

DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 14 April 2014

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

1. PRESENT

Ed Marshall : Chair

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

Clerk: Sheila Firth

2. Apologies

Barry Bowles (District Councillor), Heidi Robbins, James Arrowsmith

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Minutes agreed, proposed by Christine Bailey, seconded by Elaine Gargett.

4. Matters Arising

A donation of £50.00 was made to the Nottinghamshire Air Ambulance.

A list of Parish Council meeting dates to the end of 2014 has now been printed in the STAR.

Repairs to the church clock to commence during the week commencing 14 April 2014.

5. Correspondence

A letter from Bassetlaw District Council confirming the precept and BDC support grants was received by the Clerk and passed to the Treasurer for his records.

6. District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Bowles sent his apologies for his absence due to illness, and he is wished a speedy recovery.

7. Finance Report

Cheques for signature were presented:

Donation to Air Ambulance £50.00

The STAR donation £185.00

IPI Playground Equipment Inspection £84.00

Cinema VAT £16.60

New vacuum cleaner £100.00

Treasurer AW Smith accounting fees £425.00.

The Treasurer had received a letter from NALC informing that smaller parish councils with a turnover of less than £25,000.00 per year need not be subject to external audit. It was agreed that the existing contract with Grant Thornton would continue and an external audit would still take place for transparency. The Treasurer to inform NALC that Scrooby will continue with the external audit as before.

8. Police Report

Matt Pollard had emailed the police about door to door cold callers, particularly to the elderly and during hours of darkness. The police informed that it is legal and nothing can be done about that.

Ed Marshall to speak to quarry owner about someone who is shooting at birds at the quarry.

9. Planning & Village Plan

There are no objections to be raised to the planning application received relating to an extension to Ashlea.

There are no objections to be raised to the detailed support application to meet the planning conditions relating to the agreed application for 2 new fishing lakes at Scrooby Top. It was noted that Notts County Council is still sending planning applications to the previous Clerk.

Ed Marshall had attended the Bassetlaw Rural Conference in Retford, minutes and information will be circulated when received from BDC. Two relevant issues were noted: The Conservation Officer spoke about the compilation of a formal list of non-designated heritage assets, this needs to be clarified for Scrooby. In regard to fracking, it is expected that, if the proposed fracking to the area does take place, there will potentially be two fracking installations in the northeast Bassetlaw area.

An email was received from the Clerk of Lound Parish Council suggesting that if in future applications are received that may have a wider impact than just the area served by that Parish Council, then details of that application should be circulated to other Councils possibly affected by it. It was agreed to do so if the matter does have such relevance.

10. Play Area

The play equipment inspection has taken place and has been paid for.

Matt Pollard to get a price for a new gate and fixings.

11. Village Hall

Julie Dunstan has asked Sue Allen of the Pilgrim Fathers Origins Society about renewing the information boards in the Village Hall. Sue Allen will contact Julie Dunstan about this.

12. Village Environment

Mark Firth spoke to Steve Bowman, Lengthsman, on 14 April 2014. The Lengthsman Scheme is to be funded in the future by 50% from Bassetlaw District Council. Any future work will need to be partly subsidised and careful consideration given to the nature of work requested.

Julie Dunstan enquired whether the dykes and ditches in the area are ever drained. Some of the trees have recently been cut back but dykes and ditches not drained recently.

The bridle path is now impassable.

13. Pilgrim Fathers Origins Society

Ed Marshall attended the recent PFOS meeting. It is proposed that an education room be built in Retford with all facilities, and Scrooby Village Hall will also have a part to play in connection with the PFOS. It was suggested that if the Village Hall had improved facilities, it could also be used for educational purposes on a rental basis. Ed Marshall to raise this at the next PFOS meeting.

14. Any Other Business

Tree sculpture to begin imminently, and will be carved with seats decorated with leaves and natural forms.

The village trip to be discussed at the next meeting.

Parish Council to donate £50.00 towards flowers to the Open Gardens Scheme for the village open gardens day on 22 June 2014. Clerk to speak to the co-ordinator about flower arrangements for the church.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm

Next meeting Monday 12 May 2014, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall