

SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 8.00pm in the Village Hall on Monday 5th December 2016

PRESENT.

Councillor Mrs J Marshall (in the Chair)
Councillor D Oakes
Councillor J Hankin
Councillor Mrs M Edwards
Mr T.J. Houghton (Clerk – in attendance)

Councillor Mrs G Holcroft
Councillor J Herbert
Councillor L Green
Councillor M Cox

Eight members of the Public were present.

16/194...APOLOGIES.

These were received from Councillors H Ascroft and I Tinsley and also from PCSO S Morley

16/195... DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were none

16/196...CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7th November 2016 were a true record and should be signed by the Chairman.

16/197...ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned at 20.01 to allow members of the Public to address the Council.

Councillor Herbert announced the sad news of the death of Tom Massam.

Mr Massam served on the WW1 Working party with great dedication and expertise in conducting vital and extensive research work for the Memorial.

The Council acknowledges a debt of gratitude to him and are saddened by his loss.

Two residents expressed concerns of new landowners who have commenced work on land adjacent to the Villa on Southport Road. They reported damage to trees, telephone lines, signage and ditches being filled in. Ultimate intentions of the owners are unclear as yet. Borough Councillor C Marshall, in attendance, confirmed that he has been in touch with Planning officers at WLBC. To date, there were no unauthorised development work on which an enforcement notice could be issued. However, Borough Council will maintain a close eye on the situation and recommended that residents keep in touch with the Council.

One of the residents maintaining the Millennium wood invited the Council to a visit next spring to view progress. He indicated that a plaque was needed for the Millennium Oak.

Cynthia Dereli mentioned that the Council's grant application re WW1 needed amending as it could not be retrospective. She is also to raise the question of winter gritting with LCC and raised the importance of attending the Community Transport seminar on Dec 10th.

16/198... PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered and resolutions were made as follows:

(1) 2016/1079/FUL: Hellens Holme Farm, Black Moss Lane : *No Objection*

(2) 2016/1061/FUL: Ormeshaws Farm, 12 Harridge Lane :*Against*

16/199 ...FINANCE

(a) It was resolved to make a contribution of £100 towards the catering costs of the Civic Service

(b) It was further resolved that the following items to be passed for payment:

	DETAILS	AMOUNT	AUTHORITY TO INCUR EXPENDITURE
T Houghton	Salary £428.06 *expenses £132.96	£561.02	LGA 1972 s112 (2)
Ormsby Memorials	Wording on WW1 Memorial	£647.55	LGA 1972, s137
St Elizabeth's Church	Civic Service Catering	£100.00	LGA 1972 s111

includes:

- Monthly mobile phone fee of £9.99
- Mileage £34.20
- Ink £46.78
- Wreath (Armistice Day) £17.00
- Flowers (Armistice Day) £20.00
- Hazard tape £4.99

16/200...MILLENNIUM WOOD:

In consideration of the recommendation of Messrs Ashton and Feehan, it was resolved that the Clerk obtain quotes for a fencing contractor to extend the wire fence at the roadside by Drummersdale Lane to prevent this becoming a second entry point.

16/201 ...HEATONS BRIDGE INN:

It was resolved that the application for Heatons Bridge Inn to be considered an 'asset of community value' be supported.

16/202...BUDGET/PRECEPT:

It was resolved that the Clerk arrange an extra meeting on Monday 23rd January at 8.00pm to discuss the 2017-18 budget and set the precept.

16/203...RISK ASSESSMENT:

It was resolved to delegate the annual review of the risk assessment to the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk.

16/204...REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL CONTROL:

It was resolved to delegate the annual review of the effectiveness of internal control to the Chairman and the Vice Chairman

16/205... DAMAGED BUS SHELTER:

It was resolved that the damaged shelter be removed at a cost of £100. It was further resolved that the Clerk obtains 3 written quotes for a replacement timber shelter in accordance with Financial regulations and to cover the Insurers requirements.

16/206...BUS SHELTER REPAIRS:

It was resolved that repairs totalling £300 be completed on the shelters at Heatons Bridge, Morris Dancers, Carr Cross and Turning Lane. It was further resolved that wood treatment work be completed on 11 shelters at a cost of £17.50 per shelter.

16/207...REMOVAL OF BUS SHELTER:

It was resolved that a D Webster, contractor, remove the shelter at Bescar Brow Lane for £100 as quoted ahead of a new shelter being ordered.

16/208...GROUNDS CONTRACT:

The possibility of taking responsibility for road sweeping and gully clearance was discussed. There appeared several legal issues which would be of concern to the Council if ownership was transferred to a local level.

It was resolved that the present arrangement for WLBC to be responsible for road sweeping and litter collection remain in place.

It was also resolved that the Clerk obtains more information re the costs of mole removals and obtain a second quote.

It was further resolved that grass cutting contract be placed on the next month's agenda to include consideration of a separate weed spraying contract.

16/209...ALT CROSSENS:

The lack of information being made available and progress being made since the landowners and farmers consultation by the NFU was discussed.

It was resolved that the Clerk write to the Environment Agency to ascertain their plans for the satellite pumping stations in 2017.

16/210...TELEPHONE KISOKS:

It was resolved that the Council did not apply to adopt either of the two kiosks which BT is to disconnect.

16/211...CLERK ANNUAL APPRAISAL

It was resolved that a personnel committee be formed to conduct an annual appraisal and ahead of such a meeting the Chairman will obtain more information on the proposed format.

16/212...SVM

Councillor Holcroft advised that SVM were looking for additional members to help in the publication of the booklet. She also advised that the AGM for SVM is on January 30th 2017 at St Marks and encouraged members of the Council to attend.

16/213... CLERKS REPORT:

(1) Civic service was a success with a good turnout and St Elizabeth's were excellent hosts. Letters of thanks have been sent to the Clergy and the host. Collection monies awaited and will be sent to WLBC for the Mayors chosen Charities

(2) Notification has been received of the changes to Scarisbrick Parish that have been brought about by The Lancashire (Electoral Changes) Order 2016.

The order divides the Parish into two Wards; Scarisbrick North-East and Scarisbrick West; Scarisbrick North-East (Polling District SBA) will elect 3 members

Scarisbrick West (Polling District SBB, SBC and SBD) will elect 7 members

These changes will come into force in 2018, meaning that Parish elections for Scarisbrick will have to take place that year, a year earlier than was due, and will put the Parish on a new 4 year cycle of 2018,22,26,30 etc.

Election costs not yet known but the charge for uncontested elections in 2018 to be around £250/£300. A contested election will obviously be considerably more.

(3) Highways have been contacted in respect of the bollards on the cycle track on the corner of Turning Lane and we await notification of a date for when the work will commence.

(4) Hedges have at long last been cut along Southport rd, opposite Halliwell Jones.

(5) Crime figures for November:

1 X theft from motor vehicle, reg plates on Southport Rd

1 X theft at The Blue Elephant

1 X theft of Motor vehicle, overnight from Heatons Bridge Car Park

1 X criminal damage, signage on Southport Rd

4 reported incidents of ASB

2 of which were environmental issues, flooding on Narrow Moss La and travelers cutting trees on Southport Rd

2 X nuisance regarding abandoned vehicles on car park at Premier Inn

Same period last year there were 7 reported crimes and 2 incidents of ASB

(6) Complaint has been received about cars being parked and sold from the corner of Snape Green and Southport rd.

(7) Thank you letters have been received from Good Shepherd Mission, Drummersdale Lane Mission and the Friends of Bescar Lane re grants recently allocated.

16/214...COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Councillor Herbert stated that the Armistice Day service was a great success. The service was well attended with positive feedback received. Consideration to be given in making this an annual event.

Councillor Herbert confirmed he will attend the Transport Seminar on behalf of the Council.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50pm
