

MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 13 February 2017
SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Present

Chair Ed Marshall, Heidi Robbins, Elaine Gargett, Julie Dunstan, Mark Firth, Sheila Firth (Clerk), Tony Smith (Treasurer).

Parishioners: Mr S Fenning, Mr B McGowan, Mr N Gray, Mrs S Gray, Mrs N McGowan, Mrs J Fenning, Mr G Gargett, Mrs A Hollindrake, Mr G Scholey, Mr M Hallewell

2. Apologies

District Councillor Barry Bowles, James Arrowsmith, Christine Bailey, Matt Pollard

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Proposed by Mark Firth, seconded by Heidi Robbins.

4. Matters Arising

- The Chair to contact iGas again re community project funding.
- Councillors M.Firth and E. Marshall visited the owner of the Pilgrim Fathers public house in December re excessive noise from events in the marquee during the Christmas/New Year period. The owner confirmed at the visit that music would be brought inside the conservatory after 11.00 pm to reduce volume, and that during the next year a function room is planned for the rear of the business which should prevent the need for a marquee in future, see Item 12.
- The Parish Council is still awaiting the results of the speed monitoring exercise held in Scrooby late last year.
- Quotes for the grass cutting services in Scrooby have been received, they were debated, see item 12.
- There is an amount of funding available for smaller Parish Councils for investment in a laptop and scanner/printer, which will be investigated for when the proposed improvements to the Village Hall are completed and secure space for such items has been built.

5. Correspondence

A letter was received from Bassetlaw District Council about the big Spring litter pick and tidy up, which was passed to Heidi Robbins.

6. District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Bowles was not present at the meeting.

7. Finance Report

The Treasurer reported on current financial status and proposed a budget and precept for 2017/18. He described how the turnover and revenue figures are calculated and, based on projected figures, recommended that the precept for 2017/8 be increased by 8%. Acceptance of the proposal was proposed by Mark Firth, seconded by Heidi Robbins and approved by PC. He also reported briefly on the recent meeting held with the Treasurer, Clerk and Mr Graham Robbins regarding the Transparency Code, and the measures taken to ensure the Parish Council's compliance with current Code requirements. Full details of the current financial report and precept projections can be viewed at www.scrooby.net.

8. Police Report

Nothing to report. The Police Officer responsible for Scrooby apologised for not being able to attend the meeting.

9. Planning & Neighbourhood Plan

The Parish Council had objected to the application for conversion of a static caravan into a dwelling on Gibbet Lane. Bassetlaw District Council (BDC) has yet to report its decision.

Regarding the planning application for removal of the silver birch tree at Church Lane, the applicant has re-applied and has proposed a replacement tree more attractive for wildlife and more appropriate to a small garden. Parish Council have supported the application, and requested, via the District Councillor, that it be referred to the Planning Consultation Group. BDC will decide in due course.

The Treasurer reported on progress with establishing a Neighbourhood Plan. He attended a meeting at Carlton on Lindrick which was a useful guide as to the structure of the Plan and what village assets should be included, he will attend a further related meeting to be held by BDC at the end of February, after which a committee of parishioners to deal with an outline plan will be established and an open meeting held in the Village Hall for inspection and agreement of the final Neighbourhood Plan, as until this is formulated and registered the village assets are not protected.

10. Play Area

Some of the older play equipment is now becoming worn out and damaged, Heidi Robbins to obtain quotes for the replacement of the damaged equipment.

11. Village Hall

There has been healthy Income from renting of the Village Hall so far this year.

12. Village Environment

The delegation of Parishioners was concerned that BDC should not act on continuing individual, complaints regarding noise from the Pilgrim Fathers Inn as though they were raised by the Village at large. They stressed that the complaints were not representative and did not fairly reflect the considerate and professional manner in which the pub is managed. PC confirmed its support of the public house. They considered that it was integral to village life and that efforts had been made during the Christmas period to deal with noise issues as discussed with Cllrs, M. Firth and E. Marshall. Chair will discuss the matter with BDC Environmental Health Department to ensure that the views of all residents are taken into consideration.

Three quotes for the grass cutting services in Scrooby have been received. After discussion, it was agreed that ACER will be awarded the grass cutting contract, their quote included for clearing up grass cuttings, hedge trimming and weed removal, at £130 per cut.

There is repeated fly tipping on Mill Lane which seems to have increased since the requirement for registration at local tips came in last year. Chair will discuss the matter with BDC Environmental Health to ascertain whether there are any practical, preventative measures.

13. Pilgrim Fathers Visitors Centre and Mayflower 400

The next meeting of the Pilgrim Fathers Origins Society is to be held at the Village Hall on Wednesday 1 March 2017. A presentation in the Village Hall is to be held in July to gather public opinion on proposals for the celebration of Mayflower 400 in Scrooby. The proposals include musical events, new street furniture/road signage, an extension to the Village Hall and a permanent exhibition in the church.

14 Any Other Business:

- The War Memorial Committee in Bawtry wish to resite the memorial. As there are no names connected to Scrooby on the Bawtry Memorial this was unopposed.
- Some residents had asked what could be done to counteract the current spate of thefts in the village, a suggestion was raised about possible security cameras being placed, this to be considered further.
- Regarding the installation of a defibrillator, the best option was that one should be installed outside the Village Hall, at a cost of £1,200 with a nominal amount in maintenance every three years. The decision to be taken at the next meeting.

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Meeting ended 9.20 pm.

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

Future Parish Council meetings for 2017 are: 10 April, 8 May, 12 June, 10 July, 11 September, 9 October, 13 November & 11 December.