

SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 8.00pm in the Village Hall on Monday 18th January 2016

PRESENT.

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

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

No members of the public were present.

16/14 APOLOGIES.

Received from Councillor C Marshall and County Councillor C Dereli.

16/15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were no declarations of interest.

16/16 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th January 2016 were a true record and should be signed by the Chairman.

16/17 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING.

The meeting was not adjourned as there were no members of the Public in attendance.

16/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following application was considered and the decisions taken as shown

(a) 2015/1303/FUL Woodmoss Nurseries, 47 Woodmoss Lane, Scarisbrick L40 9RJ – **No Objections (1 Abstention).**

16/19 TO AGREE THE BUDGET FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/17

The circulated paper 'Budget 2016-17 v1' was considered and the original budget was amended to include an additional £2,500 in Projects to enable a further bus shelter to be purchased. An updated copy of this is filed with these minutes.

It was resolved that the Budget be approved (8 No Objections, 1 Abstention)

16/20 TO FIX THE PRECEPT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016/17

Following the Budget discussion, it was resolved to fix a precept at £13.79. (8 No Objections, 1 Abstention).

16/21 GRIT BINS:

The Clerk reported that LCC has declined to make a grit bin available at Lady Anne Close as the location did not meet the criteria. The Council has an option of purchasing the bin from own resources but would be responsible for arranging the spreading of the grit. This opens up potential liability issues and we would be stepping outside the 'umbrella' of LCC.

It was resolved that the provision of the grit bin would not be pursued.

16/22 FLOODING:

It was felt that there had been a general improvement in grid clearances in the Parish, albeit there remained many grids blocked and plenty of room for improvement. It was unclear where residents could go in the event of the need to evacuate their property.

The flooding around the Village Hall and the land to the rear was raised by the Council and a resident. It was thought that improvements to the drainage at the Village Hall may be funded via Section 106 monies under the provisions of the Open Spaces Act 1906.

It was resolved that the Clerk would make enquiries re the availability of Section 106 monies for the above purpose. It was further resolved that Councillor Oakes would obtain initial costings for the drainage work required ahead of the next meeting.

16/23 PUBLIC MEETING:

It was noted that there are several meetings taking place in West Lancashire over the next two weeks relating to both flooding and the serving of notice on the satellite pumping stations.

It was resolved to bring this item back as an agenda item in the February meeting.

16/24 RESIDENTS CONSULTATION:

It was noted that the next issue of Scarisbrick Village Matters is due in the middle of March and that this would be an appropriate vehicle to include a questionnaire to the residents about flooding and transport issues.

It was resolved that the clerk would draw up a draft questionnaire for consideration at the February meeting.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.00