

MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 13 May 2019

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Present

Chair: Heidi Robbins, Ed Marshall, Elaine Gargett, Christine Bailey, Stephen Lincoln, Phil Walton, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), County Cllr Tracey Taylor (Part). No parishioners were present, but Sandra Withington was welcomed with her Bassetlaw Conversations hat on.

2. Apologies

Frank White, Barry Bowles.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

After a typing correction that did not affect the meaning, the Minutes were accepted. Proposed by Elaine Gargett, Seconded by Phil Walton.

4. Matters Arising

Are covered below, else.

5. Poppies – On order

7. HSE Poster – Checklist form to gather the information needed, received.

ACTION: Ed Marshall

12. Pricing for original paint of the Telephone Box. **Action: Treasurer**

4.1 Parish Council Elections, 2nd May 2019

The Election was correctly completed on 2nd May. All 6 previous councillors were re-elected and in addition Frank White joined them to make up the composition of 7. Bev Hughes was not successful on the vote but the Annual General Meeting has agreed to co-opt her to the Council in some way to capitalise on her enthusiasm.

The newly elected Scrooby Parish Council was welcomed. In addition at the prior AGM, Ed Marshall stood down as Parish Chairperson (although retaining responsibility for the Mayflower 400 events) and the Council welcomed Heidi Robbins as Chairperson and Stephen Lincoln as Vice-Chairperson. The AGM had previously thanked Ed for all his hard work over the last years.

5. Correspondence

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

Two weeks warning of the closure of Church Lane for Gas Main works; Training Events run by NALC for new Parish Councillors, **Action: Tony** Smith to circulate; Live and Local – a group who look for local venues to hold events for Music, Theatre, Dancers, Storytellers, etc., **Action: Tony** Smith to forward details to Ed Marshall;

6. District and County Councillor's Report

County Councillor, Tracey Taylor. Noted the bid to resurface Church Lane was passed at the last committee meeting and would be completed in the 2019/20 year. The next committee meeting would be reviewing the LIS bids for items like the Village Hall extension, Village Welcome Signs, etc.

District Councillor, Jack Bowker. The outgoing DC Barry Bowles sent in his apologies and a report. He was thanked at the AGM for his past efforts on behalf of Scrooby, particularly over the Planning Issues.

The Parish Council look forward to working with the new District Councillor, Jack Bowker.

We are waiting for the new means of communication. **Action: Tony** Smith to contact Jack.

7. Finance Report

The Treasurer presented his report, which included mostly ongoing costs.

The report was approved. Full details of the report can be viewed at www.scrooby.net.

Other matters:

- Data Protection Act (GDPR) changes for May 2018 – Analysis by the Clerk, ongoing.
- Internet Banking – Treasurer reports this is now active and first payment have been successfully made and receipt confirmed.
- Other issues:
 - The Annual Accounts and Audit process is complete and Tracy Crowe thanked for her work as our new Internal Auditor this year. It was agreed to make a donation to the PlayGround Fund in lieu of her professional charge.
 - Council Insurance – Zurich Insurance have offered a quotation of +£14.79 for a new three year renewal of their insurance with us. That was acceptable but the Treasurer was asked to check if others are offering any cheaper. **Action: Tony Smith** to request alternative quotes.

8. Police Report

The local PSCO Lucy Campion has an open invitation, but did not attend. It was agreed to only invite Lucy when we had some issues to discuss in the future.

An active Whatsapp Group is up and running to report suspicious activity or security concerns in the village. Contact Elaine Gargett or Alison Goldsmith to join. **Action: Heidi Robbins** to ask Graham to place an article on the Scrooby.net website as well.

As ever if the incident is urgent or life threatening ring 999, else call 101.

9. Planning & Neighbourhood Plan

1. The Scrooby Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP) continues to progress. After working out future funding requirements and applications to Localities the Draft SNAP Plan will be put to a 6 week public consultation before it goes to examination, which will be June / July time.
2. Planning Requests – No new applications, current applications were:
 - 9 Static Caravans in the current Saracens Lane site. This application has been refused, but is now under appeal. Westgate House, issues still being raised.
 - New – Barn Cottage tree pruning, the Council has no objections. Notts CC BID requesting a new road sign to the north of the Village just as the county is entered, the Council had no objections as such but questioned why the words “Bassetlaw District” had been removed from the sign. Cllr Taylor noted this was not Notts Highways requesting the change but the Notts CC BID group to publicise their work.
 - Other notes received: Noted if there is a Neighbourhood Plan accepted the parish gets more Community Infrastructure Levy (25%, not 15%); The Public Consultation of the Notts Draft Minerals Plan runs from 27/7 to 28/9, details on Notts CC website.

10. Play Area

No comments. Repairs still to be made. **Action: Heidi Robbins**

11. Village Hall

Village Hall Extension Toilet Plans – Ed Marshall will continue to lead until completion.

Funding – awaiting. Tesco Bags of Help scheme – Tony Smith reminded voting will be by token at the Gainsborough store during May/June, please visit and vote for Scrooby, there is £4,000 to £1,000 at stake.

12. Village Environment

- Scrooby Allotments – Continue to be investigated, further activities continue to be discussed:
 - That we should invite the “Allotment Group” to form an Allotment Committee to manage the allotment and interact with the Parish Council should we be successful. **Action: Tony Smith**
 - The response from Enterprise Inns land managers re. the land on Station Lane came back negative as the current renter may wish not to give up the rental. **Action: Tony Smith** to ask Ei Group to ask the current renter if that is a may or a not.
 - The field on Mill Lane was also discussed. **Action: Tony Smith** to make enquiries.

13. Pilgrim Fathers Visitors Centre and Mayflower 400

- An update on the Pilgrim Trail walks between Retford and Gainsborough, with circular walks around the villages – The initiative of a walk from Scrooby to Bawtry along the railway is proving to be slow progress as it is not a Network Rail priority. Other options of footpaths in the parish are also proving just as slow too.
- Keith Tween (from Ranskill) is leading a project to write a version of the Millennium Walk of 2000 covering a much wider area and is seeking funding of £100 towards a first print of the leaflet. Agreed in principle but Parish Council requested full details before a decision in June.
Action: Tony Smith to circulate his mail to all councillors.
- It was also noted that a project in Harwich to create a replica Mayflower ship and sail it has been abandoned for lack of funds.
- As Sandra Withington was visiting, she was asked to comment on the Pilgrims Roots work, she reported:
 - Following up on the Pilgrims Apple / Oak trees (?? In the village centre)
 - Following up on the new revised Information Boards
 - Noted the tentative option of an opera event in the grounds of the Old Manor in Sept 2020.
 - Suggestions that the Pilgrim Fathers pub might be re-opening the question of using the Barn

14. Any Other Business

- Noted that Sandra Withington was present with a display of Bassetlaw Information as part of the Bassetlaw Conversations project.

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The Meeting started at 8:09 and ended at 9:20 pm.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 10 June 2019, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall.