

DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 9 February 2015

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

1. PRESENT

Chair Ed Marshall, Christine Bailey, Tony Smith (Treasurer), Matt Pollard, Elaine Gargett, Heidi Robbins, Julie Dunstan, Barry Bowles (District Councillor), Sheila Firth (Clerk).

2. Apologies

Mark Firth, James Arrowsmith.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

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

4. Matters Arising

There were none.

5. Correspondence

NALC invoice received and passed to the Treasurer.

An invitation to a meeting of the North Notts Neighbourhood Planning Team was passed to James Arrowsmith.

Form for the Spring Clean litter picking event passed to Heidi Robbins and Elaine Gargett for completion and submission.

6. District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Bowles reported there were no matters of concern to Scrooby.

7. Finance Report

The Treasurer presented his report, which showed cheques to be paid out totalling £583.95. A possible change of insurance provider for the Village Hall from May was discussed, treasurer would check quotations and recommend as appropriate. He will require an updated list and plan of Scrooby Village assets, Chair and Cllr Arrowsmith to prepare. The end of year external audit was discussed. Scrooby PC has an annual turnover of less than £25,000.00 and therefore is not required to hold an external audit, but the Treasurer's report and other accounts need to be published on the Scrooby website along with minutes of meetings and any other accounts. Mrs P. Cawley has agreed to undertake the internal audit.

The precept for 2015/2016 was discussed, and new figures supplied. Treasurer agreed to send out amended figures for signing off by Monday 16 February.

It was agreed that costs of new and replacement play equipment should come out of the reserve funds.

The STAR annual donation of £185.00 will shortly be due.

8. Police Report

The police report showed one dwelling burglary in Scrooby during January 2015.

9. Planning & Village Plan

The Chair had been contacted about a tree being felled in the village conservation area, investigation showed it to be a non-native pine tree and the felling had planning consent. The Clerk to contact BDC Planning Dept. and enquire why we no longer receive the green letter from them when planning has been approved.

10. Play Area

Heidi Robbins provided the two quotes for new and replacement play equipment for the play area. One from Playdales for £2,755.00 and one from Sutcliffe Play for £2,628.00. It was decided to use Sutcliffe Play to provide the equipment. Some old damaged equipment will be have to be removed before installation of the new equipment.

11. Village Hall

The annual fire inspection needs to be arranged.

The request to use the Village Hall as a polling station for the May election was approved.

The porch containing the toilet and kitchen area of the Village Hall is in need of interior repainting, the Chair to procure a painter.

Interest had been shown with regard to reinstating the village cinema, the Chair to speak to Graham Robbins about this.

12. Village Environment & Railway Crossing

The Treasurer asked if we had a Neighbourhood Development Plan. The Chair to discuss the same with James Arrowsmith.

13. Pilgrim Fathers Visitors Centre and Mayflower 400

The Chair has attended several meetings in respect of the Mayflower 400 events planned for 2020, including one in Greenwich on 29 January 2015, and he gave a report on discussions held at that meeting. There are more meetings to be held in this regard during 2015. Points raised at Greenwich included a UK-wide Mayflower trail, an education effort for schools, and celebrations on a national and local community level. The Chair is to contact the organisers with any suggestions for incorporation into their plans for events. The Chair will circulate his notes to the PC.

District Councillor Bowles confirmed that the District Council will support the effort to move the focus locally away from Retford with regard to the Pilgrim Heritage Centre, he is still awaiting a full report in this regard. He expressed a need for new members for the Pilgrim Fathers Origins Society, to bring in fresh ideas and be a presence at shows and events, and to raise awareness of the Pilgrim Fathers and interest in the subject. It was agreed he would place an advert in the STAR to raise new interest.

14. Any Other Business

A request had been received for the dates of future Parish Council meetings to the end of 2015. These will be: 9 March; 13 April; 11 May; 8 June; 13 July; 14 September; 12 October & 9 November 2015.

Meeting closed at 9.00 pm

Next meeting Monday 9 March 2015, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall