

MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Monday 9 September 2013 in

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

PRESENT

Ed Marshall : Chair

Councillors: Matt Pollard, Tony Smith (Treasurer), Heidi Robbins, Christine Bailey, James Arrowsmith, Mark Firth

Graham Robbins (Parishioner)

Clerk: Sheila Firth

Parishioner Graham Robbins gave his report on the Scrooby Show held on 7 September 2013. It was a great success and raised £911.86.

The Chairman read out the District Councillor's report in his absence. There was nothing to report that would affect Scrooby directly.

During August two Members of the Parish Council attended a meeting in Retford about future changes to Parish Councils, and changes to their powers and authority. A further meeting is to be held in October at Harworth Town Hall which it was felt they should attend. Matters of interest would be the precept, and the dealing with planning applications at Parish Council level.

The Treasurer handed out copies of his report and cheques were signed for repairs to the church clock and grass cutting. Water consumption has increased for an unknown reason in the Village Hall. Income from uniform groups has decreased as they have asked that in future they are billed during term time, therefore income from the Village Hall has decreased.

Two crimes had been reported during August in Scrooby.

An ad hoc planning meeting had been held regarding the planning application received for alterations to the caravan site on Saracens Lane. This would be to the size of the site, not for more caravans to be on it. Only one objection had been received. The application had been granted.

Some small repairs to the play equipment are required and will be effected.

It was noted that the new cleaner is keeping the Village Hall very clean and to a very good standard.

Rubbish and fly tipping on Mill Lane remains a problem. There has been a fire to a haystack on Mill Lane built close to the pines. Thanks to the efforts of the Fire Service the pines have been saved. The Chairman wrote with thanks to the Fire Service.

The Lengthsman tidied the village environment for the Show. After the bracken has died down in Autumn, the Lengthsman will cut a figure "8" footpath in the Whinz for walkers.

A meeting was held in the Village Hall on 16 September 2013 with regard to the proposed tree sculpture on the Croft.

With regard to the Pilgrim Fathers Origins Society, Barry Bowles provided a brief update in his note to PC. The plans for the Visitors Centre are going from strength to strength. They are in discussions with Heritage Lottery Fund regarding a grant. The Society is also in the process of becoming a CIC (Community Interest Company) as opposed to 'Association' to be termed the "Pilgrim Fathers UK Origins CIC".

The Parish Council had been approached by a parishioner about cars being parked on pavements in the village. The owners of the vehicles had been contacted and the matter duly noted.

It was raised that the trees on Mill Lane had become overgrown again. Also the churchyard hedge up Church Lane and round to the bus stop is overgrown. NCC Highways to be contacted to enquire if they will cut the trees back on Mill Lane.