

Scagglethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th November 2019 in the Village Hall

1. Appologies for absence/Councillors Present

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

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted and signed by the chairman.

3. Matters arising from the Minutes

3. For Sale sign still up on the A64 verge near the Scagglethorpe exit. The Council took note of this but decided that no action should be taken at the present time.

4.1 The Council noted that nothing more had been heard about the A64 – B1248 link road

5.2 Dog Fouling. JB presented a competition advertising poster which, after some amendments to the wording, would be printed on A6 paper and distributed to all village households just before the school Christmas holidays. The competition would run until the end of January. JB will organise.

5.4 Super fast broadband was now available in some parts of the village, but not yet in Village Street.

4. Financial Statement

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

5. Next Year's Precept

DS said that income from the precept was £2600 this year. In addition we can expect a payment for carrying out our own grass cutting of around £900. We have regular annual expenses of around £1750 and our total expenses were about £2500 per year.

This year we need to take into account a possible payment of about £500 towards the installation of active speed signs as proposed by Kean Duncan at our last meeting. Also we may need to pay for the provision of pavement bollards.

(Discussion about lorries running down the pavement was an item later in this meeting agenda.) We should defer setting a precept until we had more information. DS would write to Kean Duncan to see if the installation of the speed signs was still being considered.

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6. Correspondence/Clerk's Report

- 6.1 DS read out a letter from a resident living on the un-made road at the top of Village Street which informed us that NYCC highways department now had upgrade to that road on the list of work to be done. No dates were given
- 6.2 Bridget Scaife from RDC will now be attending at the February meeting of the Parish Council.
- 6.3 DS had previously circulated an email regarding climate change issues from Friends of the Earth asking us to set up a Climate Action group and organise sympathetic events. The PC felt that climate change issues were a matter for an individual's conscience, and that the PC as a body should not engage with this organisation.
- 6.4 DS made the PC aware of the Redmond Review on financial reporting for local government. He said that in his opinion, the review was aimed at parishes with a much larger budget than ours. One outcome of the report might be that we would be audited on the value for money element of our expenditure, which we are not at the moment. This may only affect the contracts for street lighting as this is the main services we buy.
- 6.5 The Woodland Trust is offering free trees to be planted on a special tree planting event on 30th November. The Council suggested the residents of Wold Edge might be interested in such a venture to enhance the landscape. The clerk will contact them.
- 6.6 We have received an email from an individual offering grass cutting services. PD will consider whether or not to pursue it.

7. Asset Register Review

The PC reviewed the Asset Register, last updated in November 2018, and agreed that there were no further items that should be added.

8. Parish Risk Register Review

Councillors reviewed the Risk Register, last updated in November 2018. It was agreed that the Clerk would make changes to the following risk Control Measures:

- Insurances. Amend to read "Insurance will be discussed at the first regular Council meeting of each calendar year"
- Data Protection. Amended to read "New Council Members and employee will be made aware of the processes and procedures during the 6 months following appointment."
- Review of Assets. Amended to read "Review assets will takeplace as an agenda item on the last regular council meeting of each calendar year."
- Council Records, Paper and Electronic. Amended to read "Documents will be kept in the care of the Clerk."

9. GDPR and Standing Orders Review

Councillors reviewed Scagglethorpe's General Data Protection Regulations document and the Standing orders. It was agreed that no changes were necessary to the GDPR Document. In Standing Orders document, it was agreed that the

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Clerk's spending mandate should be increased to £50 from £35. The Clerk will amend the document.

10. VE Day 75 8th May 2020 Celebrations

A national celebration will take place over the period of 8th - 10th May 2020.

Scagglethorpe's Village Hall and Chapel committees will be arranging the villages participation and have suggested that it may include a pie and pea supper, and a Sunday service at the Chapel. PD will contact the proprietor Ham and Cheese as it is possible that they may wish to join in with the celebration

11. Village Phone Box

BT had posted a notice inside the box stating that it would be removed if no representations were received. PD explained that it was up to RDC to decide whether or not the box should be retained, removed or adopted by the local community. Also that he had requested RDC to allow us to adopt it. If adopted, BT would remove the phone, but would continue to supply electricity for lighting, free of charge.

12. Lorries running down the side of the road

DS, JS and Lee Walker had met with Tim Coyne (TC) of NYCC highways department to discuss the issue of lorries running down the footpath outside of Hobby Garth and Apple Tree Cottage which was a hazard to pedestrians, and had been reported as a near miss accident by one of the residents. Since the meeting TC has replied by email.

Options discussed were

- Placement of at least two bollards on the footpath. Regulations determine that there must be placed at a minimum distance from the kerb and a minimum width of path round the bollard. This means that the grass bank outside Hobby Garth will need to be excavated. It is likely that Scagglethorpe PC will need to pay for contractors to install the bollards, and maybe the cost of the bollards as well. Tim Coyne(TC) has provided a list of contractors. DS will obtain estimated costs. This matter may affect the precept we request from RDC.
- We discussed the possibility of a "priority" system but TC says that it does not look like there is sufficient road width. However his engineers have it on their review list and he would report back.

Councillors also reported difficulty in seeing approaching traffic when pulling out of the Village Street junction onto Main Street. The traffic mirror placed opposite the junction is inadequate, despite having been tried in several positions. As this problem is in the same vicinity as the lorry issue, we should include it in our discussions with NYCC. We should also ask Keane Duncan for input. Maybe we could request a 20mph limit round the bends. DS would contact the relevant bodies on all of these points.

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13. Tree inspection.

PD reported that the village trees had been inspected, and that some non-urgent remedial work was still outstanding.

14. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 11th February 2020 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

D R Sonley, Parish Clerk

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Signed as a true record by the Chaiman of the February 2020 meeting

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