

MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 09 April 2018

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Present

Vice Chair Heidi Robbins, Elaine Gargett, Christine Bailey, Phil Walton, Stephen Lincoln, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), District Cllr Barry Bowles, County Cllr Tracey Taylor (Part)
In addition: 1 member of the parish, Norman Grey

2. Apologies

Ed Marshall, Matt Pollard

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

After a small amendment to Para.5., the minutes were accepted: Proposed by Phil Walton, Seconded by Elaine Gargett.

4. Matters Arising

Are covered below, else.

4.1 New Councillor – Formal acceptance papers received for file.

5. Correspondence – Official notice has been received of the registration of the Pilgrim Fathers pub as a Community Asset, renewable in 5 years time.

10. Play Area – The donation from the Scrooby Show Committee of £1,000 has been received.

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:

Blyth / A1 Roundabout, Harworth Avenue Closure – Barry Bowles had sent in our (and other) objections and a detailed response that matters would go ahead as planned had been received. BDC, a support and information request reference Quad bike problems. Copied to Parish Councillors. (See also 8. Police Report below)

NALC Training courses for new councillors and planning, any interest. Phil Walton and Stephen Lincoln expressed interest. **ACTION:** Clerk to identify and pass on.

West Stockwith Parish Council are releasing 30 plastic chairs and 6 folding tables to a good home for a donation. **ACTION:** Clerk to investigate their condition.

Prices for Speed Signs had been offered. **ACTION:** Clerk to ask County Cllr Tracey Taylor about the Notts Highways position on placing our own signs on a major road.

6. District and County Councillor's Report

District Councillor, Barry Bowles. Nothing new or filtered down to report directly about Scrooby. A reminder the Brown Bin garden waste scheme is back in operation.

County Councillor, Tracey Taylor. Received Ed Marshall's letter about multiple speed limits and the temporary traffic lights at Scrooby Top over the Bank Holiday – Following up.

Noted that the Notts Budget had been set to include Adult Social Care provision and extra work on Highways. The Parish Council suggested that Church Lane may be a priority for the highways. The Children's committee were review the road safety at schools, including a "raising awareness" campaign.

The recent Litter Picking in the village had highlighted that we cannot "pick" on the main road. Cllr Taylor offered to put us in touch with the "Community Service" team to see what could be available. It was also noted that the Road Sweeper round the village seemed to be absent. Perhaps that was Bassetlaw DC was the answer.

It was thought that maybe we should have 4 Litter Picks per year and to pre-advertise them in the STAR along with the minutes, to be discussed and set at the next meeting.

7. Finance Report

The Treasurer presented his report, which did not include any abnormal spend. The report was approved and noted this was likely to be the data for the Annual Accounts. Full details of the report can be viewed at www.scrooby.net.

Other matters:

- PRECEPT 2018_19 – Received first ½ year instalment.
- Transparency Fund – The £510 to cover the cost of a new laptop, software, an A3 scanner/printer – Still to be purchased. **ACTION:** Clerk..
- Annual Accounts – were upon us and would be prepared for the AGM as was usual, including the Public Scrutiny.
- Data Protection Act (GDPR) changes for May 2018 – The Clerk reported this is still under analysis by the Clerk, who noted it was such a major topic. **Action:** The Clerk + The Clerk – to still connect with David Harwood (at Bassetlaw) to discuss.
- The S137 limit of Cash Donation spending was set at approx.. £1,980 for 2018_19.
- Code of Conduct and Standing Orders – The council had been issued with a revised and annotated version. Due to the absence of the Chair it was Proposed by: Heidi Robbins and Seconded by: Elaine Gargett, that the Code of Conduct and Parish Council Standing Orders be accepted and that the Chair, Ed Marshall be tasked with signing them upon his return. **Action:** Clerk to obtain signature and issue copies to Parish Councillors and in the Village Hall files.

8. Police Report

The local PSCO Lucy Champion was not able to attend the meeting.

However we had from BDC a request for constant information re. Quad Bikes, noted and circulated.

