

## SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

### Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 8.00pm in the Village Hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2016

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#### **PRESENT.**

Councillor Mrs J. Marshall (in the Chair)	Councillor C Marshall
Councillor J. Hankin	Councillor I Tinsley
Councillor Mrs G Holcroft	Councillor Mrs M Edwards
Councillor J Herbert	Councillor H Ascroft
Councillor M Cox	

Mr T.J. Houghton (Clerk – in attendance)

Eight members of the Public were present.

#### **16/69 APOLOGIES.**

These were received from Councillor D Oakes, County Councillor Cynthia Dereli

#### **16/70 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Councillor C Marshall declared that he would not vote on planning matters so as not to fetter his discretion on the Borough planning Committee

#### **16/71 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES.**

*It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016 were a true record and should be signed by the Chairman.*

#### **16/72 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING.**

The meeting was adjourned at 20.03 to allow members of the Public to address the Council.

Four members of the Public voiced objections to the Stables and riding arena at Middle Place, Asmall Lane. The application has been ongoing throughout the last 12m and previous applications have been declined. The residents stated that the development impacted on their amenity due to noise levels, constant transporting of horses and smell of horse urine. The development impacted on their privacy and has also caused problems on the main road as horses have escaped on several occasions.

Two members of the Public voiced their objections to the development of 4 affordable houses to the east of Vincents Garden centre. Concerns centred on road safety as the houses will be sited on a bad bend where numerous bad and fatal accidents have occurred over the last few years.

The meeting was reconvened at 20.25

#### **16/73 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications were considered and the decisions taken as shown

(a) 2016/0069/FUL: 104 Moorfield Lane, Scarisbrick. **No objection (4 abstentions)**

(b) 2016/0286/FUL: 184 Southport Rd, Scarisbrick. **No objection (5 abstentions)**

(c) 2016/0165/OUT: Land to the east of Vincents Garden Centre, Southport rd, Scarisbrick.

**Against this application (3 abstentions) – it was resolved that the Clerk comments that the**

*development is situated on a dangerous bend with access issues. It was also noted that the development did not fit the profile of affordable housing for local first time buyers.*

(d) 2016/0157/FUL: Shamrock Cottage, Drummersdale Lane, Scarisbrick. **No objection (1 against, 2 abstentions)**

(e) 2016/0229/FUL: 150 Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick. **No objection (3 abstentions)**

(f) 2016/0290/FUL: Middle Place, Asmall Lane, Scarisbrick. **Against this application (2 abstentions)** – *it was resolved that the Clerk comments that the development is detrimental to the amenity of the local residents given the issues with noise, smell and transport. It was also noted that there is a road safety risk as horses have escaped onto a busy road on several occasions.*

#### **16/74 FINANCE.**

*It was resolved that the following accounts be passed for payment,*

	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>AUTHORITY TO INCUR EXPENDITURE</b>
T Houghton	Salary £428.06 *expenses £22.74	£450.80	LGA 1972 s112 (2)
J Forshaw	March grounds maintenance	£288.88	Open Spaces Act 1906, s10
HMRC	Clerk's PAYE – 4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter 2015/16	£321.20	LGA 1972 s112 (2)
LALC	Annual subscription 2016/17	£454.45	LGA 1972 s111

includes:

- Monthly mobile phone fee of £9.99.
- Mileage £9.00
- Envelopes £3.75

#### **16/75 WORLD WAR 1 MEMORIAL**

Councillor Herbert reported that the needle obelisk design had been agreed in polished black granite. Following a consideration of locations *it was resolved that a recommendation would be made to the Village Hall Management Committee that the memorial be sited opposite the window in the meeting room, in the western edge of the garden area.*

#### **16/76 DAMAGED BUS SHELTER**

The Clerk reported that the Bus shelter at Otterstye is being repaired and will be back in place by the 8<sup>th</sup> April. The Insurance Company has agreed to cover the cost of repairs leaving an excess fee of £100 to be paid from Council funds.

#### **16/77 GARDEN COMPETITION**

Councillor Holcroft gave a report on costs associated with providing the eligible 5-11 year olds in the Village to compete in the Sunflower competition. Discussions were also held to attract either sponsorship or monies from the Parish Champion fund for trophies for the two winning categories.

*It was resolved that Councillor Holcroft approaches the schools in the Village to explain the concept to the children and provide sunflower seeds and envelopes. A cost not exceeding £50 is likely to be incurred. It was also resolved that the Clerk make approaches to obtain funds for the new trophies from grants that may be available.*

#### **16/78 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING**

*It was resolved that this would be at 7.30pm at Scarisbrick Village Hall on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. On this occasion there will not be a guest speaker.*

#### **16/79 CiLCA TRAINING**

*It was resolved that the Clerk attend a six session course with a view to obtaining Cilca qualification. It was also resolved that the Council meet the £150 course fee.*

#### **16/80 SPEED SIGNS AT WOOD MOSS LANE**

The Clerk reported that Highways have agreed to repair the defective speed signs at Wood Moss Lane. Highways indicated that there were no immediate plans to change the present location.

#### **16/81 CLERKS REPORT**

1. LCC has written to the Landlord requesting that the hedge be cut along the A570 from Kew House towards the boundary at Southport. This follows 2 prompts from SPC.
2. Police are reviewing the speed limit along the A570 from the Blindman's Lane junction up to the Water Treatment station. Further information will be issued in mid April. Accident statistics are still awaited for this stretch of road.
3. In response to our request, LCC have instructed that the gullies be cleared on Smithy Lane. They have identified the drains by Pinfold Nurseries as a particular problem area.
4. Confirmation has been received that Arriva will continue to operate the majority of the previously subsidised 375 service- apart from the last departure.
5. The next West Lancs Area meeting of LALC is scheduled for Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 7.30 at WLBC offices.
6. The Spring conference of the Lancashire County Training Partnership is on Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> starting at 10.00am at the Leyland Hotel. Councillors wishing to attend should advise the Clerk to forward names to the organisers.
7. There is a workshop taking place at Preston County Hall on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April for any Parishes interested in setting up a Parish based transport scheme.
8. The litter bin on Southport Road (by the shelter at the Red Lion Bridge) is being replaced this week by WLBC . The Borough Council have responsibility for the litter bins in the Village. They are emptied on a 10 day rolling basis.
9. The Clerk has reviewed the planning portal for 250 Jacksmere Lane and all necessary planning has been obtained for the address up to and including the last entry dated May 2011.
10. PCSO Morley provided crime figures for March which included 3 reported crimes (1 x criminal damage to a vehicle in Jacksmere Lane, 1 x theft of electric fencing equipment in Wood Moss lane and 1 x domestic related assault.). There were 2 reported incidents of anti social behaviour and 2 x nuisance by youths on bikes in the Bescar Lane area.

## **16/82 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.**

Councillor Tinsley stated that the footpaths on Jacksmere Lane are overgrown.  
Councillor Herbert observed that hard core has been laid adjacent to the Millennium Wood.  
Councillor Holcroft mentioned that mud from the ditches on Moorfield Lane was a hazard.  
It was generally noted that litter was an issue on Turning Lane.

Councillor Marshall advised, with regret, that he was resigning as a Parish Councillor.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.45