

Scagglethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2019 in the Village Hall

1. Election of Parish Council Chairman.

Mr Paul Douthwaite was elected as Parish Council Chairman for the coming year.

2. Apologies for absence/Councillors Present

Councillors present: Lee Walker(LW), Sheila Cook(SC) Paul Douthwaite(PD), Maureen Danby-Smith(MDS), John Smyth(JS), Janet Bates(JB), Nancy Smith (NS). Also present Clerk David Sonley(DS).

3. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted and signed by the chairman.

4. Matters arising From the Minutes

4. Speedwatch. The Speedwatch would continue this year. DS explained how we would assign days for deployment, two per month. 5 Councillors volunteered, and two will need "training" which DS will arrange. The Council also agree that another traffic survey aimed at counting the number of large vehicles passing through the village would be useful. Also we should ask Kean Duncan if he was available to attend our next meeting. It was resolved that the Clerk would plan for another traffic survey and invite Kean to the next meeting.

11. The For Sale signs on the A64 had all been removed before the Clerk had had chance to obtain details from them. He had not contacted the agents about removing them.

5. Financial Statement and Auditing of Accounts

5.1 DS circulated the Bank Reconciliation Statement. There were no questions on the accounts.

5.2 DS circulated the internal auditor's report of last years accounts which was approved by the PC. He asked PD as Chairman to sign the Certificate of Exemption which would be sent to our External auditors, and would allow us to be exempted from an external audit. There were no comments on the auditors report.

5.3 DS introduced the Annual Governance and Accountability Return Documents. The Parish Council examined and approved Part 1, the annual Governance Statement for 2018/19 which confirms their belief that adequate internal controls are in place for running the Council's affairs including the preparation of the accounting statements. The statement was signed by DS as the Clerk and RFO and PD as the Council Chairman.

5.4 The Parish Council examined and approved Part 2, the Accounting Statements for 2018/19 which represents the total financial position of this body. It was signed by DS as the Clerk and RFO and PD as the Chairman.

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5.5 DS recommended that we should formally appoint an auditor for next year instead of leaving it to the clerks choice at the end of the year. The Council accepted his proposal that it would appoint Diane Darley of Harpham who had carried out the internal audit for the last financial year. She would be offered a fee of £30 for this service which was less than the £75.00 fee that YLCA would charge.

6. Issues Raised at the open Meeting

6.1 Dog Fouling. It was resolved that the Council would investigate the initiative of placing dog bags throughout the village in plastic bottles currently in place at Haxby. It would be a good idea to organise a children's competition around it. JB would approach Settrington school to see if there was any interest there.

6.2 It was resolved that the Council would organise another traffic survey to ascertain the number of heavy vehicles passing through the village so that it could be used to evidence any dialog with other bodies. DS will circulate ideas for discussion.

6.3 It was resolved that the Council would support continuation of the Speedwatch campaign, as previously discussed in the matters arising from the minutes.

6.4 It was resolved that the PC would investigate the possibility of putting into place bollards or barriers to prevent lorries running along the pavement between Prospect House and The Smithy. The Clerk to initiate.

6.5 The old village road is in very bad repair and several new pot holes have appeared. It is known that NYCC will not consider repairing potholes until they reach a certain depth. PD will check the depth of the pot holes and report back.

7. Correspondence/Clerk's report

7.1 Training for new councillors was available from YLCA, but the Council thought that it was too expensive for the benefit we would get out of it, and councillors could refer to the "Good Councillors Guide" for further knowledge. DS would circulate the web address.

7.2 DS informed the council that the Norton Level Crossing consultation period is still open until 24th May. DS would make further representations on behalf of the PC stressing the village impact of large vehicles. He would circulate the web site address for the survey so that individual councillors could also add their comments.

7.3 Northern Power had increased electricity charges substantially which resulted in a bill of about £1200 for the street lights for last year. DS had negotiated a lower price saving us about £300 taking VAT into account which would be a two year contract back-dated to last year. The PC agreed we should accept the two

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year contract and then change the supplier ready for a new contract ro 1st May next year. DS had spoken to NYCC and we may be able to get a bet rate from them.

7.4 Insurance. The Councils insurance cover costs about £250 per year but does not cover us for damage to the bus shelter, benches or playground equipment by, say, vandalism which would cost a further £195 annually to cover. The PC felt that it was unnecessary to extend the cover.

8. Any Other Business

8.1 The hedge had been cut down along the easterly section of the old road leaving debris strewn across the road. No action could be tken at the current time as we were not sure who was responsible.

8.2 The Village Hall Committee is organising re-roofing the kitchen area and would like a contribution of about £300 to cover the VAT. However, the village hall is church property and regulations state that the PC cannot fund any maintenance of Church Property.

9. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 6th August 2019 at 7.30 in the Village Hall.

D R Sonley, Parish Clerk

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

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