

DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 12 December 2016

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

1. PRESENT

Chair Ed Marshall, Heidi Robbins, Christine Bailey, Treasurer Tony Smith, Julie Dunstan, Mark Firth, Sheila Firth (Clerk)

2. Apologies

District Councillor Barry Bowles, James Arrowsmith, Matt Pollard, Elaine Gargett

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Proposed by Heidi Robbins, seconded by Christine Bailey.

4. Matters Arising

The overgrown hedges along the main road and School Lane have now been cut back. Further enquiries to be made of iGas, to ascertain whether any of their funding offered to local projects can be applied to Scrooby for proposed replacement play equipment.

5. Correspondence

A letter and questionnaire was received from BDC relating to smoking in play areas and public spaces, passed to Heidi Robbins.

6. District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Bowles was not present at the meeting.

7. Finance Report

The Treasurer presented his report, full details of which can be viewed on the www.scrooby.net website. The quarterly cheques were paid out and a VAT refund had been received. More LED light bulbs had been purchased for the Village Hall. The cost of the new manhole cover to be reclaimed. Some of the uniform groups have still to pay for their hire of the Village Hall.

8. Police Report

Nothing to report.

9. Planning & Neighbourhood Plan

- The Chair will draft a detailed email to the Planning Officer regarding tree preservation in the village.

- The Preservation order on the silver birch tree in the village has been appealed by the owner of the property.
- The composition of the Neighbourhood Plan will be commenced in January 2017, with the possibility of an expert adviser to speak to the Parish Council to give advice on content.

10. Play Area

Nothing to report.

11. Village Hall

- The HDMI connection for the projector is completed.
- The Parish Council ratified its decision from the November meeting to support an extension on the south side of the Village Hall to accommodate additional toilet facilities. The Chair has contacted Bassetlaw Planning Department who have agreed to provide a pre-planning consultation free of charge. The PC will contact the original architect and request further detailed plans of the proposed extension.

12. Village Environment

- The Clerk to obtain three quotes for grass cutting in Scrooby for 2017, the cost to include clearing of the cuttings from the streets and Play Area.

13. Pilgrim Fathers Visitors Centre and Mayflower 400

- The Chair attended the Thanksgiving Event in Retford in November.
- Mr Malcolm Dolby, well-known local historian and Pilgrim Fathers expert, has agreed to accompany any related group visits to Scrooby, and provide ad hoc history talks and guided walks in the village. He will also provide guide training for members of the Parish Council to enable them to assist visitors.
- The owner of Scrooby Manor House has agreed to allow arranged visits through the Parish Council to view the grounds of the house, and allow new information boards to be placed on site.

14. Any Other Business

- Complaints have been received by the Parish Council from several residents about the noise and disturbance from the Pilgrim Fathers public house Christmas events. A delegation from the Parish Council to visit the owner to try and agree an amicable solution.
- The Parish Council are expecting the results from the speed monitoring exercise conducted at the north end of the village. The Parish Council agreed to press for electronic speed indicator signs at both ends of the village.

- It was confirmed that all minutes from 2016 Parish Council meetings are now published for public access on the www.scrooby.net website.

Meeting ended 8.35 pm.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 13 February 2017, 7.30 pm,
Scrooby Village Hall.