

MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 12 March 2018

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Present

Chair Ed Marshall, Heidi Robbins, Elaine Gargett, Phil Walton, Matt Pollard, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer).

In addition: 1 member of the parish (Councillor Vacancy) and Sandra Withington, Bassetlaw BDC (Mayflower 400)

2. Apologies

Christine Bailey, County Cllr Tracey Taylor, District Cllr Barry Bowles

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The minutes were accepted: Proposed by, Elaine Gargett Seconded by Phil Walton.

4. Matters Arising

Are covered below.

10, Play Area – The donation from the Scrooby Show was outstanding.

Action: Ed Marshall to chase.

4.1. Parish Council Members

All advertisements for the Casual Councillor Vacancy had not created any replies until today. Then Mr Stephen Lincoln, who also manages the Scrooby Community Cinema, expressed an interest by email.

The Chair moved that Stephen Lincoln join us as the single candidate, all members of the Parish Council present agreed. Stephen was invited to join the Parish Councillors table.

Action: Clerk to notify Bassetlaw and arrange all necessary paperwork.

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:

The Pilgrim Fathers pub: Elaine Gargett had published by email an incident where she had been refused entry by the PF landlord due to "All Parish Councillors are banned". This was discussed and noted the landlord had subsequently softened his stance and offered to talk to Elaine.

Also it was reported that a letter had been delivered to the village from the Landlord in a derogatory tone and asking the villagers to push for a new Parish Council. This note was somewhat selective in its distribution. After discussion it was agreed the Parish Council would take the senior Councillor's advice and ignore the situation until and unless the Landlord sends in a specific complaint.

It was also noted that Bassetlaw District Council had acknowledged the application to declare the Pilgrim Fathers pub as a Community Asset to try to preserve it should it fall vacant again.

New Government powers to tackle Fly tipping: a consultation being undertaken by NALC.

A very nice photograph of frolics in the recent snow on Low Road had been sent in by Sharon Gibson.

Bassetlaw Electoral Services – Review of Polling Districts and Places. Noted all was the same again for Scrooby and the Village Hall.

Campaign for Rural England – Best Kept Village Competition 2018

BDC – Closure of Harworth Road near A1 roundabout from 9th April until July. **Action:** Clerk to write back to say Scrooby thought the alternative route given is ridiculous and should be re-thought.

6. District and County Councillor's Report

None.

7. Finance Report

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

Other matters:

- PRECEPT 2018_19 – Bassetlaw acknowledged receipt and stated it was acceptable.
- Transparency Fund – The bid for £510 to cover the cost of a new laptop, software, an A3 scanner/printer and some funds for clerical work had been successful. The Parish Council thanked the Clerk and Actioned him to search for the requisite equipment.
- Data Protection Act (GDPR) changes for May 2018 – The Clerk reported the receipt of a 60 page briefing note from NALC. This is under analysis by the Clerk, who agreed to present a summary of the issues in the near future. **Action:** The Clerk + The Clerk – to still connect with David Harwood (at Bassetlaw) to discuss.
- Code of Conduct and Standing Orders – The council felt they need still more time to digest and identify issues. **Action:** Clerk to issue a new version with all comments received to date and the signing off was agreed to be at the April Parish Council meeting.
- Noted that Sutton cum Lound put all of their Parish Councillor papers (Meeting Notice, Agenda, Information, etc.) on their Website and their councillors collect them as required themselves. Clerk asked of that was a good idea for Scrooby, to which the members present said “No” and wish to continue as they have always done.
- The Parish Council approved the donations of £185 to the STAR newsletter and £100 to the 2nd Ranskill Scouts Old Age Party under the S137 rule as they both had a direct benefit to the Scrooby parishioners. The donations to date of £285 do not exceed the S137 limitations.

8. Police Report

The local PSCO Lucy Champion was not able to attend the meeting, however she did comment by mail that we still needed to report all information about Quad bikes and their movements, so the force could develop a plan to stop this nuisance. (Bassetlaw are also requesting support on the same topic).

Bassetlaw DC are renewing their orders for Dog Fouling and adding in a requirement that you should be able to prove you are there with the means to clean up your dog fouling, else punishment will be applied. The Parish Council found no issue with that addition and reminded attendees that the present order only covers the Croft.

Scrooby Security using CCTV; No further progress.

9. Planning & Neighbourhood Plan

1. The Scrooby Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP) continues to progress. An article about the Parish wide survey was placed in the STAR, and a summary would be published at the forthcoming event on March 23rd. A meeting had been held on 5th March to progress the work needed to be completed before 31st March. The SNAP Chair was looking for a local artist to design the cover for the Scrooby Plan – it was thought he could approach Jean Rush to help.
2. Planning Requests – No new request have been made. Alpha House and Westgate House, Phil Walton awaits update from the Enforcement Officer.
3. Application to Quarry at College Farm, Barnby Moor. This would mean an significant increase in HGV traffic along the Great North Road. Due to the urgency the Chair and Clerk delivered letters to all Scrooby Residents along the Great North Road informing them of the issue and letting them know where to make their thoughts known. The Parish had previously sent back their note of objection on noise and environmental grounds. However, it was noted an unfortunate typing error stating 500 lorry movements per day, not the correct 50 each way. **Action:** Clerk agreed to a “Letter to the Editor” in the STAR to apologise.
4. BDC Planning Procedures – The Parish Council letter re. the recent planning approaches, to the Chair of the Planning Committee, had still not had any response since 12th January.

