

# Scagglethorpe Parish Council

## Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

### 1. Chairman's Opening Remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the 119<sup>th</sup> Parish Open Meeting

### 2. Apologies for absence/councillors present

All Councillors Elect were present: Janet Bates, Maureen Danby-Smith, Paul Douthwaite, Sheila Cook, Lee Walker, John Smyth, Nancy Smith.

The Parish Clerk and 11 parish residents were present.

### 3. Minutes of the last open meeting

The Clerk read out the minutes of the 2018 Annual Parish Meeting. The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

### 4. Matters Arising from the Minutes

4.1 Bus Stop. NYCC had not responded to the request to paint the bus stop demarcation lines on the road, or repaint the Slow Sign at the south end of the village. The Clerk will contact them again.

4.2 The Defibrillator was now in place. The minutes had reported that the donors had not responded to contact messages from the Council at that time. It should be noted that the donors were very ill at the time and not in a position to respond.

4.3 The village litter picking day did not take place.

4.4 Dog fouling has increased recently, particularly down village street.

### 5. Financial Statement and Presentation of Accounts

The Clerk circulated copies of the Parish Council Receipts and Payments statement for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019. There were no questions on the accounts.

### 6. Chairman's report on the last year

- Speedwatch was continuing and as a speed awareness exercise appeared to be working. The permanent Speedwatch signs were now in place at the entrances to the village.

- Work had been done in conjunction with the Tree Officer to inspect and resolve any issues in the stability of the Jubilee Trees.
- The Chairman thanked the outgoing Council members, some of which had served for many years, for their commitment and energy to the role.

## **7. Open Forum**

7.1 There were lots of weeds growing on the island at the entrance to the village on the A64. The Council said that it was in hand and would be attended to during the coming week.

7.2 The movement of large wagons through the village mounting the pavement outside Prospect House and running along the pavement in order to pass oncoming traffic was of serious concern and likely to cause an accident in the future. It was suggested that a 7.5 ton limit might be beneficial. One of the Councillors had spoken on several occasions to Fenstone, the local quarry operators, but there was little that business could, or was prepared to do. Perhaps we could put large stones on the verge to prevent cars running down the pavement as these might have a better appearance than bollards. The Council should contact NYCC Highways for suggestions and assistance.

7.3 The wall outside Brow Farm looks to be in poor condition and in danger of collapse. It had been repaired several times in the past, and the Council should approach the farm owners again to rectify the situation.

7.4 The road surface on Village Street was in very poor condition with many pot holes, and the Council should consider whether or not anything should be done about it. The road appears to take a lot of traffic, particularly delivery vans, and there were a large number of parked cars on it.

7.5 Dog fouling is still an issue around the whole village. It was felt that both village residents and visitors were responsible. Around the area of Beech Tree Cottage, it is suspected to be caused by a dog running loose and unsupervised rather than one being taken round by its owner. It was suggested that the Council may look into an initiative currently in place in Haxby, in which disposal bags were in place around

the village in empty water bottles, and local children had been asked to decorate the bottles. Perhaps the Council can look into this.

7.6 Speedwatch. The Speedwatch initiative would continue to be operated, and new permanent signs had been placed at the entrance to the village. One new volunteer put themselves forward to help.

Although it is felt that there isn't specifically a problem with people speeding through the village, when Speedwatch is deployed, the drivers do make an effort to slow down, and so the activity does serve to make people aware of their speed, which is the main object of the exercise.

For vehicle control in general, the Council had, in the past, investigated the implementation of chicanes, but speed bumps were the only remedy of offer by NYCC. Also we don't meet the criteria that would allow us to obtain a 20 mph restriction through the village.

#### **8. Chairman's closing remarks**

The chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

Signed as a true record of the minutes by the Chairman of the 2021 Parish  
Annual Parish Meeting -

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