

Scagglethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 6th February 2018

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillor Janet Bates

Councillors present: Linda Waslidge(LW), David Ackroyd(DA), Paul Prichard(PP), Paul Douthwaite(PD), Maureen Danby-Smith(MD), Ben Harris(BH). Also present Clerk David Sonley(DS).

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted and signed by the chairman

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Financial Statement and related matters

- 4.1 DS circulated a report of the Bank and Cashbook balances.
- 4.2 Referendum Principles. DS had received information from YLCA that the referendum principles will not be applied to smaller councils for at least another three years. (The referendum principles require councils to hold a local referendum if they wish to increase the precept above a certain percentage).
- 4.3 DS reported that from this year, smaller councils like ours will not need to submit the accounts to an external auditor as they can apply for exemption, but that all accounting information must be handled and published as in previous years.

5. November 2018 commemorations

PD reported that the Village hall committee had had some discussions about the event and there would be a reeth laying ceremony at the chapel. But he had not received any formal details about the event. DS had received the information and would circulate it to all councillors. PD will make an announcement about the event at the Parish Meeting in May.

6. Playground risk assessment report

The report by the Play Inspection Company was discussed. All the risks highlighted were rated as low or very low. A few actions have been recommended and PD will refer these to the Playing Field Committee to address. DS said that he was not happy with the reports format. The meeting agreed that we should continue to use this organisation's services in the future.

7. Data Protection Officer

DS informed the council that as from 25th May, the new General Data Protection regulations will require all parish councils to appoint a data protection officer. The view of the meeting was that this requirement was far "over the top" as we did not process personal data. The only personal data collected by this parish council was the information relating to the Clerk and Councillors which is already published on the RDC

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web site. The National Association of Local Councils is looking at options to provide a nationwide DPO service for use by the smaller councils, and the meeting agreed that we should not progress this matter until we had further information from NALC.

8. Dementia friendly councils

DS wished to bring to the attention of the PC the initiative of NALC to work with the Alzheimer's society to help local communities battle against dementia. The PC felt that as a small community we had a good understanding of what was happening in the village and could not foresee a requirement for any outside support.

9. Correspondence/Clerks report

9.1 Planning Applications.

The council discussed the application submitted by Mr Webster Primrose Corner to increase the number of caravans on site by two for residential use by his family. As the application stated that there was no intention to allow other caravans onto the site, permanent or temporary, the PC had no objections to the application. It was resolved that the Clerk would submit a comment to the planning authorities asking them to note our proviso that we would not agree to any further caravans being introduced.

9.2 Fracking. The Clerk had received an email from a parishioner concerned fracking in the area and that Third Energy were about to approach landowners about seismic testing. The PC has mixed views about fracking and there is no consensus of opinion for or against the activity. The PC recognises that there are strong views held by Scagglethorpe parishioners for or against fracking, but does not wish to provide a platform to support either side in this matter.

9.3 Defibrillator. The family who had raised the for the new defibrillator had run into difficulties of a personal nature and discussions had stalled. The Clerk will write to the family and offer to take up the discussions with the other sponsor and supplier on their behalf. He would suggest that the money collected so far could be transferred to the PC and earmarked for purchasing the defibrillator.

9.4 Village matters.

NYCC had informed the Clerk that repainting the village roadmarkings was scheduled to be done this spring, and they will consider marking out the bus stop

The public footpath next to Conker Corner was very wet and muddy. NYCC had placed a sign on the gate stating their intention to deal with the problem.

The street lights outside Moorstones had been out for several weeks over the Christmas and New Year period. PD said that it Acorn Lighting, the company that we use for maintaining our lighting had had temporary staffing problems, and their response was usually much better.

The PC considered the minutes of last May's Parish Meeting. The main concern was the parking of cars by the bus stop which was still an occasional problem. It had observed that on more than one occasion, cars had been parked on the grass outside the bus shelter.

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10. Any other business

BH reported that NYCC is to reintroduce the use of community speed guns. These are shared among the parishes in the area and training is provided. The PC were interested and the Clerk will contact the relevant body to arrange our involvement in the initiative. Our main speed concern is the section of road at the S-bend in the centre of the village.

11. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 1st May 2018, immediately after the Annual Parish Meeting which will start at 7:00pm.

D R Sonley, Parish Clerk

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Signed

Chairman of the May 2018 Meeting

1st May 2018