

**DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday 13 July 2015**

**SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL**

**1. PRESENT**

Chair Ed Marshall, Heidi Robbins, Christine Bailey, Matt Pollard, Treasurer Tony Smith, Elaine Gargett, Mark Firth, James Arrowsmith, Sheila Firth (Clerk).

**2. Apologies**

District Councillor Bowles.

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Minutes agreed, proposed by Elaine Gargett, seconded by Matt Pollard.

**4. Matters Arising**

There were none.

**5. Correspondence**

A letter had been received from the Friends of Daneshill Lakes asking if the PC would like to make a donation towards the upkeep and improvement of the Daneshill Lakes reserve.

A letter had been received from Network Rail confirming that the proposed railway crossing closures were presently being postponed.

**6. District Councillor's Report**

Mr Barry Bowles was not in attendance to give his report, however he had provided a report to the Chair covering the meeting he had attended regarding the Harworth Development, which outlined the well organised support for objection to the development. Further meetings are to be held in respect of this matter.

Mr Bowles' report also covered the potential loss of 20 PCSOs in Bassetlaw.

Mr Bowles' report mentioned that he had not had any parishioners attending any of his open surgery days at Scrooby Village Hall, and was now considering whether to continue with the surgeries.

Mr Bowles will also arrange for a contribution towards the hire of the show tent for the Scrooby Show.

**7. Finance Report**

Treasurer Mr Tony Smith handed out his report.

It was agreed to remain with E-on for the electricity supply to the Village Hall.

The cheque has been sent in payment for the new Village Hall curtains which have now been hung, Scrooby Show to make a donation towards the cost of these.

He had received a letter from the First Responder group thanking Scrooby PC for their £50 donation.

The accounts have now been sent off to the National Audit, but at the time of writing nothing had been received back from there.

**8. Police Report**

Nothing to report.

**9. Planning & Village Plan**

A planning application was received for the removal of two trees from a property on Chapel Lane, James Arrowsmith to email no objection to Bassetlaw Council.

A planning application was received for a single storey extension to a property on Chapel Lane, no objections were made.

Confirmation of permission to the extension of the quarrying south of the village was received.

**10. Play Area**

Nothing to report.

**11. Village Hall**

The new commemorative bench has now been secured in place.

The new Village Hall curtains have been hung and look very good.

Painting of the Village Hall porch area to take place in August.

**12. Village Environment & Railway Crossing**

The missing/damaged road signage at the end of Chapel Lane and the bottom of Saracens Lane have been reported and job numbers registered, and are awaiting completion.

There is a missing sign at the end of Vicarage Lane to be reported.

The footpaths and bridleways of the village are now very overgrown. The landowner to be approached about cutting the grass on the path beside the railway and the bridle path.

The hedge in front of the School House is now very overgrown and blocking the path, the landlord to be contacted about this.

Mark Firth will again try to make contact with the Lengthsman Scheme, but at the time of writing has been unable to do so.

The "No Dogs on The Croft" signs appear to be having a positive effect.

**13. Pilgrim Fathers Visitors Centre and Mayflower 400**

The barn at the Pilgrim Fathers public house is no longer a viable option.

Bassetlaw Council is putting in an application for Lottery funding towards a visitor centre in Retford. If such funding were to be awarded, Scrooby may possibly receive help towards an extension to the Village Hall for a semi-permanent display, and also possibly a statue of William Brewster.

The Pilgrim Fathers Origins Society would remain a resource for education and the promotion of Pilgrim history in the area.

There is to be a meeting of the Mayflower 400 group this Thursday 16 July, and a brief visit will take place to Scrooby Village Hall on that date where a plaque will be unveiled by Wrestling Brewster, descendent of William Brewster, to commemorate this visit.

The Chair had received a letter from the American Ambassador, who although being unavailable to open the Scrooby Show this year due to diary commitments, was very positive about the close friendship between Scrooby and the United States, and the ongoing part Scrooby plays in the promotion of Pilgrim history both in Britain and the United States. He was interested to know what plans Scrooby would have to mark the anniversary of the Mayflower in 2020.

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

The updated list of Parish Councillor's additional responsibilities was handed out for approval and consideration before publication.

A donation of £100 was approved towards the Daneshill Lakes appeal.

The church clock is currently not working, the Church Warden to be approached in this regard.

A brick built barbecue was approved for outside the Village Hall, James Arrowsmith to arrange.

These minutes will be available on the [www.scrooby.net](http://www.scrooby.net) website.

Meeting closed at 8.35 pm

Next meeting Monday 14 September 2015, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall