

DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 12 September 2016

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

1. PRESENT

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

Maurice Clapham – Scrooby Churchwarden

Sue Allan – Pilgrim Fathers Origins Society

Chris York – Consultant Architect with Pilgrim Fathers UK Origins Society

2. Apologies

Heidi Robbins, James Arrowsmith

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Proposed by Mark Firth, seconded by Christine Bailey

4. Matters Arising

Following on from the vulnerable/elderly people thread in the previous minutes, it was suggested that a flyer containing the contact details of PC members could be inserted into the copies of the STAR delivered to Scrooby homes, which could be used by anyone in an emergency or by their carers/relatives. Details could also be included on the Scrooby.net website.

The hedge is still overgrown along the section of the Great North Road between School Lane and Sheepcote House. PC members will speak to the owners of the properties and land affected to try to resolve the issue.

The article placed in the STAR relating to barking dogs in the village did have limited success, however the problem still persists.

Enquiries are to be made about a defibrillator to be mounted on the Village Hall wall.

5. Correspondence

An invitation was received from National Association of Local Councils for members of the PC to attend the Annual Meeting in November 2016, which was passed to the Chair.

An acknowledgement was received from Notts CC Highways regarding concerns raised with them about slowing the speed of traffic travelling South on the Great North Road at the junction with Chapel Lane as there have been a number of near collisions during the Summer.

6. District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Bowles had recently attended a meeting regarding the proposal for Bassetlaw to join the Sheffield City Region. It is still uncertain what the benefits if any would be to Scrooby.

Mr Bowles handed the Clerk and the Chair a list of contacts and information he had compiled regarding the formulation of a Neighbourhood Plan for Scrooby. The Chair and JA to investigate what is needed regarding the formulation of the Neighbourhood Plan and report back to the PC.

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 there are now two weeks remaining before the external audit will be signed off.

8. Police Report

Nothing to report.

9. Planning & Neighbourhood Plan

No planning applications had been received. As noted above PC will research the requirements and practicability of formulating a Neighbourhood Plan.

10. Play Area

Nothing to report.

11. Village Hall

The light bulbs in the Village Hall are all to be changed to LED ones, and because they are cheaper to run it will be possible to install several more light fittings making the Hall brighter. A picture reproduced from a historic fresco in the Palace of Westminster showing the Pilgrim Fathers embarking from Delft Haven has been hung in the Village Hall.

12. Village Environment

The gates at the railway are now unlocked again following repairs to the overhead wires. A price to be obtained for a replacement manhole cover for the manhole on the Croft beside the boules court.

13. Pilgrim Fathers Visitors Centre and Mayflower 400

Sue Allan was present to discuss the proposals being submitted by the PFOS for the upcoming celebrations in 2020. She expects there to be an increase of visitors to Scrooby, especially in 2020, and was hoping that the village could benefit from increased exposure.

She was concerned that the access to the church was currently restricted and that visitors could not always gain entrance.

Barry Bowles introduced Chris York who had been commissioned by the PFOS to submit an initial design for an extension to the south end of the Village Hall to increase the washroom facilities for visitors in anticipation of an increase in visitor numbers. Chris York showed a representation of the exterior of the proposed extension but the interior and the finish to the outside would be discussed by the PC and submitted to the villagers for their consideration before any planning application would be submitted.

Sue Allen and Barry Bowles confirmed that discussions were already being held about funding for the construction of the project.

Maurice Clapham informed the meeting that he would be attending a church meeting at which he would raise the issue of having a display in the church as well as discussing better access for visitors.

The Chair attended a Mayflower 400 national meeting in Doncaster last month and reported that the submission made by Bassetlaw District Council for funding did not include any proposals for Scrooby. However, useful information was received in regard to sources of funding for possible Mayflower projects in the village.

14. Any Other Business

The BDC Conservation Officer has visited the site of the Ancient Monument near the Manor House as part of an ongoing survey.

Meeting ended 9.15 pm.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 10 October 2016, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall.