

Scagglethorpe Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th November 2017

1. Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillor Maureen Danby-Smith.

Councillors present: Linda Waslidge(LW), David Ackroyd(DA), Paul Prichard(PP), Paul Douthwaite(PD), Janet Bates(JB), Ben Harris. Also present clerk David Sonley(DS) and, Kean Duncan(KD) RDC Councillor

2. Minutes of the last meeting

Accepted and signed by the chairman

3. Matters Arising

Dog Waste Bin(minute 3.). The Clerk was still to recover the money from the sponsor.

Parish Portal. Minute 4.2 The clerk was still having difficulties logging in, but more information had been received.

4. Financial Statement and Precept for next year

4.1 DS circulated a report of the Bank and Cashbook balances.

4.2 Precept.

DS reported that the known running costs for next year would be approximately £1500 and consist of

- o YLCA subscription
- o Clerk's wages
- o Street lighting
- o Insurance
- o Playground inspection

This year we will have one off costs of about £1200 which is a fairly typical annual figure we should allow for next year.

Income for this year will be £2101 from the precept and another £900 paid by NYCC for cutting the grass. The latter income could not be relied upon.

Based on these figures, the Council agreed that we should raise an extra £500 this year, taking the total precept up to £2601.

5. B1248 Link Road and other issues

KD gave an update on progress. Negotiations had been protracted because the land had been divided between two landowners. The site document for the building of a new housing estate had been approved by RDC. The building of the link road and a new school were conditions of approval for the development. Barrat and Taylor-Wimpey were the likely contractors. No date for a formal application to build had been set yet. No planning application had yet been submitted.

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KD was aware of the Council's concern about the amount of traffic passing through the village, particularly HGVs. This had increased following the strengthening of the bridge at North Grimston a few years ago. KD said that the weight restriction on County Bridge, Norton was still likely, but no date had been set.

KD was aware about fly tipping on the Bullpiece and had already contacted NYCC Highways Dept about it. It could be fenced off. PP said that there had been several instances of fly tipping on the eastern section of the old A64. Vehicles were stopping on the main road and walking through the gap in the fence to the old road. He had reported incidents to the relevant authorities and they had dealt with the problems.

Following some discussion on travellers parking on the old A64, particularly during the period around Seamer fair, KD said that a public meeting was to be held regarding travellers and he would send us details.

PD said that the roads had not been resurfaced since 1978 and asked KD if he knew if the authorities worked to any repair schedule to tar and chip roads. KD said that roads tended to be surface dressed as it was less expensive, although not as long lasting.

DS had requested over a year ago for the road markings – the SLOW signs – to be repainted but NYCC had not responded to a chase up email sent a few months ago. KD said that he would take it up with NYCC.

PD said that some of the flooding in the village over the last year had been caused because drains had been blocked by debris. KD will attempt to get us information regarding road cleaning schedules, if any.

6. RDC “Don't be a Waster” Campaign

DS brought this year long campaign to the attention of the Council which had a different theme each month. Advertising material will be placed on the noticeboards.

7. Risk Assessment review

DS circulated the Parish Risk Assessment document for discussion. No changes to the original document were felt necessary, but DA had written an extra section about the physical risks which may leave the Parish Council liable to damages. Some changes were agreed to the new section and the document will be republished to include the amended section. The Risk Assessment will be reviewed at each November meeting from now on.

PD had circulated a tree inspection report following a visit by an RDC tree officer. PD will carry out Parish tree assessments each year following the May meeting.

8. Asset Register Review

DS circulated the current Asset Register. He was advised that the only items missing were two wooden benches. The register will be amended and republished.

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9. Defibrillator

The money to buy the defibrillator had been raised by two Parishioners. Both DS and JB had had difficulty contacting them since. JB will try again. DS will ask the sponsors if the Parish Council could buy the defibrillator and receive the funds as a donation. That way, all the contracts for equipment purchase will be with the Parish Council. PP had obtained an Electrical installation quote for about £200. DS will obtain another quote. The Council is expecting to take responsibility for installation and maintenance, and will discuss the matter further once the equipment has been purchased.

10. Grass cutting – insurance implications

DS had contacted Zurich, our insurance providers, to enquire whether our volunteers were covered for damage liabilities whilst cutting the Parish owned grass borders. They had replied that they would only be covered if they could show that they had been trained to use the cutting equipment. The Council agreed that our two regular volunteers would both be able to prove that they had had equipment training and so the Parish would be covered by the insurance.

11. Correspondence/Clerks Report

Complaints had been made to the Council regarding the discharge of waste domestic water on to the old A64 from one of the adjoining properties. DS had written to the householders who telephoned him and said that they had already dealt with the problem. The Council agreed that this appeared to be the case as there was no longer water running onto the road.

12. Any other business

DS had been told by Bridget Scaife, our Community Officer at RDC that no decision had been made yet regarding the awarding of a contract to supply superfast broadband to remaining areas in Ryedale. A decision is likely to be made in December.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Tuesday 6th February 2018

D R Sonley, Parish Clerk

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Signed as a true record of the meeting

Chairman

6th February 2018