

MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 09 October 2017

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Present

Chair Ed Marshall, Heidi Robbins, Christine Bailey, Mark Firth, Elaine Gargett, Julie Dunstan, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer),
In addition: 5 members of the parish

2. Apologies

Matt Pollard, County Cllr Tracey Taylor, District Cllr Barry Bowles

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

After 2 corrections, Proposed by Mark Firth, seconded by Elaine Gargett.

4. Matters Arising

Are covered below.

NALC – Govt Consultation on Broadband. NALC asking for any views before 1st October. Mark Firth there was nothing major or new in it to worry us.

Public Issues were: monitoring the proceedings, listening and learning, CCTV, Mill Lane, Alpha House development and the Casual Vacancy election.

4.1. Casual Vacancy Election

At this point the Chair suggested we should complete the Casual Vacancy process as some Parish Councillors may have to leave before it occurs.

Clerk had received notice from the Electoral Services that no one had requested a full election, that means it was up to the Parish Councillors to co-opt someone. Chair then agreed it was valid therefore to make the selection tonight. The Clerk also said there were 3 candidates, Brenda Grant who had been proposed at the last meeting, Phil Walton (Holmefield Croft) and Chris Jessop (Pilgrim Fathers pub) had also sent in email applications and notes. The emails were passed to the PC's and Brenda was asked to give a verbal comment as well. At that point Brenda Grant requested confirmation that the tenure was until 2019, which was given, and so she then reluctantly had to retract because she would not be available during much of period. As is the best practice procedure when 2 candidates are available and members of the public are present, the decision is taken by a paper vote. The Clerk passed out 6 voting papers and received 6 papers back. He then passed the count to the Chair who announced by a vote of 5 to 1 Mr Philip Walton would be co-opted to the Parish Council until the full elections in May 2019. Clerk to enact.

Ed Marshall, Chair, also said he would go and see Chris Jessop and establish more closer links with him and the Pub. Julie D then offered to stand down in favour of Chris Jessop, but it was agreed "hold that thought" and investigate if we could increase the number of councillors instead, Clerk to follow up.

During the election a heated discussion took place from the public members. One said that posting the election notice on the VH noticeboard was not enough and another requested therefore that the co-option be delayed and another Casual Vacancy Notice be enacted to ensure a Parish wide vote was taken. The PC replied that the notice after it's 3 week period was legal and legitimate and because of that another notice could not be enacted. At which point one member of the public left the room complaining in a very forceful way he violently disagreed with the process and outcome.

The co-option was upheld and the business of the evening was continued.

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:

Holocaust Memorial Day 27th January 2018, can the Parish help commemorate it.

VIA East Midlands – Help for the winter with offers of Salt Bags, etc.

Agreed: To accept the free 5 x 20kg bags, Clerk to enact.
Doncaster Airport – Consultation re. Instrument Departures and Arrivals. See their website.

Letter from 3 unknown visitors to Scrooby looking about the Pilgrim Fathers and not getting a good response at Pub or Village. Discussed and clarified, 2 villagers had spoken with them at the time and thought their response/reaction was not as bad as this letter suggests. Ed had also met with Radio Nottingham and added in our point of view re. Mayflower400 on air.

NALC, Consultation re. Planning for Homes asking for local/rural views.

Agreed: Pass to SNAP (Scrooby Neighbourhood Area Plan) to discuss.
NALC, Provision of a “New Councillor” Training Course in January, a timely event.

6. District and County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Tracey Taylor was absent but mailed the following for our consideration:

- SCAMs - alerts and posters to publicise.
- Regarding the proposed Changes to School Holidays. More publicity and posters to publicise the discussion.

District Councillor Barry Bowles was not present to report, but by email reported a recent successful visit by Mayflower Descendants and publicising an up-coming concert by the RAF Swing Orchestra, November 5th Carlton-in-Lindrick.

7. Finance Report

The Treasurer presented his report, which did include receipt of the 2nd half of the Precept and the claim for the VAT refund. The report was approved. Full details of the report can be viewed at www.scrooby.net.

