

Scagglethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on

Tuesday 4th May 2021 at 7.00pm

using the Zoom video conferencing facility

1. Election of Chairman for the year

Mr Paul Douthwaite was re-elected as chairman.

2. Appologies for absence/Councillors present

Appologies were received from Councillor Maureen Danby-Smith. The reason given was accepted by the meeting.

Present: Councillors Paul Douthwaite(PD), Sheila Cook(SC), John Smyth(JS), Janet Bates(JB), Nancy Wilson(NW), Lee Walker(LW). Also present David Sonley(DS), Clerk. This Zoom meeting had been advertised to the public, and two Scagglethorpe residents were present for the first, approximately, 30 minutes.

3. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as a true record and would be passed to the chairman for signing after the meeting.

4. Matters arising from the minutes

3.4 The clerk will contact NYCC to arrange a zoom meeting to talk about the lighting contract.

5.2 No further information had been received regarding the status of the fibre broadband implementaton within the village. BT had previously indicated that it would be completed by the end of this year.

10. The clerk had reported the Brow Farm wall to NY Building Control. They will arrange an inspection in due course.

5. Finances and review of accounting statements for the year 2020-2021

5.1 The latest bank reconciliation statement had been circulated to Councillors. Since the statement had been prepared we had made a cheque payment of £500 for a new lawn mower. There were no questions on the accounts.

5.2 The Clerk's timesheet for the last financial year had been circulated to councillors. This was approved and payment can now be made to the Clerk.

5.3 The annual internal audit had not yet been completed by our auditor. The clerk will inform the Parish Council if there are any audit issues which must be resolved prior to publishing the year end reports.

5.4 To certify Scagglethorpe Parish Council as exempt from external audit.

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RESOLVED that this Parish Council is exempt from external audit for the year 2019/20 as its annual turn-over does not exceed £25,000.

- 5.5 To approve Section 1 of the AGAR report - Annual Governance Statement

RESOLVED that this Parish Council approves Section 1 Annual Governance Statement for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21

- 5.6 To approve Section 2 of the AGAR report– Accounting Statements

RESOLVED that this Parish Council approves Section 2 - Accounting Statements for the Annual Governance and Accountability Return 2020/21

- 5.7 To approve the publication of documents required by Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

RESOLVED that this Parish Council will publish the following documents on a public website(subject to a satisfactory internal audit as stated in 5.3 above:

- Certificate of Exemption,
- Annual Internal Audit Report 2020/21,
- Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2020/21
- Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2020/21,
- Analysis of variances
- Bank Reconciliation to 31 March 2021
- Notice of the period for the exercise of public rights and other information

6. Correspondence/Clerks report

6.1 The Speedwatch deployment will resume in June once the equipment has been returned from Settrington.

6.2 DS and JB had attended an informal training session in Leavening for the deployment of the Vehicle Activated Sign. The sign is being shared between Scagglethorpe, Leavening and Birdsall and each village will have the sign on a rota basis for one month. There will be some extra equipment – spare batteries, fixing brackets – to pay for, and insurance details to be confirmed before our first turn in June. Councillors felt that another VAS might be of benefit, but decided to see the results from this one before making a decision.

6.3 We had received an email from YLCA regarding the government consultation on the use of remote parish council meetings. They are requesting all councillors to take part in the online consultation if they have not already done so.

6.4 DS said that a village resident had asked if springs could be applied to three of the village footpath gates to keep them closed. Councillors thought this idea was beneficial to the community and easy to apply. PD will arrange for the springs to be fitted.

7. Community Grant Application

7.1 It appears that all work has stopped on the Manor Farm building development so the Council's plans to involve residents in decision making in the use of the funds at this time might be premature. We should delay the circulation of a second flyer

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until we have some indication when the work will resume. SC will contact RDC for information.

7.2 If a brick shelter was to be built, the meeting felt that we may probably have the expertise within the village to build it ourselves. Councillors were informed that the Playing Field Committee was investigating options for a permanent sports surface such as Astroturf and PD will report their findings back to the PC.

8. Heavy Traffic Issues

8.1 Informal discussions with members of Settrington PC had suggested that we should make joint representations to the relevant authorities, as heavy lorries were an issue for both villages. JS and SC will contact the individual Settrington PC members with a view to setting up a meeting.

8.2 DS will contact NYCC to ascertain whether or not our request for a double height curb was still under active consideration. Also to request the speed ramps outside the Ham and Cheese could be made less severe as heavy lorries were causing lots of building vibration in the vicinity.

9. Footpaths in the village.

9.1 In response to suggestions put forward by residents following our recent circular, we will approach landowners to discuss the possibility of creating two permissive footpath in the village area. SC will approach Birstall estates regarding one of the paths. It is likely that the PC would need to pay for signage and stiles.

9.2 Crossing the busy A64 in the vicinity of the bus stop is of concern to a number of village residents. Councillors felt that it is potentially dangerous for both pedestrians and cyclists and at busy periods, lengthy waiting times for an opportunity to cross safely are common. Councillors were informed that Highways England had been approached some years ago but had declined to address this problem. The Clerk will write to them again to see if the matter can be re-opened.

9.3 It would be useful to have a plan of the village on display showing the location of all the houses by name. This would best be located somewhere near the bus stop. LW will obtain an estimate of costs.

10. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 10th August at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Signed as a true record by the Chairman of the August 2021 Meeting

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