

DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 11 July 2016

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

1. PRESENT

Chair Ed Marshall, Heidi Robbins, Christine Bailey, Treasurer Tony Smith, Elaine Gargett, Julie Dunstan, Matt Pollard, Mark Firth, Sheila Firth (Clerk)
Ann Robbins - Parishioner

2. Apologies

District Councillor Barry Bowles, James Arrowsmith

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Matt Pollard added to Councillors Present in June Minutes. Minutes thereafter agreed, proposed by Elaine Gargett, seconded by Heidi Robbins

4. Matters Arising

The recent Luke Winslow King Band concert held in the Village Hall was very successful, and much enjoyed by all who attended. It is hoped that more live music evenings will now take place at the Village Hall.

5. Correspondence

Correspondence had been received regarding the establishment of the Sheffield City Region and the decision by Bassetlaw DC to join it. This is a devolved body to deal with commerce and trade which will have funds for business development, Notts CC will still be responsible for highways, schools, police etc.

6. District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Bowles was not in attendance due to ongoing ill health, and so could not present his report.

7. Finance Report

The Treasurer presented his report, full details of which can be viewed on the www.scrooby.net website.

The Treasurer advised that the viewing period for the village accounts ends on 14 July 2016. Anyone wishing to view the accounts should contact Tony Smith via the website.

8. Police Report

There have been two burglaries at Scrooby Top, and one theft of vehicle from Station Road.

9. Planning & Village Plan

A letter confirming the granting of retrospective planning was received in relation to the car wash at Hawks Nest.

A planning application was received relating to a new fence at the Bawtry Sports Ground, to which there was no objection.

10. Play Area

Nothing to report

11. Village Hall

The drains have now been cleared and the sink should now drain properly.

The recent concert was well attended.

A suggestion was made that there be a removable canopy installed over the patio area of the Village Hall, so that at future events the bar or food serving area could be set up outside, making more space inside the hall. This canopy could be stored away when not required.

Matt Pollard and James Arrowsmith to look into the building of a brick barbecue beside the patio.

12. Village Environment

The chicken carcasses in the river were reported to the Environment Agency by the Chair.

There is now more rubbish in the river, garden waste and plastic, reported to the land owners.

The overhanging trees along the footpath by the Great North Road between Sheepcote House and School Lane need to be cut back, Clerk to request Notts County Council to come out and remedy this.

The Lengthsman Scheme has apparently continued to operate, although not in Harworth. Mark Firth to make enquiries as to whether it is viable for Scrooby to remain in the scheme. Julie Dunstan attended the recent meeting and gave her report relating to proposed fracking in the Barnby Moor to A1 area. Although not directly involving Scrooby, there may be implications for the village regarding increased traffic, old mine workings, environmental/conservation effects, dirty water and chemicals being allowed to soak into the aquifers etc. There may need to be a village meeting arranged regarding objections to the fracking proposals, and a decision made as to whether Scrooby as a village objects or agrees the proposals. Individual residents are of course entitled to independently register their support or objection to the proposals. The Chair will draft a note regarding the outstanding planning application.

Concern was expressed regarding the new regulation that vehicles need to be registered to use the public tips in Bassetlaw, leading to an increase in fly tipping in the area.

13. Pilgrim Fathers Visitors Centre and Mayflower 400

The Chair is to attend the PFOS meeting in Doncaster at the end of July.

The Church is in agreement with temporary exhibitions being held in Scrooby church, as long as there are no alterations or permanent installations. A more elaborate exhibition as suggested for Mayflower 400 would have to be approved by the Diocese. In the meantime we can undertake initial feasibility studies. A corresponding extension to the Village Hall would then allow for more toilet and kitchen facilities when parties of visitors are expected. As part of the move to make the village more presentable, Notts County Highways have agreed to remove some of the excess road signage.

14. Any Other Business

PC is concerned about vulnerable people in the village. There are a number of people who live alone in the village, it was suggested that possibly a list of contact numbers be provided if they wish so that a PC member can be contacted by themselves or a family member if they are in difficulties. The Chair and Clerk to make a list of people living alone and contact them about the suggestion.

Matt Pollard to make enquiries about the installation of a defibrillator for the village.

Parishioner Ann Robbins suggested that it may be a good idea to “twin” with a similar village in Europe, of comparable size and with shared or similar interests, and possibly with Pilgrim Fathers connections. Exchange visits could be arranged and celebrations shared for the upcoming Mayflower 400 anniversary. Grants and funding are available, and Ann Robbins will put an article in the STAR outlining the idea.

Elaine Gargett reported that she had received complaints about several garden hedges in the village being overgrown and vehicles blocking the road. Notts County Council to be asked to cut back the trees and overhanging hedges or contact the land owners and request that they carry this out. Areas of concern include Great North Road, Church Lane and Station Road.

Elaine Gargett had received complaints about barking dogs in the village, the Chair to investigate and place an article in the STAR.

Meeting ended 9.05 pm.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 12 September 2016, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall.