

SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on Monday 3rd July 2017

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PRESENT.

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

Councillor J Herbert
Councillor M Cox
Councillor I Tinsley
Councillor L Green

One member of the Public was present.

17/113..APOLOGIES.

These were received from Councillor H Ascroft.

17/114... DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were none

17/115...CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Mon 5th June 2017 were a true record and should be signed by the Chairman.

17/116...ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.32 pm

County Councillor Pope indicated that the main challenges at County level were issues with Highways and Flooding.

LCC is looking to increase the annual number of verge and grass cuttings and have allocated an additional £5m to the Highways budget. A further £1.7m has been allocated to keep, and in some places, re open libraries closed under the previous administration.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.37pm.

17/117.... PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (1) 2017/0546/FUL: St Mark's Church, Southport Rd, Scarisbrick: **No Objection**
 - (2) 2017/0573/PNC: Asmall House Farm, Asmall Lane, Scarisbrick: **Against**
 - (3) 2017/0574/PNC: Asmall House Farm, Asmall Lane, Scarisbrick **Against**
 - (4) 2017/0358/FUL: Winrows Farm, Barrison Green, Scarisbrick **Against. The Clerk was asked to comment that the building was overbearing in nature, affecting residents, and inconsistent with the design guide supplementary planning document.**
 - (5) 2017/0613/FUL: 35 Southport Rd, Scarisbrick **No Objection**
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17/118....FINANCE

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

	DETAILS	AMOUNT	AUTHORITY TO INCUR EXPENDITURE
T Houghton	Salary £433.19 *expenses £18.79	£451.78	LGA 1972, s112 (2)
HMRC	Clerk quarter 1 PAYE	£324.80	LGA 1972, s112 (2)
J Leitch	Internal auditor – honorarium	£50.00	LGA 1972 s111
J & D Webster Ltd	Bus Shelter removal costs (by Nellie, Southport rd)	£120.00	Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1953 s4
EA Formby (NW) Limited	Grass cutting 1 x May, 1 x June at £304 per cut + VAT	£729.60	Open Spaces Act 1906, s10
Communicorp	Annual subscription for Local Councils Update	£100.00	LGA 1972 s111
Bibby Factors Manchester Limited	Bus shelter at Nellie £2025, + VAT	£2430.00	Local Government (Misc Provisions) Act 1953 s4

*includes

*Mobile phone £9.99

* Mileage/car park £8.80

17/119....BUDGET REPORT:

It was resolved that the Clerk produce a report at the next meeting detailing how CIL monies should be accounted for in the Financial records. Subject to this report, the Budget was approved.

17/120....RESERVES POLICY:

It was resolved that the draft consultation document circulated by the Clerk be accepted.

17/121...BUS SHELTERS:

It was resolved that

(a) The estimate provided by EA Formby (NW) Ltd be accepted and that the Clerk would speak to the contractor to ensure that he made adequate provision to batten down those shelters which need re felting.

(b) It was resolved that the bus shelter at Heatons Bridge be replaced in line with the ongoing replacement programme.

(c) It was resolved that the Clerk strives to obtain 3 estimates for treating the remaining 12 wooden shelters.

17/122....OVERGROWN WEEDS ON SOUTHPORT ROAD:

The high number of blocked gulleys, overgrown footpaths and verges and poor road services and potholes throughout the Parish were noted by the Councillors

It was resolved that each Councillor undertakes to identify problem areas throughout the Parish and email the Clerk. The Clerk to produce a report based on these findings at the next meeting.

17/123...30 SPEED SIGN ON WOOD MOSS LANE:

It was resolved that Councillor Marshall will contact LCC to discuss the possible moving of the sign.

17/124...BUS STOPS ON JACKSMERE LANE:

It was noted that agreement had been reached on new bus stops to be made available on Jacksmere Lane in 2014. However, no actual bus stop signs have been erected.

It was resolved that the Clerk contacts Highways to ascertain whether at least 1 stop can be erected.

17/125...RURAL COMMUNITY SURVEY:

It was resolved that the Clerk responds to the survey on behalf of the Council

17/126...CO OPTION OF NEW COUNCILLOR:

The proposed co option policy as circulated by the Clerk was discussed and significant amendments to this document were agreed.

(a) It was resolved that a poster be displayed on the Village boards advertising the present vacancy for a Councillor

(b) It was further resolved that the Clerk re drafted the proposed co option policy procedure in line with the changes highlighted and present the revised document at the next meeting.

17/127...SVM:

Various issues were brought up by the Chairman and decisions were made as follows.

(a) It was resolved that the Public Liability cover held by Scarisbrick Parish Council be extended to include meetings of SVM on the basis that the publication is checked by the Council before distribution, as advised by Zurich Insurers.

(b) It was resolved that names of the Councillors and some contact details be inserted on the inside cover of the next publication of SVM

(c) It was resolved that the 2017 Grant application be an agenda item in September, subject to SVM completing the Council's application form.

17/128...GARDEN/SUNFLOWER COMPETITION:

The Clerk advised that numbers entering the competition had reduced to 8 private residents which is the lowest number of entries in the last 3 years. The Chairman expressed her disappointment at the number of entries to the Sunflower competition from St Mary's and St Mark's school. She will be visiting the garden club at pinfold school shortly to view entries there.

It was resolved that the Garden competition go ahead with judging scheduled for July 29th.

17/129...BANK MANDATE:

It was resolved to remove Mrs M Edwards from the Bank mandate and to leave the number of cheque signatories at 4.

17/130...MARGARET EDWARDS:

It was noted in the strongest of terms that a gift could not be made to a retiring Councillor from public funds. However, given Mrs Edwards long service, the Council should recognise her achievements over the last 43 years.

It was resolved that the Clerk compile a report detailing the achievements made by Mrs Edwards during her years of service with a view to convening a special meeting when consideration be given to confer on her the title of honorary alderwoman as set out in section 249 of the Local Government Act of 1972

17/131...CLERKS REPORT:

We have received an email from Mrs J Winrow, the landlady at Heatons Bridge Public House. This relates to an accident on the afternoon of Thursday 29th June when a cyclist was thrown through the windscreen of a vehicle on Heatons Bridge Road, close to the junction at Smithy Lane.

This is not the first accident on this stretch of road and Mrs Winrow has asked that the Council reduces the speed limits on Heatons Bridge Road, and deploys speed cameras either side of Heatons Bridge. This will be an agenda item at our next meeting.

The Clerk attended a Clerk Liaison Meeting on 23rd June. Topics covered included lack of Policing in West Lancashire, poor broadband speeds, assets of Community Value and frustrations in many parishes at the lack of adequate County Council resources at dealing with requests for clearing overgrown vegetation on footpaths and highways.

Crime figures have been provided by PCSO Morley as follows:

Total number of calls received was 56 of those 8 were reported crimes and 4 were ASB

Reported Crimes

2 X burglary in a dwelling, Merscar Lane and Southport Rd

3 X criminal damage

3 X assault, two of which were domestic related

Reported ASB

2 X personal for info or advice

2 X nuisance, noisy young people around Churchfields area and an issue between neighbours.

The date for the 2017 Civic service has been set for the 26th November with the host being Bescar Lane Methodist church.

17/132...COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

Councillor Marshall advised that she had recently attended a meeting of the Ormskirk School Governors.

Councillor Holcroft advised that she had attended the most recent meeting of the Scarisbrick Village Hall committee. It had been stated that the Village Hall did not want any responsibility for adult gym equipment.

The Clerk handed the Chairman a signed resignation letter dated 3rd July 2017, subject to a 2m notice period being served.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm
