

Draft Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 2nd August 2016

1. Apologies for absence

Councillor Maureen Danby-Smith

Present: Councillors Ben Harris, Linda Waslidge, David Ackroyd, Ann Smith, Paul Prichard, Paul Douthwaite. David Sonley (Parish Clerk). No other parish residents were present.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Approved and signed.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

There are still some bushes to be cut back at Scagglethorpe Manor, but most had been attended to.

4. Clerks Report

4.1 Correspondence from NALC and YLCA

The Clerk summarised a number of emails which had been received from YLCA.

There was no interest from the meeting in the training events available. We were a very small parish and it was felt that these events were more appropriate for larger councils.

We were already participating in the activities of the National Village, Parish and Community Hall network and we were aware of the work of the group known as the Action with Communities in Rural England (ACRE).

4.2 Correspondence from Mr Alan Hodgson and RDC re travellers

Mr Hodgson had expressed concern about the use of Roberts old land on the old A64. Some trees had been removed. As the current owner appears to be clearing the area, and it is much tidier than it was before the Council decided that no action was necessary at the present time.

4.3 Reports on Meetings

The Clerk gave a brief report on meetings he had attended and asked the councillors if the topics raised were of any interest to the Parish Council.

There was no interest in the Community Emergency plan proposed at the RDC Parish Liaison Meeting, on 8th June but the Living Well initiative should be raised at the next Parish Annual meeting.

At the YLCA Ryedale branch meeting, on 5th July, it was mentioned that money was still available to finance the Information Transparency requirements including payments to run a website for 3 years. This was significant because RDC had indicated that their website may not be available for posting of Minutes and financial information indefinitely. It was agreed that Scagglethorpe did not want to run a Website unless absolutely necessary.

It was resolved that the Clerk would write to RDC to establish the position with the use of the RDC web site to publish Parish information, and investigate the practicalities of running a village website for discussion at the next meeting in November.

5. Finances, Expenses and Clerk's Payment

PP presented the accounts to date which was accepted by the meeting. He said that he would be able to hand over the running of the Accounts to the Clerk on successful completion of the Annual Parish Audit conducted by Littlejohns LLP. Estimated mid September 2016.

The Clerk was unable to submit his expenses and wage claim to this meeting. He will submit them to the Chairman for approval.

The Council will consider the purchase of another street light at Brow Farm on the bend as an existing electricity pole is in location. It was resolved that PD would obtain a price and we would discuss it at the next meeting in November.

6. Planning Application

A planning application had been forwarded by RDC to convert a barn to a holiday cottage at Low Moor Farm, Scagglethorpe Lane. The meeting viewed the documentation and could see no objections to the proposal.

7. Village Risk Assessment

DA circulated the Parish risk assessment document he had produced. He asked for comments with a view to amending it and discussing it in detail at our next meeting in November. The Clerk was asked to cross reference the risks and mitigations with current legislation. The Risk assessment could be published on the RDC website.

8. Traffic Survey

A traffic survey had been carried out between 7:00 and 18:00 on Monday 13th June. The number of heavy lorries passing through the village had been much lower than expected, but the total number of vehicles was exceptionally high. Cars/van 745, Agricultural vehicles 15, Lorries 23. It was agreed that another survey was needed in

September after school holidays and should be split over separate days and weeks. It was resolved that the Clerk would draft a letter that could be posted to all homes in Main Street asking for volunteers.

10. Speed of Traffic Management

The Clerk had arranged with the police for a radar speed check box to be installed on Main Street between the village hall and Scagglethorpe Manor. It was now in place. It will be capable of giving information about vehicle numbers, speeds and length of vehicles. The authorities would decide on the action to be taken as a result of the monitoring, if any, and we would receive a report.

11. Potholes

Pot holes had appeared in the middle of the road outside "The Cottage" on Main Street. NYCC highways department were aware, and we would have to wait for them to act.

12. Tree Roots protruding through the pavement outside Prospect House.

NYCC are aware of the problem. The tree roots have been marked, and a remedy will be put in place in due course.

13. Any other business

DA will no longer continue to produce the village newsletter, because there had been no feedback and no contributions had been submitted. Therefore he felt there was no value in publishing it. If we were to have a village website in the future, then that could be used instead. Local papers had been used for advertising village events in the past, but their effectiveness in attracting people was in some doubt.

Further complaints had been received from parishioners regarding parking at the bus stop and around the island in the road. The latter had caused problems for the buses turning in to the stop. The Clerk will write to NYCC highways and the bus company to determine what can be done.

14. Date of next meeting.

Tuesday 1st November 2016

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