

SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 8.00pm in the Village Hall on Monday 1st Feb 2016

PRESENT.

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

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

PCSO Morley, Father Boniface and one member of the Public were present.

16/25 APOLOGIES.

Received from County Councillor C Dereli

16/26 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.

16/27 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 18th January 2016 were a true record and should be signed by the Chairman.

16/28 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned at 20.02 to allow members of the Public to address the Council

A resident provided photographic evidence of the serious flooding at the Village Hall in December, caused by runoff from a nearby field and lack of effective grids. It was thought that some of the water drains away via 4 soakaways to the rear of the Hall. A flood report was to be submitted.

Father Boniface confirmed his support in respect of the Council's actions re the satellite pumping stations. He also expressed appreciation of the proposed WW1 Memorial. PCSO Morley provided crime figures for December which was 2 cases of vehicle damage and 2 incidents of disruptive behaviour by children at Swan Close.

The meeting was reconvened at 20.20.

16/29 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered and the decisions taken as shown

- (a) 2016/0042/FUL: The Shooting Box, Wyke Wood Lane. **No Objection (1 Abstention)**
- (b) 2014/1160/FUL: Development at land at 3 to 13 Southport Road, **Unanimously against this application but no further comments to be added to the objection lodged 09/11/2015**

16/30 FINANCE.

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

PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT	AUTHORITY TO INCUR EXPENDITURE
T Houghton	Salary £427.86 *expenses £48.49	£476.35	LGA 1972 s112 (2)

* Includes:

- Monthly mobile phone fee of £9.99..
- Mileage £13.50
- Training fee £25.00

16/31 SPEEDING ON A570.

A concerned resident had been in contact re the speed limit on Southport Rd from the Ormskirk boundary to the Pumping station which he thought had been raised to 50 mph. He believed that speed was a factor in 2 recent accidents in the last week. The Clerk has written to Highways for clarification.

It was resolved that the Clerk obtain accident statistics for this stretch and report back to Council.

16/32 WORLD WAR 1 MEMORIAL.

Councillor Herbert reported that the WW1 Memorial Working Group are in discussion with an anonymous local organisation which is willing to provide funding to help raise the £2,500 sought to cover the cost of the Memorial. (Parish Council has resolved previously to match this funding). The Working Group is also meeting on Feb 5th to decide on which memorial to select. The preferred option is a 6 foot high needle obelisk as made by Ormsbys.

It was resolved that the Council support the Working Group in their decision

16/33 SCARISBRICK VILLAGE MATTERS.

The Council have been approached to provide funding of £250. The Chairman will attend the next meeting of SVM and ascertain whether this represents the total level of support sought for the next financial year. This will be an agenda item for the March meeting.

16/34 GRIT BINS.

Concerns have been raised re the Councils responsibilities and liabilities re the 3 bins provided in the Village.

It was resolved that the Clerk instructs James Forshaw (Grounds maintenance) to cease spreading grit. It was further resolved that the Clerk checks with our Insurers the position if a notice is put by the bins stating that the Public can use at their own discretion. It was also resolved that the Chairman and Clerk complete an interim audit of the bins.

16/35 FLOODING.

It was resolved that the Council fully supports a joint Public meeting with Halsall Parish Council on 18th February 2016 and that advertising publicity for the meeting should be distributed around the Village.

16/36 DRAINAGE WORK AT THE VILLAGE HALL.

Councillor Oakes confirmed that he was in contact with drainage contractors to obtain an indication of costs.

The Clerk has received written confirmation from WLBC that Section 106 monies can be used for new projects but not for maintenance.

It was suggested that if the WW1 Memorial is erected at the front of the Hall, this may be construed as a new project.

It was resolved that the Clerk contacts planning at WLBC to clarify the position.

16/37 RESIDENT SURVEY.

It was resolved that the questionnaire (amended from that circulated) be included in the next edition of SVM which is due out in March

16/38 COMBINED AUTHORITY SURVEY.

It was felt more appropriate that the survey be completed privately rather than the Council submitting a response.

16/39 BUS SHELTER REPAIRS.

It was resolved that the repairs be made in line with James Forshaw's quote (circulated) with a maximum spend of £907.50 agreed.

16/40 GARDEN COMPETITION.

It was resolved that we hold a Garden Competition in 2016 and that the format be discussed at the March meeting.

16/41 ANNUAL PARISH MEETING.

It was resolved that we invite a speaker for the 2016 Annual Parish Meeting and that Veronica Massam be approached.

16/42 BEST KEPT VILLAGE

It was resolved that the parish Council would enter the 2016 competition at a cost of £25.

16/43 CIVIC DINNER.

There was no appetite for the Council to be represented.

16/44 AGENDAS.

It was resolved that the Council adopts an amendment contained in The Local Government (Electronic Communications) (England) Order 2015 per 2 (2b iii) where the member has given consent for the summons to be transmitted in electronic form to a particular electronic address.

16/45 DATES OF MEETINGS.

It was resolved to adopt the meetings dates as circulated.

16/46 INSURANCE TRAINING.

It was resolved to pay the mileage costs for the Clerk to attend a free workshop for Insurance training at the Training Centre in Penwortham.

16/47 CLERKS REPORT.

1 The vandalism to the shelter has been reported to the Police and we have a crime number recorded. Email from PC Phil Buck refers – crime number is SB1600324

2 LCC have responded re speeding on Pool Hey Lane. As observed speeds on Pool Hey Lane are at a level whereby enforcement can be considered for prioritization the location was subject to regular mobile enforcement by Lancashire Constabulary until March 2015. Due to

low offending levels this was discontinued and resources were redeployed to other sites needing enforcement.

Signage has been attached to area containing the message 'Community Concern Area' The Speed Management Team and Road Safety Group would fully support the Parish Council in a bid to purchase and deploy SpIDs.

It is proposed that this issue comes back to the Council as an agenda item and that the working group to be discussed at the March meeting will consider ways of raising funds via the Road Safety Partnership.

16/48 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.

Water seepage onto the road at Barrisons Green was noted with a potential ice risk. Highways are to be notified.

The damaged BT cover on Bescar Brow lane has been reported but to date, no repair has been undertaken.

The Chairman closed the meeting at ...22.03