

MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 10 February 2020

SCROOBY VILLAGE HALL

1. Present

Chair: Heidi Robbins, Ed Marshall, Christine Bailey, Frank White, Phil Walton, Stephen Lincoln, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), County Cllr Tracey Taylor. Parishioners/Public present: Keith Tween (Part).

2. Apologies

Bev Hughes (Co-opted Cllr), Elaine Gargett, District Cllr Jack Bowker.

3. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Proposed by Christine Bailey Seconded by Phil Walton There are no corrections.

3.1 Confirmation of Last Meeting's Action Points

12. Fly Tipping, Elaine Gargett had also spoken to Mick Barton about the availability of their camera.

Else, others continue, see below.

4. Agenda

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

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

4.2 Public Discussion (Items requested from attending Public)

Mr Keith Tween made a short presentation on his Mayflower Footpath Map project, stating the draft is nearly ready and the 1st print of 100 needs to be ordered. He was asking for a) any corrections / modifications and b) funding to help him finance the final print run of 1,000. A discussion ensued and it was noted that some of the pathways were not legal and would cause landowner issues.

Agreed: To analyse the map further and tabulate Scrooby's comments before an acceptance can be made. **Action:** Clerk to place on next meeting's agenda. (Mr Tween then left the meeting)

5. Correspondence

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

1. VE Day preparations for the 75th Anniversary. Agreed Poppies were not required, and

Action: Clerk to place on agenda for next meeting to discuss further.

2. Team Rubicon – Interest in building a Skatepark – sorry No

3. NALC – Anyone interested in joining their Local Council Award Scheme judging panel – Individual councillors to offer on their own.

6. District and County Councillor's Report

County Councillor, Tracey Taylor.

The County Council is still suffering from the Xmas break, limiting business although the Budget will be set on 27th February and Adult and Social Care is to be included.

LIS the next tranche is open. Tracey also gave a verbal update on the Mayflower / Notts CC initiative progress.

It was noted that despite the press reports, Children's Centre Services will still carry on at the same level but not necessarily in the same buildings.

District Councillor, Jack Bowker. No report due to absence.

7. Finance Report

The Treasurer presented his report, which included mostly ongoing, but did pay for quarterly salaries, SNAP costs. and the net cost of the new projector and screen in the village hall.

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

Other matters remain the ongoing work on GDPR and Compliance.

7.1 The 2020/21 Precept was presented and discussed. Although a small increase had been made to enhance the village for the 2020 events, a significant increase was presented to help fund the Village Hall extension and refurbishment. This would be of a revenue nature and outside of the capital funding actively being sought (see below). The effect would be to add an extra £7.67 pa on a Band D household. After discussion and clarification this was thought to be a very worthwhile increase to make this important year in Scrooby's history and so the Precept

was agreed by all to be set at £7,160, less BDC contributions of £285. **Action:** Clerk / RFO to present that to Bassetlaw before 17th February, their deadline.

The Treasurer also reported back on his recent meeting re. Employment Law updates and reminded Councillors that it is the Parish Council that is the employer, so all members can be jointly and severally taken to account in employment disputes.

He also reported that all the necessary updates re. The Pensions Regulator had been completed correctly.

Additionally, regarding the use of the Social Media WhatsApp site for the Parish Councillors, under GDPR that must be kept only between the Parish Council and any copying or forwarding must not include any other previous comments. The WhatsApp site has to remain private to the Parish Council only.

8. Police Report / Neighbourhood Watch

The local PCSO has an open invitation, but did not attend. *(It had been agreed to only invite PCSO 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.

8.1 NALC – Consultation on Strengthening Police powers over unauthorised encampments.

AGREED: Discussed so to respond, no significant comments or actions are pertinent.

9. Planning & Neighbourhood Plan

1. The Scrooby Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP): The project has held 2 public consultations on the Draft Plan, whilst there was minimal attendance that was taken to mean acceptance not apathy or objection. The next steps are to meet on 26th February (SNAP Steering Group) to refine / finalise the plan and then ask for final acceptance by the Parish Council on 9th March.

Action: Clerk to add to the agenda. After that public progress will go quiet whilst the plan goes to BDC and the Government Inspector during the summer.

2. Planning Requests – Current: Chirnside has been approved (subject to access), the Appeal for the Great North Road site is ongoing, the Caravan site may be advertising the new mobile homes with a 12 month occupancy licence which is not what was granted by the planning appeal (passed to BDC Planning).
3. Planning Requests - New Applications: Approval by the Parish Council to remove some of the old and dead trees behind the new gravel garden, this is needed to make that corner visually nicer and because they are in the Conservation Area. Agreed: The rest of the Parish Council had no objections to their removal (they are owned by the Parish) and to the planning application.
4. The new Bassetlaw Local Plan (Draft), this is in consultation and could have consequences for the parish. However, it is a) on the Bassetlaw Website for public perusal, b) approaching 200 pages long and c) it appears the numbers for the Rural Communities housing increase do not seem to add up. **Action:** All councillors to pass to Tony Smith their comments before 24th February, Tony Smith will add in the comments from a SNAP point of view, and then he will send in a collective response with the Parish Council's blessing and approval.

10. Play Area

No comments made.

11. Village Hall

- 11.1 Village Hall Extension – Funding: Ed Marshall presented a list of possible and known fundings, this was discussed, corrected and agreed. The list also included the transfer of £5,000 from the Village Hall reserve and £1,000 from the General Reserve (monies in our bank account). Other sources of what we have now and what we can obtain quickly were reconciled and confirmed. **Action:** Ed Marshall to obtain cheques from the Scrooby Show, Concerts in 2018 and PFOA. TonyS to assist Elaine to transfer the GoFundMe monies.

After that the Treasurer will bank all the monies and transfer them to the Scrooby Deposit Account.

When all that is done we will be able to show the LIS committee we have the matched funding and ask them to make their payment of £10,000.

Stephen Lincoln and Heidi Robbins also reported back on their funding workshop in Worksop. Whilst a number of sources of Loans had been identified the Parish Council decided to hold them in reserve for the present and keep on the "Grants" pathway.

- 11.2 Village Hall Extension – Build and Contracts: When we have the Deposit Account monies we can start the build of Phase 1, the building extension and Toilets. It was agreed we will

off-contract the current architect (**Action:** Ed Marshall to resolve with Kennedy) and contract with a new architect / designer. At the same time all bids for building work will have to be of the "Sealed Bid" procedure and therefore the Closing Date is set for 28th February 2020, after which the Council can meet to decide which should be accepted. **Action:** Phil Walton.

12. Village Environment

12.1 Village Allotments: Tony Smith reported a further negative reply. However, it was reported that there was no further need for land in Scrooby Parish as an invitation to join Torworth Allotment Society had been received.

12.2 Use of Herbicides on Parish Land: After a lively discussion it was agreed a) that a ban be implemented on any current green space, and b) Restrict the use of glyphosate to paved areas under strict controls.

12.3 The River Idle Newsletter – Agreed to circulate to councillors upon arrival. **Action:** Clerk

12.4 Follow up from Water / Sewerage following recent flooding: Frank W reported that Severn Trent were referring the sewerage work to local managers. **Action:** Frank W to continue to pursue this matter with the agencies involved.

12.5 Litter Picking: It was reported that the Scrooby Community Gardening Club had committed to taking over the litter picking responsibility and, indeed, had already mapped out the village for allocation. It was therefore agreed by all that they should be paid for that work from the Annual Precept Street Cleaning budget of £266 per annum. **Action:** Treasurer to pay.

Others: It was noted that a notice of a 5 day road closure on Low Road for the next 5 days had only been received this morning. However, Phil Walton reported the work had been done in 30 minutes and the restriction lifted.

13. Pilgrim Fathers and Mayflower 400

13.1 Road Signs to the North and South of the Village

Tony Smith reported the paperwork and Sect 115 Highways request had been presented and we are waiting for the confirmation of the allocation of monies. Then the orders can be placed. The issue of using the words "Mayflower Pilgrims" instead of "Pilgrim Fathers" was not an issue to anyone.

13.2 Mayflower 400 Projects:

Events – the timetable, dates and information was being worked upon by the sub-committee.

Action: Details to be circulated to the Parish Council in full – Ed M

Key Dates – The Anniversary is set upon 6th September 2020 and on the next day the Luke Winslow band could perform earlier than usual.

Others – It was noted that the American Ambassador could make a "flying" visit.

Street Furniture – The colour of the highlighting cobbles at either end of the Church Lane repairs was agreed at a pale grey'ish colour. It is thought to be worked upon late April / May 2020. The new lampposts are yet to be finalised when availability is known.

Mayflower Event Performance – A one man performer from Southampton had made an offer to perform his "one-man show" called "One Man's Mayflower" in drama and song. Details and conditions had been circulated to the Councillors. **Action:** The Mayflower sub-committee to take this up with Mr Neil Maddock and arrange.

13.3 Display Stands for the Village Hall – It was noted those loaned from Harworth Town Council had proven beneficial. Tony Smith requested that we could use the sale proceeds from the old Projector and Screen to purchase some of our own, and reminded the Parish Councillors that projector and screen were parish assets and the disposal had to be properly recorded. To be continued.

14. Items for Information Only

It was noted that our new Member of Parliament would be visiting Scrooby Village Hall on Saturday, 22nd February between 12:00 and 13:00, it is an open event all are invited.

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The Meeting started at 7:38 and ended at 9:39 pm.

Next meeting to be held on Monday 09 March 2020, 7.30 pm, Scrooby Village Hall.