Clerk reported receipt of Paddy Tipping's "The Beat" newsletter and the Notts Police "Rural Roundup" leaflet, which included mention of the police using Quad bikes. **Action:** Clerk to circulate to members.

The Neighbourhood Watch was also mentioned and noted that it had seemed to have died down. It was noted Matt Pollard was our representative.

9. Planning & Neighbourhood Plan

1. The Scrooby Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP) continues to progress at a snails pace. However, it was felt that the attendance at the BDC NP Marketplace event was worth the time involved by the SNAP Chair. The meeting on 26th March to progress SNAP was cancelled due to lack of attendance. Invoices and action has taken place to protect the £9,000 grant we had received earlier. The SNAP Chair, Tony Smith said he was looking for a new member to assist in the report critique work and a "marketing" type person to help publicise and push the initiative. An article would be placed in the STAR to start a competition amongst Scrooby's artists to design a front cover for the eventual report. The outcome to be judged at the Scrooby Show and a Prize would be donated. The next meeting of SNAP is set for Monday, 23rd April at a time to be published.
2. Planning Requests – No new request have been made. Alpha House and Westgate House, Have had an update from the Enforcement Officer. Alpha House would be enforced. However, the development at Westgate House had been passed. That has led to a number of parishioners challenging that decision around the prior demolition work of 20 years ago. Those challenges included the receipt of a direct challenge to BDC Planning department. That then led to an ongoing discussion about the felling of trees in the Conservation Area of the village and the insistent decisions being made by BDC.
3. Application to Quarry at College Farm, Barnby Moor. This would mean a significant increase in HGV traffic along the Great North Road. The application rolls onwards, with a very vigorous challenge by Barnby Moor Parish Council. Involved now are the Notts Mineral Plan "call to land" and a Scoping Opinion Request for a 3rd site by Tarmac. The volume of correspondence is now considerable, please contact the Clerk for viewing if wished.
4. BDC Planning Procedures – The Parish Council letter re. the recent planning approaches, to the Chair of the Planning Committee, had still no direct response.

10. Play Area

Heidi Robbins reported the rubber mats and pegs had been purchased. **Action:** Heidi to install with help from parish members.

11. Village Hall

Toilet Plans – The plan for the extension continues. **Action:** Chair to issue concrete proposals and funding ideas at the next meeting.

Action: Clerk to check out PAT testing in this area for the portable equipment owned.

12. Village Environment

- Bassetlaw Spring Clean, 23rd March in the morning – Many thanks to Heidi and Elaine, they were the only ones that turned up.
- It was also agreed that the monies from BDC for Street Cleaning would be used to purchase litter picking equipment for the future. **Action:** Heidi to target the items to buy.
- Chris Tompson and future Rights of Way around Scrooby, Chris did clarify a few items at the recent Pilgrim / Mayflower event. Now we are waiting for Kevin from Ranskill (STAR Footpath Project) to arrive back and we will then set up a joint meet to enable movement on all fronts. **Action** Clerk to contact Chris, Kevin, Heidi and the Scrooby interested parties and set up a work meeting to progress.

13. Pilgrim Fathers Visitors Centre and Mayflower 400

The Pilgrim / Mayflower / Illuminate / SNAP event on 23rd March. Was reported as sparsely visited but gave out some interesting information.

However, a Parish member did report that even after listening at the event he was still unclear about what was going to happen in 2020, what Scrooby was being asked to do / promote / enable and what was expected if a group simply turned up in the village.

This discussion continues.

Parish Council members were reminded of the next Pilgrim Fathers Origins Association meeting on Weds, 11th April at 10:30 in the village hall and could some members please attend.

Barry Bowles reported that some exciting new discoveries had been made by Sue Allen which are due to be published.

14. Any Other Business

The parish member, Norman Grey, reported an instance of a Drone flying over his and other houses at very low altitude which may transgress current laws and privacy. This was felt to be most disconcerting to residents and all Parishioners were reminded to “please think of others” if they operate such new machinery.

Note: because the next Parish Council meeting is also the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council the first meeting may start a little earlier. **ACTION:** Clerk to check on the position with Ranskill Brownies.

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Meeting ended 9.00 pm.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 14 May 2018, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall.