

MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 13 November 2017

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Present

Chair Ed Marshall, Heidi Robbins, Christine Bailey, Mark Firth, Elaine Gargett, Matt Pollard, Phil Walton, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), County Cllr Tracey Taylor
In addition: 3 members of the parish

2. Apologies

District Cllr Barry Bowles (*But arrived later*)

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Accepted: Proposed by Elaine Gargett, Seconded by Heidi Robbins.

4. Matters Arising

Are covered below.

It was reported that to increase the size of the Parish Council would require a Community Governance Review, a formal process including a Parish wide vote.

Public Issues were: None specifically mentioned.

4.1. Parish Council Members

It was recorded that Julie Dunstan had, unfortunately, resigned because the meeting dates now clash with her work. Julie was a fully co-opted (non-elected) member of the Council for her links to the Pilgrim Fathers history. The Chair recorded his grateful thanks to Julie for her work in the areas of the Pilgrim Fathers Origins and the village defibrillator.

It was decided that until more understanding of the effects of Mayflower 400 were known the council would not seek to replace that position just yet.

County Cllr Taylor reminded the Council of the two types of Co-Opted Councillors. Those that fill in a short term vacancy of an elected councillor until the next full elections and those that are co-opted to assist with a very specific issue or knowledge.

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:

VIA East Midlands, help for the winter. It was noted the offer of 5 x 20kg free bags of road salt had been taken and delivered to the Clerk. Village Locations were then to be decided.

BDC Homeless Prevention Strategy consultation, PC members had been mailed and asked to reply directly.

BDC Changes to Notts CC Fire Brigade resource alignment consultation.

Notts CC, Revised Mineral Plan consultation on "Issues and Options" stages.

NALC AGM, 15th November in Epperstone.

Data Protection Act changes in 2018 – Clerk monitoring and attending training, could have a significant bureaucratic effect.

Notts CC – Parish / Town Council leaders open evening, 12th December. Chair to view.

Clerk, Issue about how to publicise the every growing volume of Notices we are asked to show that do not have a direct effect on Scrooby. Progress is being made on the changes to the Scrooby.net website and also thoughts about a "leaflet Rack" in the Village Telephone Box. It was recorded that the rack was now present in the telephone kiosk and the lighting was also now operational. The Parish Council wished to give a "Vote of Thanks" to Norman Gray for his craftsmanship and labour in the telephone kiosk and the reinstatement of the Pilgrim Fathers Noticeboard at the side of the Village Hall.

6. District and County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Tracey Taylor reported:

- Sundry Consultations; such as the School Terms was in the Assessment phase now. And the Statement of Community Involvement was active.
- IGas – 2 sites (Mission Springs and Tinker Lane) had now been cleared for their Test Drilling and Sampling work. It was strongly noted this did NOT mean that any Fracking could commence.
- Planning – Signed off some of the Planning Permissions for the Blyth / A1 Industrial Estate work.
- Comments that some of the Scrooby.net web site details need correction. **Clerk to correct.**

District Councillor Barry Bowles was present but could only report the communication issues he was experiencing due to an email failure at Bassetlaw BDC.

7. Finance Report

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

Other matters: The Insurers, Zurich, are holding a series of workshops covering Risk Assessment, Accidents, etc. One was in Dinnington in Jan'18, agreed the Treasurer to attend at a cost of £30.

8. Police Report

Clerk was disappointed to announce that due to shifts, etc., the new PSCO Lucy Campion could not attend but is trying to ensure she attends the December Parish Council. She did re-iterate to continue to report crimes and use the 101 service even though it was not 100% effective.

Scrooby Security using CCTV; Matt reported back on his findings from the (small) installation at Whitham St Hughes and that he was seeking information from larger CCTV providers in the area. **Matt** to report back next meeting. The Clerk also said he had heard similar stores from some other Parish / Town councils he had contacted as well. Clerk and Matt to confer.

9. Planning & Neighbourhood Plan

1. The Scrooby Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP) continues to meet and progress. A funding request is in progress. The next meeting is 24th November when we shall ratify a Parish wide survey of feelings similar to the Consultation Event in May. That will also settle the timing and activities for the survey (issued early Jan 2018 for return by end Jan 2018). The outdoor banner has yet to be mounted. A request was made if the Parish Council could view the survey before it goes out (by email circular). It was noted, after a heated discussion and correction by County Cllr Taylor that the SNAP was independent of the Parish Council, but the Chair of the SNAP (Tony Smith) said he had no objection to anyone seeing any SNAP documents before issuing, SNAP could always ignore any non-constructive comments anyway.
County Cllr Taylor did mention that BDC did have an existing Site Allocations map and plan which would of any sites created by the Neighbourhood Plans. Tony Smith to urgently seek clarification and knowledge from his BDC NP support team.
2. Planning Requests - Removal of the tree at Belmont House, ongoing. Pebble Mill rendering, BDC decision was to NOT allow this. PC would encourage the homeowners to appeal against that. 2 Holmefield Court request to fell and replace a diseased Cherry Tree, ongoing. Land off Mill Lane, approach about a possible Holiday Log Cabin but no formal application yet. Alpha House, ongoing, no response. Westgate House, a Lawful Development Certificate is being sought by the applicants to enable building progression, decision in December.
3. BDC Planning Procedures – The Parish Council had felt the need to correspond re. recent planning approaches and emails re. Conservation Area issues finding that the BDC Planning department were being somewhat obtrusive. We had written to the Chair of the Planning Committee, who passed it on to the Head of Regeneration (Bev Alderton-Sambrook) – NO response to date. County Cllr Tracey did discuss the general process and offered her support.

4. The Chair asked (and was accepted) Phil Walton to take the Parish Council duties for Planning issues. **Clerk** to hand over current applications.

10. Play Area

Heidi Robbins reported the 2 sets of quotes had been received, the cost of which is in the region of £4,500. The Scrooby Show committee was prepared to assist with some funding though and we may have to do the removal ourselves to reduce costs. Playdales was the preferred supplier this time and Heidi was to present a final scheme before work commences.

11. Village Hall

Toilet Plans – No progress. Nothing to report other than to publicise the 4 events happening between now and the 8th December.

12. Village Environment

Chris Tompson met with 2 councillors and 2 parishioners to discuss future Rights of Way around Scrooby, and he sent in a report.

Heidi thought is useful session but was a little wary that the landowners might not want to help. However, the possible plan to link Austerfield and Scrooby for Mayflower 2020 was a good idea. Discussed and agreed to invite Chris for a further meeting to document what possible walks could be investigated so we could informally talk to the landowners before any formal work and applications are made. **Clerk** to enable.

13. Pilgrim Fathers Visitors Centre and Mayflower 400

PF Notice Board – had been re-instated (thanks to Norman Gray).

Noted the Illuminate Festival next week. Parades in Retford on 21/11/17 and in Bawtry. Also the Doncaster Waites music for Thanksgiving in the Village Hall (24/11/17)

The Pilgrim Fathers Origin Society are working on improving signage in the village.

14. Any Other Business

Boules pitch – suggestion to turn it into a Flower Patch,

West Whinz – Noticed a push bike ramp is being built, illegally.

ACER Grounds Maintenance – Last cut and leaf clearance (FoC) completed for 2017. Agreed to continue to use ACER as long as price remains same.

Speed Sign – seems to come and go at will. Yes, it is a mobile one being moved round all villages.

Pilgrim Fathers Pub, Xmas sign – does this need planning permission for it's size. **Barry Bowles** to check.

STAR donation possible increase form £185 pa, Chair to talk to the STAR before the next donation.

Clerk noted an increase in the volume of printing required which may lead to extra printing expenses.

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Meeting ended 9.30 pm.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 11 December 2017, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall.