

SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 8.00pm in the Village Hall on
Monday 6th March 2017

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PRESENT.

Councillor Mrs J Marshall (in the Chair)
Councillor J Herbert
Councillor L Green
Councillor D Oakes
Councillor H Ascroft
Mr T.J. Houghton (Clerk – in attendance)

Councillor Mrs G Holcroft
Councillor I Tinsley
Councillor M Cox
Councillor Mrs M Edwards

Two members of the Public were present.

17/43..APOLOGIES.

These were received from Councillor J Hankin

17/44... DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were none

17/45...CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6th February 2017 were a true record and should be signed by the Chairman.

17/46...ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned at 20.04 to allow members of the Public to address the Council

Councillor Dereli highlighted a meeting being held by the Burscough Heritage Group on Monday 13th March entitled 'Draining the Mere'.

Mention was also made of budget cuts at County Council level and the development of the Sustainability and Transformation Plan in conjunction with the NHS.

Councillor Pope confirmed that the proposed steering group for Alt Crossens needs to have a concerted joint approach from all sides and be non political.

The meeting was re convened at 20.14

17/47.... PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (1) 2017/0072/FUL: St Marks Church, Southport Rd, Scarisbrick: **No Objection**
 - (2) 2017/0111/FUL: 27 Southport Rd, Scarisbrick : **No Objection**
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1748...FINANCE

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

	DETAILS	AMOUNT	AUTHORITY TO INCUR EXPENDITURE
T Houghton	Salary £483.69 *expenses £73.88	£557.57	LGA 1972, s112 (2)
Scarisbrick Newsletter Association	Grants as approved per minute 17/35	£320.00	LGA 1972, s142
Information Commissioners Office	Data Protection registration (renewal)	£35.00	LGA 1972, s137
The Lancashire Best Kept Village Competition	Entry cost for 2017 competition	£25.00	LGA 1972, s137
SimpsonGore Ltd	Repaired fencing at Millennium Wood	£120.00	Open Spaces Act 1906, s10

*includes

Mobile phone £9.99

Mileage £18.00

Ink £45.89

17/49....ALT CROSSENS:

Councillor Herbert provided a detailed update on the present position outlining the funding issues which presently prevent the creation of new IDBs pending an amendment to the 1991 Land Drainage Act. In the short term, a steering group for Alt Crossens is to be set up by the end of April which will assess the feasibility of setting up an IDB.

It was stated that the Council needs to raise public awareness and educate the local population of what issues are being faced.

17/50...SECTION 106:

Councillor Herbert reported that Scarisbrick Village Hall have provided a positive response to the Council installing adult gym equipment in the grounds adjacent to the present children's play area, subject to improved fencing being part of the project.

It was resolved that the Public Consultation questionnaire (as circulated) be included in the Spring edition of SVM

17/51...POLICY FOR HANDLING REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION:

It was resolved that the policy for handing requests for information be approved.

17/52...APPROVAL OF ICO MODEL PUBLICATION SCHEME:

There were a small number of minor changes to be made to the circulated document.

Subject to these changes, it was resolved that the ICO Model Publication be approved.

17/53...WEBSITE:

It was agreed that the website needed regular updates from a variety of sources. Articles from SVM and SNSC and WW1 biographies are to be uploaded shortly.

17/54...WLBC SPENDING SURVEY:

It was resolved that the Clerk responds to the survey stating that the Council prefers that no reductions in spending be made to Refuse and Recycling(given a fly tipping problem in the parish), Environmental health and Job Creation.

17/55...GARDEN AND SUNFLOWER COMPETITION:

It was resolved that the Garden competition will be judged on July 29th. The format for the competition will mirror 2016 with no sponsorship to be sought and prize winners being given appropriate certificates.

It was further resolved that Councillor Holcroft contacts the village schools and administers the Sunflower competition.

17/56...BUS SHELTER REPAIRS:

The Clerk noted that proposed Bus shelter repairs scheduled for February may now only occur at the end of April due to illness of a Contractor.

It was resolved that as there were no immediate health and safety issues, the repairs be completed on the revised date provided.

17/57...DAMAGED FENCE:

It was resolved that SimsonGore Ltd replace the presently vandalised wire with a thicker type of wire which would need bolt cutters to cut through.

17/58...CLERKS REPORT: We have received 5 forms of acknowledgement for the grass cutting contract. Four potential contractors have been shown around the sites and the standard of the interested parties appears high. As such 5 tenders are expected and will be opened at the April meeting.

LCC have responded to the query re the mole problem. They state that the problem does not present a highway safety issue and in a separate email, they confirm that there is no funding available to deal with the moles.

Andy Sephton of AJS Joinery will complete the work on the new bus shelter on Narrow Moss Lane in the next 2 weeks.

The Pension Regulator has confirmed that SPC has completed a declaration of compliance under the Pensions Act 2008. The one staff member (Clerk) receives a salary below £192pw which is the level above which pension enrolment should take place.

A chaser has been sent to LCC re the proposed installation of bollards on the Cycle path close to the Turning Lane corner.

Highways have advised that the gate by the access road at Millennium Wood is to be taken down by the farmer.

WLBC are holding a workshop on 21st March relating to the Local Plan review. Two Councillors per parish are invited to attend. The Clerk asked that names be forwarded to him to enable places to be reserved.

17/59...COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

The Chairman asked that the approval of a candidate to be appointed to the Ormskirk Governors Foundation Trust be an agenda item next month.

Councillor Herbert confirmed that at the recent WLBC planning committee meeting, the Bescar Lane development was approved subject to a condition which includes an acceptable drainage scheme to be put in place.

Councillor Tinsley attended the Peter Lathom AGM and confirmed that Scarisbrick received £1899.67 in donations which was split between the Luncheon Clubs and private individuals. The long awaited revision of the scheme remains ongoing.

Councillor Oakes reported that a gulley on Turning Lane was blocked and causing flooding on the Lane which is a hazard to cars and pedestrians.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.51.
