

Scagglethorpe Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2017

1. **Appointment of Chairman**

The Council elected Paul Douthwaite as Chairman for the coming year.

2. **Apologies for absence/councillors present**

All Councillors were present: Ben Harris, Linda Waslidge, David Ackroyd, Janet Bates, Maureen Danby-Smith, Paul Prichard, Paul Douthwaite. 6 parish residents were present.

3. **Minutes of the last open meeting**

The Clerk read out the minutes of the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting. The minutes were accepted as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

4. **Matters arising from the minutes**

4.1 Settrington church Grass Cutting. After the request from Settrington PC to contribute towards the Grass Cutting, we had spoken one of the Church Council members directly who indicated that they had no wish to receive contributions from Scagglethorpe. Therefore the matter is now closed.

4.2 The move of the kissing gate in the field next to the eastern branch of the old bypass road had not yet been done, but a new gate will be built instead.

4.3 There had been no more observations of dogs running loose in the field where the kissing gate is to be located. There were however complaints about dog fouling in the Scagglethorpe area in general. It was resolved that the Clerk would approach Ryedale DC to acquire suitable notice signs to remind dog owners of their responsibilities.

4.4 Parking in the area of the bus stop. Since the the expansion of the Ham and Cheese car park, this had been less of a problem, but it still happens occasionally. The main problem now is parking of cars on the roundabout, preventing buses from manoeuvring safely. In one incident, the driver of a flat bed truck parked in the vicinity of the bus stop had refused to move out of the way, even though it was obvious that the vehicle was causing an obstruction. It was suggested that the Coastliner drivers may not be reporting such incidents.

4.5 Travellers caravans had not been a problem to the village this year except that a camper van had recently taken up a permanent position on the old A64 near Primrose Corner. There was some mess on the road and occasionally there is a car parked across the road at that point. It was resolved that the Clerk would report the travellers to NYCC.

4.6 Road Repairs and cleaning. Most road repairs that had been reported earlier in the year had been completed. When grit is applied to the road

surface, a lot of it ends up on the pavements. There was no official channel for dealing with this, and residents should be prepared to sweep the path outside their property if it was a problem. Road sweepers used to appear 2 or 3 times a year in the village, but in recent times this does not appear to have happened. The clerk had already contacted Ryedale DC with a request for Street cleaning. They had replied saying that a request had been recorded, but they only had one mechanical cleaner to cover the whole of the Ryedale area.

4.9 Bush cutting on the A64 Scagglethorpe exit. Although Highways England had addressed this issue, some work had carried out by parishioners to achieve a more satisfactory result. It was resolved the clerk would enquire into how often the work was scheduled and whether or not we were allowed to carry out the work ourselves.

4.10 Heavy lorries through the village. We should be aware that when a weight restriction is applied to the railway crossing in Norton, we will experience a greatly increased traffic flow of HGVs through our village. We believe that little thought had gone into the consequences of imposing this restriction and the affect it would have on the surrounding areas. It was suggested that we raise a petition to present to NYCC, and that Settrington PC may have similar concerns. It was resolved that the Clerk would contact Settrington PC to ascertain their position on this matter.

5. Chairman's report on the last year

The chairman said that there was little to add to what had been discussed already. A new street light had been installed and is awaiting connection. The chairman introduced Councillor Janet Bates who had been recently co-opted onto the Council.

6. Financial Statement and presentation of accounts for annual audit

The Clerk circulated a copy of the Parish Council Receipts and Payments statement for the year ending 31st March 2017. There were fewer transactions than last year because we had not applied for and received as many grants, and most of the work to upgrade the street lighting had been done in the year before. There were no questions on the accounts.

7. Open Forum

7.1 New Street light outside of Beech Tree farm. The light had been positioned but was not yet connected. The owners of the property, who were present at the meeting, were very concerned on the impact of the new light on their property, in terms of glare back and privacy. They said that the reasons that had been put forward for choosing that location – for the benefit of dog walkers, and to prevent accidents – were not valid, the light should be located on the other side of the road. The PC said that the light had been positioned correctly as it was one of the darkest points in the village, and that

there was no electricity on the other side of the road. A shield could be fitted to the light if necessary to reduce the glare on the property. It was decided that the light would be connected and the requirement to fit a shield would be reviewed.

7.2 There were a large number of what appear to be feral cats roaming free around the village. In the past the Cats Protection League had been approached to help deal with the problem, but had said that it did not have the funds.

8. Chairman's closing remarks

The chairman thanked everyone for coming and closed the meeting.

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