10. Play Area

Heidi Robbins reported the rubber mats and pegs had been purchased. **Action:** Heidi to pass invoices to Treasurer when available. Funding: The Scrooby Show agreed to donate £1,000, The Chair to progress.

11. Village Hall

Toilet Plans – The plan for the extension continues to be drafted for use by architects. Planning have OK'd the proposals in principle. **Action:** Chair to issue concrete proposals and funding ideas at the next meeting.

Treasurer to issue invoices for “The Uniform Sections” and Pinders for its use on 12th March.

12. Village Environment

- Bassetlaw Spring Clean, 23rd March in the morning – Heidi R is leading and arranging with Bassetlaw. This will also include the Whinze and Gibbet Lane this year. It is noted we do have £235 funds to assist with litter picking.
- A report was made of an interruption to a fly tipping incident by a Scrooby resident which was videoed and reported to the Police. Subsequently it was found the black bags contained illegal drug plants.
- Chris Tompson and future Rights of Way around Scrooby, **Action** Clerk to contact Chris to inform him that there does appear to be another book of Pilgrim Walks being prepared by Sally Outram. Also what contact had he made with Neill Lewis from Notts CC.
- With reference to the STAR Footpath Project asking where the STAR Millennium Leaflet had come from, that was reported to be Penny Cawley who was Chair at the time. **Action:** Clerk to notify Kevin from Ranskill.

13. Pilgrim Fathers Visitors Centre and Mayflower 400

To help Scrooby understand what are all the plans and event that are being talked (but not apparently to Scrooby) about and where they fit in Sandra Withington from Bassetlaw DC came along to give a briefing.

- The many “plans” with reference to the Pilgrim Fathers history.
 - There are lots of plans being put forward but none have made economic sense yet, so you will hear of plans that have not gone further.
 - But now the opportunity to do more is upon us because of 2020.
 - So we have 3 layers of work:
- The Nationwide Mayflower 400 committee:
 - 11 destinations (including Scrooby), plus Holland and USA, signed up for a common agreement. The Board became active and very ambitious and employed a lot of staff.
 - But a Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) bid failed because not a lot of a legacy was left behind, it was all “now” spending.
 - So a new bid was made to the Arts Council was made and failed.
 - However, Travel, Tourism, Tour Operators and the Press Officer are having some success promoting Mayflower 400.
 - Instead of folding, it was agreed to continue until 2020 to share information and activities.
- Regional Partnerships
 - These are all about “our” area in the north outside of Plymouth
 - It is called the Pilgrim Roots Region and is having more success.
 - The HLF bid is for the Roots Region and is meeting with some success, also the Arts Council is being bid for the “Illuminate” activities.
- Bassetlaw District Council (assisted by Notts CC)
 - Is the lead in the HLF bid for £650,000 for September 2018, that will:
 - Create a William Brewster Gallery as a central hub and start point for visitors to find out where to go and what to do.
 - A Heritage Engagement Officer will be appointed to tell the Pilgrims Story
 - And a Heritage Support officer and web site to talk to visitors and send them out and about, etc., including tour guides.
 - To help give out this message a Consultation Event is arranged for 23rd March, jointly with the SNAP Neighbourhood Plan team in the Village Hall. A leaflet and

- invite has been delivered to all in the Parish and Bassetlaw will be providing refreshments, etc.
- The IT infrastructure around all the villages concerned has been analysed with varying results from “nothing worth using” to very good all around. The recommendation is therefore to have electronic displays along the Mayflower Trail, a good web site and good local information boards that will replace any existing ones.
 - Illuminate – is the signature Pilgrim event each year.
 - It is held around Thanksgiving and this year Scrooby has been invited to hold the event. That will involve workshops for the Lanterns, service in the Church and the walk from Scrooby village.
 - The Parish Council agreed to be the “hosts” and a date was targeted of Weds, 21st November for the 2018 Illuminate.
 - Given it is the “Year of the Women” it is hoped that a lady will give the service and maybe Sue Allen could do a talk.
 - Scrooby Village Trail
 - Hopefully publicity about this will be available in the next 2-3 weeks
 - However, an initial view has been that Scrooby is a problem because there is not a lot to see are attend, most of the historical buildings, etc., are privately owned and “gated”.
 - So a thought has been made about “plaques” mounted on the walls of the major historical buildings in Scrooby, with the funding from the HLF bid above.
 - The Chairman asked if a permanent memorial in the village would be a good idea? Answer Yes, could have a competition to design one, site it in the Garden bed to the side of the Village Hall, and obtain funding from the Arts Council or maybe the American heritage societies more directly connected to Scrooby.

14. Any Other Business

Phil Walton asked if the Scrooby.net website had been updated for contacts recently. Clerk replied, Yes

Tony Smith asked for a modest spend in the Scrooby Communication Hub (the telephone box) to put small Perspex sheets into the racks as the papers were sagging in the damp air - Agreed.

All minutes from Scrooby Parish Council meetings are now published at www.scrooby.net, after acceptance by the Parish Council

Meeting ended 9.10 pm.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 9 April 2018, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall.