

**MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday 9 December 2013**

**SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL**

**1. PRESENT**

Ed Marshall : Chair

District Councillor Barry Bowles

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

Clerk: Sheila Firth

**2. Apologies**

None

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

**4. Matters Arising**

Modifications to the War Memorial: It would appear that as most people were in protected occupations in this area during WWII, such as agriculture, there was no-one lost during that conflict to add to Scrooby war memorial.

**5. Correspondence**

Correspondence had been received notifying that there would be no concurrent grant next year. Any shortfall would need to be made up from the precept, which is permitted. Chair & Treasurer to have a meeting about this matter and whether precept does need reviewing. Proposals will be discussed at the next PC. The new figures to be presented to Bassetlaw District Council in February 2013.

**6. District Councillor's Report**

There were no planned developments of new housing in Scrooby. District Councillor Bowles read out a letter from Nottinghamshire Police re the policing of the village, regarding the village being served by PCSOs rather than police cover, which would appear to be against legislation.

**7. Finance Report**

The Treasurer handed out his report. The PRS invoice amount would be based on the income of the venue (Village Hall) as a percentage.

**8. Police Report**

Nothing to report. The Chair to respond to the letter passed to him from District Councillor Bowles regarding policing of the village.

**9. Planning & Village Plan**

No new planning applications received.

**10. Play Area**

Heidi Robbins to check play area equipment and confirm it has all been repaired.

**11. Village Hall**

After discussion about the finance of and contributions to the old people's Christmas party to be held at the Village Hall, it was felt that possibly a children's Christmas party could also be held there next year.

The Chair had been in contact with Tony Darbyshire, who informed that a Lottery funding bid had been made for the barn for the Pilgrim Fathers Society centre.

About 7 or 8 tiles have been lost from the Village Hall roof following the storms. The Chair had a quote for repairs to the roof.

**12. Village Environment**

There had been a brief article in the press about the possibility of exploratory digging on the Nottinghamshire/South Yorkshire border. No planning application has been received regarding this.

There is a planning application in Retford Times this week relating to a small wind farm at Barnby Moor.

The Clerk had met with Ian Parker from Notts CC on 26 November 2013 regarding village lighting, street signage and road markings. Mr Parker had accompanied the Clerk round the entire village and made notes. He suggested that Sheila Pace would be the person to contact regarding possible new ornate Scrooby signs. He also informed that although the street lighting in Scrooby was a mixture of old and new lamp posts, there was no possibility of all being replaced at once with a uniform design, rather each would be replaced as became necessary, with the design in current use. However he would get to work straight away about repairs and replacements for lighting and signage.

The Lengthsman will be coming to see Mark Firth in January.

The proposed obstruction at the crossing would not be permitted as this would block access for Motability scooters and wheelchairs. The Chair to contact Notts CC and request that the bridleway be repaired and improved.

A Christmas tree has been purchased for the village this year as the young planted tree is not yet strong enough to support the lights.

**13. Pilgrim Fathers Origins Society**

An application for matched funding is to be made, for the opening of the Centre in 2020, for a project manager and possible linking to the STAR footpath to make a better visitor experience.

#### **14. Any Other Business**

The recent meeting regarding the proposed quarrying was attended by Barry Bowles and Elaine Gargett. The District Council had not informed all Parish Councils about the plans for quarrying. John Mann MP had asked that all Parish Councils raise their objections and send them in. He also asked that Scrooby PC be on the database for receipt of future planning and decisions. Objections to the proposed quarrying to be submitted by 18 December 2013, concerning the quarrying at Barnby Moor, increased heavy road traffic and damage to roads, as lorry drivers will be working to targets and driving as fast as they can to meet them. The 40mph speed limit will not be observed, and there is concern that the bridges in the village will not be strong enough to bear the weight of a high number of very heavy lorries.

Meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Next meeting Monday 11 February 2014, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall