

DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Monday 10 February 2014

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

1. PRESENT

Ed Marshall : Chair

District Councillor Barry Bowles

Councillors: Elaine Gargett, Heidi Robbins, Christine Bailey, Tony Smith (Treasurer), Mark Firth.

Clerk: Sheila Firth

2. Apologies

James Arrowsmith, Matt Pollard, Julie Dunstan

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed, proposed by Heidi Robbins, seconded by Elaine Gargett.

4. Matters Arising

There were none.

5. Correspondence

Clerk to contact Sheila Pace to enquire as to funding for a new village notice board.

The planning statement for proposed test drilling sites for the fracking survey, which borders on the North East of Scrooby Parish, has been received and passed to Parish Councillors. It was noted that this was for information only, permission for the survey which includes drilling and geophysical tests has already been agreed.

A letter received from Bassetlaw District Council re the proposed litter pick from 21 April to 4 May 2014 was passed to Heidi Robbins.

A calendar of surgery dates for 2014 was received from John Mann MP, copies to be placed around village.

Fliers received from Bassetlaw District Council re the forthcoming photographic competition were handed to the Parish Council.

A letter from Bassetlaw District Council regarding revision of the Bassetlaw Core Strategy was passed to James Arrowsmith for comment, although proposals involve changes to permitted development in some villages, these, currently, do not include any changes to Scrooby..

6. District Councillor's Report

There was nothing of direct relevance to Scrooby. The concurrent grant is safe for the current year but the Local Council Tax Benefit Support Grant has been axed. We should note that the budget for 2015/2016 will involve further large reductions in spending.

There was still a little funding available from the District Council for any community projects that may require it, applications to be received by the end of March.

7. Finance Report

The Treasurer presented his report on the status of 2013-2014 budget. The NALC invoice has been paid. The Performing Rights Society invoice has increased this year. There is still a small amount of funding still available for play area equipment if required. The Chair proposed a small increase to the Village Hall cleaner's wages by £10.00 per month from February 2014.

PC considered proposals for the 2014-2015 budget. A 13% increase to the precept for 2014/2015 was necessary due to the removal of the Local Council Tax Benefit Support Grant. The budget was proposed for approval by Mark Firth and seconded by Christine Bailey. All councillors present approved the new budget.

8. Police Report

The police report had been received and although it contained nothing of relevance to Scrooby. It was noted that during the current week several cars in the village had been entered and property stolen. Matt Pollard to be informed of this and parishioners advised to report any such incidents to the police and to pass on the information to other parishioners.

9. Planning & Village Plan

Green slip still not received from BDC regarding the agreed development at Saracens Lane caravan site. No planning applications had been received. James Arrowsmith to make enquiries as to what is covered by Asset Community Values and Heritage Assets, and to establish what buildings are covered under this, particularly whether the Pilgrim Fathers public house is included, to protect the building from future developments. Also he would be asked to comment on the above noted changes to the Bassetlaw Core Strategy.

10. Play Area

The remaining section of fencing behind the Play Area has been pushed flat. There is to be a large gate placed across the gap between the Village Hall and the Play Area, with signs informing that dogs are not allowed on the Croft. Matt Pollard to arrange this.

11. Village Hall

The film club to start up again on Sunday 16 February.

The fire exit door needs re-hanging as it keeps jamming shut. The Chair to appoint someone to do the repairs.

12. Village Environment

Mark Firth to arrange a meeting with Steve Bowman re work for the Lengthsman to the Whinz, involving tree cutting and path clearing.

No objections had been received to the email from the Chair to Notts CC regarding temporary vehicle obstacles to be placed at the bridle path near the railway crossing south of Scrooby.

13. Pilgrim Fathers Origins Society

The proposals for the Pilgrim Fathers visitor centre in Scrooby have been well received but funds are yet to be secured. It was felt that the Pilgrim Fathers Origins Society needs to engage more with the village in general, and members of the Parish Council agreed to attend future Pilgrim Fathers Origins Society meetings.

14. Any Other Business

The STAR had expressed a request that they would like to receive the most recent minutes of the Parish Council meetings for publication in the same month if possible. This would mean publishing the draft minutes before formal PC approval. PC agreed to this proposal.

Meeting closed at 8.50 pm

Next meeting Monday 10 March 2014, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall