinet and then copper to the properties). Another option I that a grant of £3,400 for each property my allow us to connect FTTP (fibre to the premises).

7.7 On 11<sup>th</sup> November this year, the village will be taking part in the nationwide commemorations of the end of the first world war. This is being organised jointly by the Village Hall and Chapel Committees.

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

The chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

*D. R. Sonley, Parish Clerk 01944 758755*

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

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