

## **MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

**Monday 11 September 2017**

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

### **1. Present**

Chair Ed Marshall, Heidi Robbins, Christine Bailey, Mark Firth, Matt Pollard, Elaine Gargett, Julie Dunstan, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer),  
In addition: County Cllr Tracey Taylor, District Cllr Barry Bowles, and 4 members of the parish

### **2. Apologies**

None, required

### **3. Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Proposed by Heidi Robbins, seconded by Christine Bailey.

### **4. Matters Arising**

Are covered below.

### **5. Correspondence**

A number of notices, e-mails and letters had been received and were listed before the meeting. Those of note or action were:

Bassetlaw BDC – Consultation on their Fly Posting Policy. Comments can be made via their web site link. Ed Marshall to look at.

NALC – New Data Protection Regulations from May 2018. Clerk reported he was attending a NALC update course and will confirm what is meant and what is required.  
Tour of Britain Cycle Race 6<sup>th</sup> Sept – Organisers thank all for their publicity and ask if you have any photographs to send they will be grateful. Contact Clerk if interested.

NALC – Govt Consultation on Broadband. NALC asking for any views before 1<sup>st</sup> October. Mark Firth said he will review and comment if felt needed.

A new Parishioner – asking about the procedures within the Parish Council, particularly for Complaint's. Clerk replied detailing the many but informal ways Parishioners have/do use to contact the Council.

NALC – A 22 page booklet detailing many funding opportunities we may use if/when the need arises.

### **6. District and County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Tracey Taylor reported:

- County council is touring the Districts to encourage links. The next is Retford Town Hall, 2<sup>nd</sup> October, 3-5pm
- Regarding the proposed Changes to School Holidays. This had been started before it had been released which made it look like a fait a compli. But by law the CC must ask the parents views every 3 years.
- Question – MP John Mann asking Caroline Spelman if she can advise re. the provision of extra toilets in the Church. Ed explained the background and stated the Church could not do this but it had been proposed that the Village Hall could be expanded to include these extra toilets for 2020.
- Question – Does the Grant for the Scrooby Show go to the Show Committee or through the Parish. Answer, the Show Committee please.

District Councillor Barry Bowles reported:

- Re. the questions he was asked about the building work at Alpha House had been passed on to the responsible Planning Officer who was looking into it for him.

## **7. Finance Report**

The Treasurer presented his report, which did include some spend over the last 2 months and the Scrooby Show set-up. The report was approved. Full details of the report can be viewed at [www.scrooby.net](http://www.scrooby.net).

Other matters: The Annual Accounts have been passed by the External Auditor and are open to public scrutiny until 30<sup>th</sup> September. It was noted the External Auditors had made two procedural comments, which the Parish Council felt were pedantic and our actions had been of benefit not detriment.

## **8. Police Report**

Noted: That our local PCSO had changed to: PCSO 9433 Lucy Campion. Tel: 07525 989445, email: [lucy.campion@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:lucy.campion@nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk)

Scrooby Security using CCTV; Although the authorities had said they could not justify the set-up of CCTV in Scrooby, a parishioner asked that the council review it's provision privately. Concerns had been raised about men walking around late at night and crimes being reported with no response. After discussion, including the need to poll the entire village for acceptance, it was agreed: a) Matt Pollard to check out options and other Parish's usage of CCTV and b) The Clerk to check out the Data Protection aspects from his forthcoming course.

## **9. Planning & Neighbourhood Plan**

The Scrooby Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP) had a good publicity stand at the Scrooby Show. The next meeting is 18<sup>th</sup> September when we shall discuss / agree / plan the next steps.

The issue with the removal of the tree at Belmont House, the applicant is waiting the results of his appeal.

Westgate House - The Non-Material Amendment (or NMA) planning application made for the building of a house within the plot has been rejected. The options that now remain are a) a new fully consulted application to build a house, or b) build to the exact original plot 4 specification. There are still some concerns left to resolve but it remains with the developer to put forward new proposals.

Pebble Mill – Alterations application granted but issues to resolve of the rendering of a small part of the porch.

Alpha House – A number of parishioners nearby had previously raised concerns over the size of the development being undertaken and the effect on the Conservation area. Enquiries as to status had been made to Bassetlaw Planning. However, Brenda Grant did ask why had no one asked her and who instigated the request. Response: a) a councillor had informally discussed the matter and b) a number of parishioners asking questions to councillors prompted the Parish Council to investigate further.

Cllr Taylor thought that this would easily be resolved through a retrospective application and was probably brought about by ignorance of the planning rules.

## **10. Play Area**

Heidi Robbins reported the report had been received and the main concern was the status of the wooden chain bridge. Heidi is cost out it's replacement and also that of replacing the football goal nets as well.

## **11. Village Hall**

Village Hall Energy – Supply contracts are being changed over.

Toilet Plans – architect to be contacted next week.

## **12. Village Environment**

Chris Tompson was keen to come and talk to us re. Rights of Way around Scrooby. This topic had been published to councillors over the summer and it was agreed to meet him on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017, at 19:30pm, in the Village Hall. Clerk to enable, all are welcome.

Parishioners' Comments:

- Saracens Lane Caravan Site
  - Seems to have a number of semi-permanent residents who are reported as being around the village late at night.
  - This was discussed and it was agreed that Ed Marshall and Matt Pollard would raise the parishioner's concerns with the site owner.
- Mill Lane
  - Is getting overgrown and/or the standard of cutting has fallen.
  - It is being seen as sad that Mill Lane is degenerating to such a degree.
  - Could we remind the field owners, Serlby Estates, and Notts CC to be more vigilant with their hedge / ground maintenance please.
  - Agreed: That Ed Marshall will talk to Andy Cawley / Serlby Estates manager / Notts CC (via Tracey Taylor) re. the maintenance of Mill Lane.
- Parking of Vehicles
  - The issue of cars being parked half on / half off of footpaths and kerbs was raised and generated a discussion.
  - This was particularly on the corners of Low Road / Manor Road, Low Road / Dog Lane, and around the Garage.
  - Agreed: That a minute be raised that concerns have been raised for Push / Wheelchair users and that parishioners and their visitors are asked to be more considerate when parking on verges, footpaths and corners please.

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

Ed to contact the architects to progress the Village Hall extension.

**14. Any Other Business**

An instruction course was asked for in the use of the Defibrillator on Saturday mornings. Julie Dunstan is to seek arrangements, dates, costs, etc. Anyone who wishes to join us should contact a Parish Councillor for details. It was with regret that James Arrowsmith had tendered his resignation from the Parish Council effective from 25<sup>th</sup> August 2017. The Parish Council thank him for his past years of service to the Village and Council.

Discussion ensued about a replacement noting that a whole Council re-election would be scheduled in May 2019 and that a filled vacancy would be valid up to that date.

Co-option was thought to be the best path forward and Brenda Grant was put forward. However, the Clerk was asked to refresh the Council on the procedure of filling a Casual Vacancy by election or co-option.

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Meeting ended 9.20 pm.

**Next meeting to be held on Monday 9 October 2017, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall.**