

## 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> January 2016

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#### **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 C Marshall	

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

4 members of the public were present.

#### **16/01 APOLOGIES.**

Received from Councillor I Tinsley and PS Craig Appleton

#### **16/02 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.

#### **16/03 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES.**

*It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2015 were a true record and should be signed by the Chairman.*

#### **16/04 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING.**

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

One resident complained of flooding on Southport Road, close to the Blue Elephant Restaurant. His property had suffered flooding and effluent waste encroaching into his home. The resident also complained about the state of footpaths in the Parish.

A second resident reiterated these flooding concerns and also discussed safety concerns relating to an increasing number of heavy goods vehicles and buses using the B5242 to the detriment of the road, the residents and the village infrastructure.

Councillor Marshall confirmed to the residents that the Council had previously written to the Government in respect of the likelihood of flooding when the 5 satellite stations are turned off in 2017 without receiving a satisfactory response.

Councillor Herbert provided an insight to the background of the Alt Crossens catchment area and the need to raise awareness of the crisis the area faces. Residents were encouraged to lobby the local council and local MPs. The Parish Council will seek to organise a Public meeting to include other Parishes affected and all other relevant parties.

Councillor Dereli agreed that action needs to be taken and all parties affected (County, Borough and Parish Councils, EA, DEFRA and Landowners) need to come together to work on a meaningful future strategy.

Roger Blaxall of Q Local promised to raise the profile of this issue at both local and national level.

The meeting was reconvened at 20.55.

## 16/05 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered and the decisions taken as shown

- (a) 2015/1206/FUL: New Berry House Farm, Berry House Rd **No Objection (3 abstentions)**  
(b) 2015/0975/FUL: Culshaws Farm Barn, Hares Lane **No Objection (4 abstentions)**

## 16/06 FINANCE.

*It was resolved that the following items be passed for payment.*

PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT	AUTHORITY TO INCUR EXPENDITURE
HMRC	PAYE – Clerk’s salary, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	£321.00	LGA 1972, s111
T Houghton	Salary £428.06 *expenses £34.83	£462.89	LGA 1972, s112 (2)

\* Includes:

- Monthly mobile phone fee of £9.99..
- Mileage £10.80
- Postage £14.04

## 16/07 GRIT BIN

The Clerk reported that an approach for a new grit bin had been made to LCC. The request would only be looked at in the Spring which was felt to be unsatisfactory.

*It was resolved that the Clerk would investigate further the possibility of providing a bin for this winter.*

## 16/08 PARISH BASED TRANSPORT SCHEME

The Council have been asked to reply to a letter from Rosie Cooper MP re the proposed Transport Scheme. The Council remains concerned about resourcing such a scheme and without a thorough consultation with the residents it is unclear what the key transport issues are in the Parish.

*It was resolved that the Clerk respond in the above terms.*

## 16/09 AUDIT CHANGE

*It was resolved to opt into the new Sector Led Body audit procurement which comes into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.*

## 16/10 CAPITAL FUNDING 2016/17

An application for a scheme would need to be submitted by Feb 19<sup>th</sup> which was felt to be too tight a timescale.

*It was resolved that the Council will not submit an application for 2016. It was further resolved that consideration of setting up a working party for future schemes be discussed at the March meeting.*

## 16/11 INTERNAL AUDIT

The Clerk reported that the 6m internal audit had been completed and that the Auditor has signed to confirm that all accounting standards are being met and that there is no need for a further examination.

## **16/12 CLERKS REPORT**

1 POCA Grant application- after speaking to Robert Runstan, the proposal for SIDS was not submitted. Mr Runstan provided information about funding which is available via the Road Safety Partnership and the Community Action Fund.

2 Speed monitoring now installed on Pool Hey Lane. Unclear whether this is as a result of resident's complaints or the concerns raised by the Parish Council.

3 Hedges – Highways approached re hedge cutting required on Southport Rd (opposite garages). Hedge has been cut on Hall Road.

4 Concerns re flooding on Southport Rd by Scarisbrick Hall College has been raised and Highways acknowledge the problem. A further email has been sent today to Highways re grid/flooding problems throughout the Village which became a major issue on 26<sup>th</sup> Dec when we experienced heavy rainfall. A response is awaited.

5 Email sent to Rachel Crompton on 14<sup>th</sup> December inviting LCC to our either Jan or Feb meeting to discuss the Alt Crossens issue – to date, no response.

6 Next meeting of the West Lancs Area Committee is on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January at 7.30 at the Derby St Offices.

## **16/13 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

It was requested that the following be placed on the next agenda

1 Flooding issues

2 Consideration of a Public meeting

3 Consultation of residents re flooding issues and the transport scheme.

A resident has asked that we investigate whether a footpath exists from the corner of Merscar Lane, running along Drummersdale Lane to the junction of Heatons Bridge Road.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.46