

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

1. Present

Vice Chair Heidi Robbins, District Councillor Barry Bowles, James Arrowsmith, Christine Bailey, Elaine Gargett, Julie Dunstan, Mark Firth, Sheila Firth (Clerk), Tony Smith (Treasurer).
Four Parishioners
PC Jason Fellowes

2. Apologies

Chair Ed Marshall, Matt Pollard

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Proposed by Elaine Gargett, seconded by Mark Firth.

4. Matters Arising

There is to be a meeting for Parish Councillors only and a representative from Bassetlaw Environmental Health Department to discuss the Pilgrim Fathers Public House matter on Thursday 16 March.

5. Correspondence

None was received.

6. District Councillor's Report

District Councillor Bowles attended the meeting but did not present a report as he had just returned to work after illness. He did however inform the meeting that Bassetlaw Children's Ward is likely to be closed due to staff shortages. He also reported that the Sheffield City Region Plan has stalled due to legal challenges.

7. Finance Report

The Treasurer handed out his report.

He confirmed that the Parish Council has complied with the automatic pension enrolment legislation and letters have been sent to Parish Council employees. The precept increase proposed at the last PC meeting has been approved by Bassetlaw District Council.

He also reported that Section 137 donations amount was to be increased for 2017-18 was to be increased to £1,950.00 to be spent on projects directly benefitting the village.

He also reported that Anglia Water have now separated business and domestic rates and that the Village Hall was classified as a business and this may affect our bill for next year.

The Treasurer confirmed that the transparency code required us to identify and confirm proof of ownership of any land owned by the Parish Council. The Clerk agreed to investigate and report back. Full details of the report can be viewed at www.scrooby.net.

8. Police Report

Beat Manager PC Jason Fellowes attended the meeting. He reported five incidents in the Scrooby area in the last month although most of these were minor. He did advise that any suspicious activities should be reported to the police. He confirmed that police reports were now available on the Police.uk website but the details may not necessarily be up to date.

It was agreed that he would try to attend the next meeting to discuss potential security measures for the village.

9. Planning & Neighbourhood Plan

Despite objections from the Parish Council, the proposed building of a bungalow to replace a caravan on Gibbet Lane have been approved by Bassetlaw District Council. The Parish Council are to consider whether to appeal this decision.

The appeal by the resident to remove the silver birch tree on Chapel Lane has been refused and the tree must remain.

Tony Smith attended a training exercise in Harworth together with Norman Gray, parishioner, to learn about requirements for establishing a Neighbourhood Plan. There is to be a further initial meeting on the 21 March and he has requested that a steering committee be set up to help develop the plan. He confirmed that funding is available to assist with the Plan and the Parish Council confirmed that they would support any initial outlay costs.

10. Play Area

Heidi Robbins to obtain quotes for the replacement of damaged and worn play equipment.

11. Village Hall

It was agreed to purchase new folding tables for the Village Hall to replace the existing ones.

12. Village Environment

It was suggested that the first grass cut should take place as quickly as possible, Elaine Gargett to arrange this with the supplier.

13. Pilgrim Fathers Visitors Centre and Mayflower 400

Elaine Gargett attended the last meeting of the Pilgrim Fathers Origins Association. She was informed that the PFOA were considering leafleting the parishioners to reverse the decision of the Parish Council not to extend the Village Hall on the North side in accordance with their proposed plan. The Council agreed to discourage this course of action as they had no intention of applying for planning permission to support the PFOA design, but rather to build a smaller extension on the South side of the Village Hall as previously agreed.

14. Any Other Business

The Vice Chair agreed to order the defibrillator before the end of March in accordance with the Parish Council's previous decision.

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Meeting ended 9.05 pm.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 10 April 2017, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall.