

**DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday 10 October 2016**

**SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL**

**1. PRESENT**

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

**2. Apologies**

James Arrowsmith, Julie Dunstan, District Councillor Barry Bowles

**3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Proposed by Elaine Gargett, seconded by Christine Bailey

**4. Matters Arising**

Some properties in the village still have overgrown hedges which are causing problems, informal requests are to be made to the owners/landlords that they be cut back.

**5. Correspondence**

- One planning application was received, see Section 9.
- An email had been received from National Association of Local Councils regarding restrictions that may come in in 2017/18 determining the percentage that Parish Councils are to be allowed to increase their precept by. The Chair to discuss this with District Councillor Bowles before any action can be taken, and the Treasurer to investigate further.

**6. District Councillor's Report**

District Councillor Bowles was not present at the meeting but had forwarded a copy of his report which was read out:

- Bassetlaw Council have voted to resist any introduction of Grammar Schools into the district.
- Bassetlaw Council intend to introduce a scheme in 2017 for paid roadside garden waste collection, details of which are not yet released.

**7. Finance Report**

The Treasurer presented his report, full details of which can be viewed on the [www.scrooby.net](http://www.scrooby.net) website.

The annual audit has now been signed off and the audit fee of £120 paid.

**8. Police Report**

Nothing to report.

**9. Planning & Neighbourhood Plan**

- One planning application was received for the felling of three trees in the garden at Belmont. PC would pass the application to JA to investigate whether the silver birch tree could be pollarded, rather than be removed. No objections were raised to the felling of the two ornamental pine trees. Chair and JA to draft a note for the BDC Tree Officer, to be approved by PC before submission.
- Tony Smith has volunteered to co-ordinate the new Neighbourhood Plan.

**10. Play Area**

Some of the play equipment will need to be replaced in the near future. IGAS are offering funding for similar village projects, Heidi Robbins will make enquiries with them as to whether Scrooby would be eligible for any funding.

**11. Village Hall**

- All the light bulbs in the Village Hall will be changed to LED ones which will last longer and be cheaper to run.
- An HDMI lead to be installed for the Village Hall projector system.

**12. Village Environment**

As some complaints had been received during the Summer regarding the Village grass cutting, particularly about cuttings being left on the ground, it was agreed that the current contract for the work will be revised for 2017. PC will draw up a revised cutting schedule including removal of cuttings and put it out to tender in January 2017.

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

Barry Bowles has reported that the Planning Department may have an issue with an extension to the Village Hall causing damage to the tree roots. The Chair has been in touch with the BDC communities officer who confirmed that funding via grants from sources such as WREN and Veolia were available for the proposed works. PC agreed that they would progress with applications during 2017.

**14. Any Other Business**

There was none.

Meeting ended 8.55 pm.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 14 November 2016, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall.