

MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 14 October 2019

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Present

Chair: Heidi Robbins, Ed Marshall, Elaine Gargett, Frank White, Phil Walton, Stephen Lincoln, Bev Hughes (Co-opted Cllr), Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), County Cllr Tracey Taylor (Part).
Parishioners present: None. Public present: None

2. Apologies

Christine Bailey, District Cllr Jack Bowker

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Proposed by Elaine Gargett, Seconded by Phil Walton. There were no corrections.

3.1 Confirmation of Last Meeting's Action Points

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, to be completed.
Tony Smith apologised that he had been unable to complete a number of his actions due to home circumstances.
Others continue, see below.

4. Agenda

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

5 additional items that arose in the last week were agreed and noted below individually.

4.2 Public Discussion (Items requested from attending Public)

None.

4.3 Parish Council Procedures

None

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:

BDC Consultation on the Council Tax Reduction Scheme in 2020/21, see their website
Bassetlaw Community & Voluntary Service, AGM 20th November, Retford.

Williams Body Care, a start-up Princess Trust funded Nottingham based company seeking donations for the cost of testing their products. **Agreed:** Refused, we do not donate to private enterprises

The Clerk asked how to publicise the myriad of emails, consultations, posters that we get every week asking for support. **Agreed:** Clerk to use his own judgement as to what is circulated and asked for from the Council, else what to place on the Noticeboard, else place in the Info Hub and on the Web Site pages.

6. District and County Councillor's Report

County Councillor, Tracey Taylor. (Arrived Later),

Electric on street charging, gave some information about the joint Notts CC / Notts City / Derbyshire CC grants scheme. **Action: Tony Smith** to circulate a note / link from Tracey.

Notts CC Annual consultation on the school admission arrangements for 2021/22.

A Full Notts CC council meeting had been held, the main topics of interest were; Adult Social Care and fighting Drug Crime who use youngsters.

Working on the Mayflower 400 action list sent by Ed Marshall to Kay Cutts by the Head of Services.

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

7. Finance Report

The Treasurer presented his report, which included mostly ongoing and salary costs, but did pay for the grass cutting, the VAT for the Show, etc.

The report was approved. Full details of the report can be viewed at 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:
 - NAO Audit Code of Practice consultation up to 9th November.
 - Web Accessibility government guidelines and checks. Thanks to Graham Robbins for tested Scrooby.net, it passed. We just have to be careful with document formats

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.

Received a note from Kay Cutts detailing a Police initiative on the “Take Five to Stop Fraud” campaign.

9. Planning & Neighbourhood Plan

1. The Scrooby Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP) a SNAP meeting to be called on 23/10/19 to discuss the continuation of work and detail the next steps, including funding. Those steps up to the Acceptance Referendum were outlined to the Parish Council.
2. Planning Requests – One new application for adaptations to Chirnside was discussed without the presence of Ed Marshall and accepted with no objection. **ACTION: Phil Walton** to record on the portal. Current applications were:
 - 9 Static Caravans in the current Saracens Lane site. **ACTION: Phil Walton** reminded to ask BDC planning how they will police the restrictions that have been imposed.
 - Other notes received: IGas have completed the restoration of the Tinker Lane site and have had a recent CLG meeting. The PC are unsure of any further involvement though.

10. Play Area

Heidi reported that one of the swing shackles had worked loose, that and the inspection work repairs have been completed, that leaves the groundwork to be completed over the winter. A discussion was held re the condition of the gate and adjacent fencing and whether we still need it there. **Agreed:** to remove the gate and any adjacent fencing to resolve any possible risk.

It is understood that the Annual Playground Inspection report is a public document open to parish view if requested from the Clerk. **ACTION: Heidi** to also place a copy on the Scrooby.net website

11. Village Hall

Village Hall Patio Door fault. **ACTION: Ed Marshall** to continue to trace the last door repairer, thought to be in 2014.