Other matters: It was noted that other neighbouring councils had had similar pedantic comments passed back from External Auditors. Noted the Audit arrangements change next year.

8. Police Report

Scrooby Security using CCTV; Again a lively discussion continued with the requirements and methods of CCTV being challenged. It was agreed to continue to check out options and other Parish's usage of CCTV and the Data Protection aspect. Knowing that at the end we will have to survey the villagers as to acceptance of CCTV and also Cost vs. it's usefulness before commitment.

A further lively discussion then ensued about the level of criminal activity in the village, the ability to report that to the police and their reaction to those reports (or lack of it). The amount of reported activity is seen as low by the Police which means Bassetlaw DC would not recommend a CCTV installation.

Agreed: Clerk to invite the local PCSO or a representative to the next meeting.

9. Planning & Neighbourhood Plan

The Scrooby Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP) continues to meet and progress. A funding request is to be made. The next meeting is 23rd October when we shall discuss / agree / plan the next steps. It was agreed by the PC that the outdoor banner could be permanently mounted on the fence to the rear of the Boules area. Also SNAP will be creating a Survey of the Villagers, it was agreed a response box could be mounted in the Phone Box on Chapel Lane for responses. Thanks to Norman Gray for making it.

Planning Requests - Removal of the tree at Belmont House, ongoing. Pebble Mill rendering PC has no objections, awaiting BDC decision.

Alpha House, ongoing no response from the request to Bassetlaw planning.

10. Play Area

Heidi Robbins reported the wooden chain bridge is 20 years old and has got to go. She is asking for 2 sets of quotes and will present at the next meeting.

11. Village Hall

Toilet Plans – architect spoke to and guidance on our requirements given. The Conservation Officer is amenable to our thoughts in principal. Ed/James to sketch out our requirements for the toilets and kitchen/hallway modifications.

12. Village Environment

Chris Tompson to talk to us re. Rights of Way around Scrooby, set for 20th October 2017, at 19:30pm, in the Village Hall. Clerk to enable and publicise in the Village Hall noticeboard and Phone Box, all are welcome.

Phone box needs some maintenance – Ed to review particularly the door.

Parishioners' Comments: Mill Lane

- Noted that Dougal / Don had worked hard on the Mill Field area and they were thanked for that.
- But now Notts CC need to do their part on the verges.

General condition of the roads around Mill Lane and the village in general – Ed to press Notts CC to enhance.

Cllr Tracey Taylor also mailed re. the Bassetlaw Street Lighting Energy Saving Project, changing from amber to LED lights. Thought this could cause an ambience issue with mixed lighting types. **Action:** Ed to discuss and also the update of the street furniture and signs.

13. Pilgrim Fathers Visitors Centre and Mayflower 400

PF Notice Board – had fallen down may be due to rotting of the post (or vandalism). Bassetlaw DC to be asked to re-instate but we could mount it on the tree or Village Hall wall instead. **Action:** Ed / Norman G to review and arrange

Village Hall extension see 11. Above.

Future issues about Pilgrim Father visits – The church is not / cannot be open all the time and the Manor is private property, so difficult for visitors. Larger groups could be catered for, however, for smaller ad-hoc visitors perhaps more user leaflets could be made available and put in perspex boxes to take away. Car / Coach parking is an issue and perhaps the Pub car park could help. **Action:** Ed to talk through with Chris. However, the PC all agreed that Notts CC / Bassetlaw DC / Retford do need to agree a common approach as they all lay claim to William Brewster for their own needs.

14. Any Other Business

An instruction course for the use of the Defibrillator set for Saturday, 2nd December morning. **Action:** Clerk to publicise on the Noticeboard.

Boules pitch – is unused and overgrown. Suggestion is to turn it into a Flower Patch, could incorporate a Mayflower400 theme design. **Action:** Matt/Mark to discuss.

Replica Stocks – could be made for the Village Show and Visitors. **Action:** Julie to organise.

An Environment meeting had been held with the PF pub management re. the licenses for Xmas, etc. A positive meeting held and agreement to only have the music inside, with extra noise reduction measures. Licensing are now comfortable.

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Meeting ended 9.20 pm.

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