

## MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 09 September 2019

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

### 1. Present

Chair: Heidi Robbins, Ed Marshall, Elaine Gargett, Christine Bailey, Frank White, Phil Walton, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), County Cllr Tracey Taylor (Part). Parishioners present: Julie Davison, Leigh Cordery (part of time). Public present: Keith Tween (part of time)

### 2. Apologies

Stephen Lincoln, Bev Hughes (Co-opted Cllr), District Cllr Jack Bowker

### 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Proposed by Ed Marshall, Seconded by Elaine Gargett. There were no corrections.

#### 3.1 Confirmation of Last Meeting's Action Points

12. Telephone Box has been painted

7. Shared use of Local Admin Handbook – Positive response from Ranskill

11. Village hall PAT testing – completed on 22<sup>nd</sup> July, all OK. Repeat in 12 months.

13. Pilgrim Fathers Apple Tree – Clerk asked for assistance, Jack Bowker replied he was working on it. *(It was noted the tree was planted on the Scrooby Show Saturday)*

12. Pilgrim Fathers Hedges in Station Road. Clerk had written to Tracey Taylor. She asked whether it was impinging on the road as then Notts CC can do it, otherwise ask the owners.

Ed Marshall reported he had spoken to the owners who were against cutting their hedge because of a security / privacy issue of the Manor. So we could ask Notts CC to trim the hedge on the road side. **ACTION: Tony Smith** to speak to Tracey Taylor.

### 4. Agenda

#### 4.1 Confirmation of Agenda Items (Urgent items to be discussed)

Agreed and noted below individually.

#### 4.2 Public Discussion (Items requested from attending Public)

Ref. 12. Village Environment. Keith Tween (Ranskill) updated on his Mayflower Walks project and was currently collecting more information for the leaflets and corrections, some were given back to Keith by members. As regards the request for funding of the projects and leaflet printing, Parish Council agreed to defer until the maps are more accurate and Scrooby can "sign off" their map as published.

#### 4.3 Parish Council Procedures

Allocation of Councillor Roles – These were verbally agreed at the meeting to take into account the change to the Council. **ACTION: Tony Smith** to update the chart, issue it and update the web site.

### 5. Correspondence

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

NALC 74<sup>th</sup> AGM, 21<sup>st</sup> November 2019 at Epperstone Village Hall.

New Bassetlaw Fact Book detailing District Council members has been received.

Bassetlaw DC Draft Council Plan published

Via EM – Winter salt offer – agreed to accept 5 free 20kg bags and distribute around the village.

**ACTION: Tony Smith** to book.

Bassetlaw CCG, AGM, 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 at 11:00am, The Well, Hospital Road, Retford

Bassetlaw DC – Review of Polling Sites, no effect on Scrooby

### 6. District and County Councillor's Report

**County Councillor, Tracey Taylor.** (Arrived Later),

Highways, comment that inside the Village is BDC, on Great North Road it is Notts CC responsibility. The hedges on Station Lane are not obstructing the road so no need for action. Electric on street charging, has some information for when it is discussed.

**District Councillor, Jack Bowker.** No report, not present.

## 7. Finance Report

The Treasurer presented his report, which included mostly ongoing costs, but did pay for the grass cutting and work on the Croft, PAT tests and the Playground inspection.

The report was approved. Full details of the report can be viewed at [www.scrooby.net](http://www.scrooby.net).

Other matters:

- Data Protection Act (GDPR) changes from May 2018 – Analysis by the Clerk, ongoing new information being received daily.
- Other issues:
  - The Annual Accounts and Audit process – is now complete and public viewing closed.
  - HR and Legal updates from NALC to be analysed.

## 8. Police Report / Neighbourhood Watch

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

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) a major land owner's agent has submitted a large development scheme, SNAP meeting to be called to discuss and continue work to the Draft SNAP Plan, including funding.
2. Planning Requests – One new application for the St Wilfred's Church Porch Roof repair, noted that has been refused because of the tiles suggested. Current applications were:
  - 9 Static Caravans in the current Saracens Lane site. This appeal has been accepted but with restrictions as to length of stays. Phil Walton's agenda item asked how those restrictions are to be policed so that permanent residence is made. **ACTION: Phil Walton** to ask BDC planning how.
  - Other notes received: IGas have completed the restoration of the Tinker Lane site and have delivered 6 of the concrete blocks to local farmers.
  - Notts CC re-opened Minerals Local Plan for consultation up to 11<sup>th</sup> October which is before the next PC meeting. However, it was reported that there was no change to what was already in for Scrooby Parish minerals. **ACTION: Parish Councillors** to send to the Clerk before 9<sup>th</sup> October their responses, Clerk then consolidate and reply by 11<sup>th</sup> October as one.

## 10. Play Area

Annual Inspection was completed. The bolts and shackles on the swings are to be replaced, the edge around the rubber matting around the swings to be filled with top soil.

## 11. Village Hall

Village Hall Patio Door fault – contact with suppliers has yielded no response. **ACTION: Ed Marshall** to trace the last door repairer.

## 12. Village Environment

- On Street Car Charging – Deferred to next meeting when Stephen Lincoln can present it.
- Village Caretaker – Phil Walton said the village was "looking a little scruffy" and maybe we could employ a village caretaker to clear and weed kerbs, etc. He quoted Torworth who employ 20 hours per month at Minimum Wage. To put in context the Treasurer calculated that to be approx. £2,000 pa or a 33% increase on the Precept at that level of work. This was discussed and it was agreed to work with Notts CC Highways, particularly in view of 2020. **ACTION: Ed Marshall** to raise with Tracey Taylor before the next PC meeting.
- Village Allotments (including comments from Julie D and Leigh C, attending) – Tony Smith reported that Ei Group (Enterprise Inns) will not move on releasing any of their 3 plots of land in and near the village. It was also reported that more were expressing their interest. A discussion ensued and it was stated that the allotments need only be circa. 100m x 15m, or between 1,500 and 2,000 square metres. It was agreed not to search fields individually yet but to directly canvas the 5 major land owners / users of Scrooby Parish first. **ACTION: Tony Smith** to write to 5 local land owners (McDonald, Scholey, Dunstan, Skelton, Thompson).
- Use of Weed killers – Brought up by Frank White following the reported use of the herbicide glyphosate to clear the patio around the village hall of weeds. Frank proposed that the PC

should not allow the use of these chemicals on Scrooby Parish owned land. However, it was noted that a) this chemical was only used in limited areas, b) there seems to be some confusion as to its toxicity, and c) we do not know the alternatives or their costs. **AGREED:** To review in Jan 2020 when the current grass contractor can be asked for a separate quotation without the use of any herbicides, then a decision can be made with knowledge. Frank W asked that the PC record his disappointment that the PC would continue to use these herbicides in the immediate future.

- BDC – Autumn Sweep – Invitation to take part in the Autumn (12-19<sup>th</sup> October) village clean up. **AGREED / ACTION: Tony Smith** to send for the equipment and we will use it as we can.
- Pinfold Repairs – Offer by Jason Mordan (Notts CC Historic Buildings) to repair the stone wall in the Pinfold using and teaching village members as it is done over a 4 day period. The October dates offered are agreeable and we will go ahead. **ACTION: Tony Smith** to suggest the dates of 15<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> October.
- Others: Road works on Great North Road on 14<sup>th</sup> September are up by the Car Wash / Burial Ground roundabout.

### 13. Pilgrim Fathers and Mayflower 400

- Millennium Path Leaflets (Keith Tween) – See 4.2 Public Discussion above
- Mayflower 400 Projects: Ed Marshall reported not much progress on all projects but:
  - The Pilgrims Apple Tree had been planted at the Scrooby Show. However, there was an issue with the planning permission required for the permanent descriptive signs to be attached to the tree. **ACTION: Ed Marshall** to contact Sandra Withington / Jack Bowker to see if this can be resolved without payment of the standard fee, or separately funded.
  - Music Events – Luke Winslow King to be invited for the 2020 Scrooby Show
  - Ed Marshall is investigating a fly past by the USAF, or something on 6<sup>th</sup> Sept 2020
  - For the 2020 Scrooby Show we are looking to upgrade some of the temporary facilities.
- Village Hall Extension – Ed Marshall is investigating sources of external funding for the 50% matched cost the Parish has to find. The Tesco Bags for Life grant of £1,000 has been received and banked, that has to be used for the fittings of the extension.
- Road Signs to the North and South of the Village
  - Stephen Lincoln circulated some thoughts and drawings for the signs. More thoughts are being built.
  - Idea to try to gain sponsorship from local business to fund the 50% matched funds required.
  - A sub-committee of Tony, Stephen, Phil and Frank to meet now Tony Smith has found out the procedures and tests we have to complete. **ACTION: Tony Smith** to call a sub-committee meeting in early October.
- The “Finger Post” sign for the Pilgrim Roots in the pub car park was supported.
- Mayflower Legacy Oaks – Contact given to the Sherwood Forest Trust team given as the Clerk.

### 14. Items for Information Only

- A vote of thanks was passed to the Scrooby Show management team (Elaine G, Phil W, Stephen L, and others) for a brilliant 2019 show – well done!
- Fly Tipping – Was spoken about as to whether the collections could be automated or regularised in some way. **ACTION: Tony SMITH** to contact Mick Barton (BDC Environmental Services) to enquire about the use of the hidden CCTV cameras to deter the fly-tipping.

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The Meeting started at 7:30 and ended at 9:25 pm.

**Next meeting to be held on Monday 14 October 2019, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall.**