

## MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 11 March 2019

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

### 1. Present

Chair: Ed Marshall, Heidi Robbins, Elaine Gargett, Phil Walton, Stephen Lincoln, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), County Cllr Tracey Taylor (Part).

### 2. Apologies

Christine Bailey, Matt Pollard, District Cllr Barry Bowles.

### 3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

The Minutes were accepted. Proposed by Heidi Robbins, Seconded by Stephen Lincoln.

### 4. Matters Arising

Are covered below, else.

6. The permanent Speed Sign at the north end of the village is fully operational now.

7. HSE Poster – Elaine G passed on to the Chair the checklist form to gather the information needed. **ACTION: Ed Marshall**

#### 4.1 Parish Council Elections, 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019

Election nomination forms received as well as an updated Electoral Register.

Clerk issued to all a flow chart outlining the steps needed. Nominations forms have been received and awaiting the official notice of election to proceed.

The Parish Clerk is regarded as the focus of the election paperwork by Bassetlaw District Council.

Discussion ensued about publicity by the Parish Council to garner more support / new councillors. **Agreed:** Ed and Stephen to take the NALC pro-forma advertising and amend it to make it more “Scrooby”. Then to place a number of A3 copies around the village / parish (w/c 18th March) and 150 A4 handbills to be delivered to all households (w/e 23<sup>rd</sup> March).

### 5. Correspondence

A lower 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:

Notts CC “Latest News” mails; LIS bids were being discussed and success notices are usually issued around May/June time; Large Poppies for lampposts – agreed to purchase 10. **Action: Tony** Smith to obtain, Councillors to install.

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

**County Councillor, Tracey Taylor.** Noted the “camera” on the Great North Road lamppost to the south of Scrooby is probably an ANPR recognition camera for the Notts Police. The Notts CC Budget had been passed as a 3.99% increase (2.99% General, 1% Social Care), excluding the Police and Scrooby precepts.

IGas at Tinker Lane is closed down, but an IGas press statement had shown the Misson site had hit gas indicators. Bore analysis continues. It is reminded though that the current permissions only relate to testing bores and nothing else.

The LIS applications for funding had gone forward for acceptance. Ed Marshall also stated that Bassetlaw had signalled their willingness to contribute to any shortfall in funding.

**District Councillor, Barry Bowles.** Was absent, but had passed on an email opening up a “Save Retford Airport” campaign at Gamston. It was also noticed by Tracey Taylor that Bassetlaw had increased their council tax by a flat £5 rate, not a strict percentage.

### 7. Finance Report

The Treasurer presented his report, which included mostly ongoing costs, with the exception of a significant invoice for Draft Neighbourhood Plan, which was paid out of the SNAP Reserve.

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 for May 2018 – Analysis by the Clerk, ongoing.
- Parish Council Standing Orders and Code of Conduct, a revised draft covering the latest rule changes and the Internal Audit agreements was presented for comment / acceptance. **ACTION:** ALL councillors to work through it, comment / amend it by email and agreed to sign both documents off as accepted in full at the April Council meeting.
- PRECEPT – The proposal for the 2019/20 Scrooby Precept was sent in to Bassetlaw, Treasurer awaiting formal notice of acceptance by Bassetlaw.
- Internet Banking – Treasurer is working through the process with the Bank.
- Other issues:
  - The current Internal Auditor has signified he does not want to continue his sterling work. **Action: Tony** Smith to approach a local person.
  - Street Cleaning – It was hoped the Scouts could do this and use up the remaining monies before the end of March.
  - It was agreed to make a S137 Donation of £250.00 in preference to the STAR as the annual Scrooby donation to enable them to continue their free newsletter which benefits all in the parish. **Action: Tony** Smith to pay.

## 8. Police Report

The local PSCO Lucy Campion was invited but did not attend.

It was noted that a Whatsapp Group which can be used by villagers to record incidents or suspicious activity has been started. Contact Elaine Gargett or Alison Goldsmith.

Known activity was reported as: Burglary at the pub and a theft in Low Road.

Also Penny Cawley reported suspicious persons and dogs in Mill Lane late at night.

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. The Call to Site final consultation was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> February, which showed no definite sites acceptable and so increases in building would be managed in the plan by a policy instead. The Steering Group met on 6<sup>th</sup> March to analyse / critique the Draft Scrooby Neighbourhood Plan and discuss the next steps. The next meeting is set for 10<sup>th</sup> April to finalise the Draft Plan, work out future funding requirements and map out the next step in the procedure.
2. It was also reported by SNAP that the BDC Draft Local Plan had critiqued by the Chairman and comments sent in on time.
3. Planning Requests – No new applications, current applications were:
  - 9 Static Caravans in the current Saracens Lane site. No decision as yet.
  - Alpha House – Retrospective Planning Application 18/00502/HSE, has been Refused, the option to appeal has been registered, Council monitors the situation.
  - Current: Westgate House, issues still under discussion.
  - Village Hall Extension – Application has been passed.
  - Tinker Lane Fracking Bore Hole site – Abandoned, the next CLG meeting to be decided (expected in 2-3 months)

## 10. Play Area

No comments.

## 11. Village Hall

Village Hall Extension Toilet Plans – The formal Planning Application has been approved, with two conditions a) agree the colour of the cladding and b) take notice of the effect on the nearby trees. Neither condition are seen as an issue.

## 12. Village Environment

- Cost of stripping out the old Boules Court – Agreed to meet 50% of the cost (circa £200)
- Hedge trimming had been completed as prompted. But it was also noted that some shrubbery was overgrowing on the Low Road. **Action: Clerk** to contact the owners.
- Whinz's – Agreed to allow some tree trimming work on the East Whinz by the river and noted that the "Bike Track" on the West Whinz had been removed.

- Agreed to continue the Grass Cutting contract for this year. **Action: Elaine Gargett.**
- Scrooby Allotments – the Parish Council noted that 6 members of the Parish had exercised their right to ask the PC to consider the creation of an allotment. Possible sites were discussed and it was agreed to continue the discussion at a later meeting after gathering more information.
- The Chair also thanked Norman Gray for his maintenance of the light in the Scrooby Information Hub telephone box on Chapel Lane.

### 13. Pilgrim Fathers Visitors Centre and Mayflower 400

- The next Pilgrim Fathers Origins Society meeting was defined as Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March in the morning in the Scrooby Village Hall.
- It was noted that the LIS grants appertaining to the Pilgrim Fathers / Mayflower 400 events and village presentation were within the acceptance process.

### 14. Any Other Business

- The Clerk mentioned there was a “Festival” tent (6 x 4m) which he would donate to the Council for Scrooby events if they had the need.

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Meeting ended 9:09 pm.

**Next meeting to be held on Monday 08 April 2019, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall.**