

MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 12 June 2017

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Present

Chair Ed Marshall, Heidi Robbins, Christine Bailey, Mark Firth, Matt Pollard, Elaine Gargett, James Arrowsmith, Julie Dunstan, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), 8 members of the Parish, Cllr Tracey Taylor (part) and District Cllr Barry Bowles (part)

2. Apologies

None

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Proposed by Christine Bailey, seconded by Mark Firth.

4. Matters Arising

The changeover to the new Parish Clerk was complete and many parties had been notified.

5. Correspondence

Data Protection Act was changing in 2018 – Clerk to monitor
Macmillan Benefits Advisor at Citizens Advice – Clerk to display their poster
Road Closure – Bawtry Road roundabout joining A1 south, 2-15 July between 2200 and 0600
Notts CC fund supporting local events brining WW1 to life – noted.

6. District and County Councillor's Report

Our new Notts CC Cllr Tracey Taylor joined us and was warmly welcomed. She aims to visit us as much as she can and notes her committee responsibilities are for Childern and Young Peoples Services and Planning !

District Councillor Bowles was in attendance but said Blyth ward was taking all his attention at the moment. He is still waiting for a reply regarding the name for the Chapel conversion on Chapel Lane.

7. Finance Report

The Treasurer presented his report, which does not include any major spend. The report was approved. Full details of the report can be viewed at www.scrooby.net.

Other matters: Small Authorities Transparency Code, we are believed to be compliant now. Annual Accounts – have gone to external audit and are still open to view by the parishioners until 15th July. Due to the dual work of Tony Smith it was accepted that back up of all computer files would be made on the Scrooby.net server.

8. Police Report

No report was received. The response to the use of CCTV cameras in the village, was negative (not enough crime deemed), however fly tipping in Mill Lane was still of interest to Bassetlaw DC.

Comments received from NALC re. Rural Crime Partnership and access to local police. But noted that the Neighbourhood Alerts had dwindled and Scrooby and Blyth were still having trouble with quad bikes.

9. Planning & Neighbourhood Plan

The initial meeting for the Scrooby Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP) took place on 12 May 2017 and was well received with a good turnout. The next step is for Bassetlaw to consult and confirm the Parish Boundary and we can then get going with the Plan.

The issue regarding the naming of the converted Chapel on Chapel Lane, is still with Bassetlaw DC.

The issue with the removal of the tree at Belmont House, Chapel Lane is still ongoing.

It was noted (via Cllr Taylor) that the Notts CC Minerals Local Plan had been suspended pending a review in the light of a challenge to benefits and requirements.

The following item was discussed as item 1 on the agenda in order to ensure all parties had time to make their comments.

A Non-Material Amendment (or NMA) planning application had been made for the building of a house within the plot of Westgate House, Manor Road. The Chair summarised the facts, current discussions and position.

The issue arose because of a desire to complete a 1994 Planning consent by making small amendments, but this is now within the Scrooby conservation area and the curtilage of 3 listing buildings.

A number of neighbours had raised objections due to the changes and repositioning of the building not being “non-material” in their eyes.

The matter is being dealt with by Bassetlaw BDC planning and they are checking for legal compliance, a re-assessment of whether the changes are simply “non-material” and a belief that formal objections should change the matter back to full planning consent.

The Chair is to write to BDC to voice the Parish Council and Parishioners concerns and will follow up with our District Councillor.

10. Play Area

Heidi Robbins is waiting for the recent inspection report and invoice.

11. Village Hall

The proposal to replace 8 tables and possibly some chairs has been delayed until we know what the Village Hall extension plans are for Mayflower 400.

The Scouts and Brownies / Rainbows have agreed to our option of a “Fixed Annual Figure” contract – Treasurer to enact.

Treasurer stated the Gas and Electric contracts are up for renewal and he will negotiate.

12. Village Environment

The “mess” left by the Notts CC grass verge cutting – Chair to remonstrate with Mr Boscoe of Notts CC.

Tree Charter from NALC which gives possible access to some tree planting – Heidi Robbins to take on board.

It was noted the footpath to Mattersey was being restored, very welcome. That point also gave rise to notes about the state of the footpaths on the Great North Road which need "cleaning up". Good reports continue to be received regarding the new grass cutting service provider in the village, it was also agreed they be allowed to cut the hedge fronting the Village Hall before the Village Show.

13. Pilgrim Fathers Visitors Centre and Mayflower 400

The Hub in Retford opened a new Pilgrim Fathers exhibition on 25 May 2017. An Apple Tree is to be planted in the village in commemoration of Mayflower 400 – Chair to investigate the best position. The Chair is seeking support for the Toilet Extension to the south of the Village Hall. This has now been agreed with the PFOS. The Church is moving on with the Visitors Centre within the church as well.

14. Any Other Business

The defibrillator is still to be installed.
Elaine – can we agitate BDC to complete their hedge cutting service for the pensioners houses.

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Meeting ended 9.10 pm.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 17 July 2017, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall.
Note: this is a change due to members commitments.