Lottery and Premises Licensing – It was reported that whilst we are totally legal and up to date with our licenses, Bassetlaw had been remiss in requesting the annual renewal fee for the Premises / Alcohol licence. That will incur an annual cost of £70 per annum and Graham Robbins was to set up a “Beer Night” to raise the money for the fee (set for Friday 1st November at 5:00pm onwards). **Agreed:** Also to pay £10.50 for a copy of the Premises licence (which had got lost from the kitchen recently) and the £70 annual renewal fee each year.

12. Village Environment

- On Street Car Charging – Stephen Lincoln presented his findings to date and showed an example of a charging unit. There is a potential cost of £1,500 to £2,000 for installation plus the cost of an off-road parking bay, plus the cost of a payments system. It was noted the rate of charge is slow and so the system is more of a convenience “top-up” charge and not a full charge usage. Tracey Taylor also reported that in 2018 Highways had set out their policy and described the Notts CC initiative detailed above for a source of funds. **Agreed:** To be

considered when the Village Hall extension plans start to come together and see if a charging bay cannot be incorporated there.

- The clerk reported the Winter initiative from Keep Britain Tidy and their Dog Fouling at Night campaign. Whilst they offered glow in the dark stickers and leaflets at a cost of £250 a pack, the council agreed not to spend that sort of money because Scrooby did not have that level of a fouling issue.
- Footpaths – Heidi reported a) that the bridle way from the Rail Line to Mattersey was blocked because of a damaged bridge. **ACTION: Ed** to review it with the landowner and report back. And b) a suspected imminent meeting with Network Rail to discuss our proposals for the footpath to Bawtry.
- Village Allotments: Tony Smith reported he had not conversed yet with local landowners, so progress continues.
- Use of Weed killers – Returned to by Frank White who still asks for a blanket ban on the use of the herbicide glyphosate on Scrooby Parish owned land. However, there were various references made as to its use or not in Scrooby and where. **AGREED:** To continue the agreed review in Jan / Feb 2020 when the current grass contract is up for renewal.

13. Pilgrim Fathers and Mayflower 400

- Mayflower 400 Projects: Ed Marshall reported some progress and discussions on all projects but:
 - The Pilgrims Apple Tree had been planted at the Scrooby Show and the planning issue had been resolved.
 - Chapel Lane resurfacing, a discussion as to what is happening, when and what the resurface should look like. Noted that Notts CC Head of Service was discussing that and the other Scrooby Mayflower 400 topics in November. **Agreed:** That if no progress has been made by the next Parish Council meeting (11th Nov), then a note to be sent to Tracey Taylor to press the matter strongly.
 - Ed also reported he had had contact with the historian from Leiden who may be available to make a presentation in Scrooby in 2020.
- Village Hall Extension – Ed Marshall is investigating sources of external funding for the 50% matched cost the Parish has to find.
- Road Signs to the North and South of the Village
Tony Smith had called a sub-committee meeting for Weds, 16th October.
- The “Finger Post” sign for the Pilgrim Roots in the pub car park is due to be installed on 4th November. It was noted a meeting at that time could be held with the BDC to discuss our options and a possible route to funding.
- The opening of the Pilgrim Fathers museum had been attended and well received.
- A connection had been made from a group called “the Pilgrim Embroiderer’s” who are doing embroidery for each church involved. However they were looking for £200 funding to frame their work. **AGREED under S137:** to pay up to £100 to the Pilgrim Fathers Embroiderers toward the frame for the one in Scrooby church, using money from the Mayflower 400 reserve.

14. Items for Information Only

- A note of thanks from Tony Smith’s wife for the superb support at the recent Macmillan Coffee Morning, £300 was raised. Thank You all.
- The Pinfold Wall repairs continue, weather depending on 15-18th October.
- It was enquired if we should start a campaign to remind the parishioners to present their hedges and gardens in the best possible light for 2020.

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The Meeting started at 7:30 and ended at 9:16 pm.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 11 November 2019, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall.