

## SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

### Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 8.00pm in the Village Hall on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2016

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#### **PRESENT.**

Councillor Mrs J. Marshall (in the Chair)	Councillor J Herbert
Councillor J. Hankin	Councillor D Oakes
Councillor Mrs G Holcroft	Councillor Mrs M Edwards

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

One member of the Public was present.

#### **16/49 APOLOGIES.**

These were received from Councillor I Tinsley, Councillor M Cox, Councillor H Ascroft and Councillor C Marshall

#### **16/50 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Councillor J Herbert declared a personal, non pecuniary interest in Planning item 2016/0089/FUL

#### **16/51 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES.**

*It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 were a true record and should be signed by the Chairman.*

#### **16/52 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING.**

The meeting was adjourned at 20.05 to allow members of the Public to address the Council

County Councillor Dereli indicated that there were encouraging signs that the Environment Agency were willing to engage with the Local Community and help to convene an Advisory Group in respect of the Alt Crossens pumping stations issue. Progress, however, will be delayed in the run up to May elections.

The meeting was reconvened at 20.17.

#### **16/53 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The following applications were considered and the decisions taken as shown

(a) 2016/0031/FUL: Winrows Farm, Barrison Green, Scarisbrick. **No Objection (3 Abstentions)**

(b) 2016/0089/FUL: 58 Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick **Against this application. (1 Abstention, Councillor Herbert did not vote)** **The Clerk was instructed to comment that the scale and position of the extension represents a disproportionate and visually intrusive development. The proposal is therefore considered to be inappropriate development in the Green Belt. The proposed development is contrary to Policy GN3 of the West Lancashire Local Plan and guidance given in the West Lancashire Design Guide SPD in that it detracts from the local street scene. Also it is contrary to paragraph 79 of the NPPF by virtue of harm to the openness of the Green belt.**

(c) 2016/0036/FUL: Honda Southport, Southport rd, Scarisbrick. **No objection (1 Abstention)**

(d) 2016/0165/OUT: Land to the east of Vincents Garden Centre, Southport rd, Scarisbrick. **No objection. (6 abstentions)**

(e) 2015/1002/FUL: Whams Farm, Long Meanygate, Scarisbrick. **No objection (2 Abstentions)**

(f) 2016/0149/FUL: 91a Hall Rd, Scarisbrick. **No objection (1 Abstention).**

#### **16/54 FINANCE.**

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

	<b>DETAILS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>AUTHORITY TO INCUR EXPENDITURE</b>
T Houghton	Salary £428.06 *expenses £66.87	£494.93	LGA 1972 s112 (2)
J Forshaw	Repairs and upkeep of Bus shelters	£907.50	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953 s4
Scarisbrick Village Hall	Room Hire April 2014 to March 2015, (14 meetings x £24)	£336.00	LGA 1972 s111
Information Commissioner's Office	Data Protection registration (renewal)	£35.00	LGA 1972 s111
The Lancashire Best Kept Village Award	Entry for 2016 competition	£25	LGA 1972 s137

\* Includes:

- Monthly mobile phone fee of £9.99.
- Mileage £9.90
- Ink and paper £46.98

#### **16/55 FLOODING**

An invitation has been received to join with Halsall Parish Council to form a joint Flood Working Group. Whilst it was felt that the idea in principle was good, there is a risk of loss of own identity in such a group. The Council are also aware of a forthcoming Parliamentary Select Committee being formed to look at UK flood defences. As such a decision has been deferred until matters are more clearly defined.

#### **16/56 DAMAGED BUS SHELTER**

The Clerk reported that the Bus shelter at Otterstye has been badly damaged and has been taken away for repair by the manufacturers, B & C Shelters. The damage was caused by a vehicle hitting the right hand side of the structure. The Police have been informed. The repair cost has been quoted at £1200 and the matter is in the hands of the Insurers.

#### **16/57 GRANTS.**

*It was resolved that a working group comprising of the Chairman, Vice Chairman, Councillor Herbert and the Clerk be formed. The first meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.*

#### **16/58 LITTER BINS.**

The litter bin at the bus shelter by the Blue Elephant, Southport rd is in a very poor state of repair and not fit for purpose. The Clerk is in discussion with LCC to confirm who is responsible for replacement. This will be an agenda item at the next meeting.

#### **16/59 GRIT BINS.**

The Chairman and Clerk have visited the remaining 2 grit bins for which the Council are responsible and removed locks to ensure that the grit therein is accessible to the Public. Our insurers have stated that our liability now rests with ensuring the bins are kept supplied.

*It was resolved that the Clerk place a notice on both bins to advise the public to use the grit at their own discretion.*

#### **16/60 GARDEN COMPETITION**

*It was resolved that judging for the 2016 competition be held on July 16<sup>th</sup>. The categories to be the same as 2015 and an added category to be open to children aged between 5 and 11 to grow the largest Sunflower and draw a face for the said Sunflower.*

#### **16/61 SCARISBRICK VILLAGE MATTERS**

*It was resolved that the 2016 donation would be £250 on the basis that this is a full and final donation for this financial year.*

#### **16/62 SIGNAGE ON WOOD MOSS LANE**

The national speed limit signs are thought to be too near the houses on the lane and one is in danger of falling over.

*It was resolved that the Clerk contact Highways to move the signs further down the Lane to ensure traffic does not start speeding up before leaving the housing area.*

#### **16/63 WORLD WAR 1 MEMORIAL**

Councillor Herbert confirmed that full matched funding of £2,500 had been agreed by West Lancashire Heritage Association. Funds already raised (£748.65) and future fundraising will be used to cover any overspend on the memorial and to purchase memorial books.

The Clerk advised that the planning department at WLBC had indicated that planning permission for the memorial would likely come under the Town and Country Planning Act 2015, Part 12, Section A. It is prudent to apply for a written Certificate of Lawfulness once the final design and placement for the memorial is decided.

#### **16/64 VILLAGE HALL DRAINAGE**

Councillor Oakes informed the meeting that there were complications at the north side of the Village Hall in relation to possible drainage work. The Clerk advised that discussions with WLBC re the use of section 106 monies to complete improvement work were open to question. Flooding at the front of the building has been made worse by large volumes of water coming off Smithy Lane indicating poor grid performance.

*It was resolved that the Clerk would approach Highways to ask for the drains to be cleared on the stretch from the Village hall to Pinfold garage.*

### **16/65 BEST KEPT VILLAGE COMPETITION**

*It was resolved that the Clerk will contact local schools and Churches to identify who will be named on the Certificate of merit section of the application form to be submitted in March.*

### **16/66 BUDGET/FINANCE UPDATE**

The Clerk provided a brief update on the likely end of year position. The Clerk also reported that we had received notice that the Concurrent grant and Council Tax Support had been reduced by 10% for the financial year 2016/17.

### **16/67 CLERKS REPORT.**

1 David Ashton and Eugene Feehan have spent some time in Millennium wood pruning back trees during the winter and now have generously offered to mow the secondary paths on a monthly basis. Grateful thanks have been conveyed to them.

2 Crime figures as supplied by Steph Morley revealed 35 incidents of which 5 were crimes. These crimes related to 3 thefts and 2 assaults.

The residual 30 incidents included 7 road/traffic incidents and 2 traffic accidents. The remaining 21 incidents were minor, including personal, abandoned, hoax and civil matters. The figures show a fall on Feb 15 when 50 incidents were reported.

3 Chasing emails have been sent to LCC re the hedge cutting required along the A570 past Kew House farm. A reply is awaited. (NB New water pipes presently being laid at this section of Southport Rd)

4 James Forshaw has confirmed that the first grass cutting of the year has taken place and that the job is being impeded by mole problems which needs addressing.

5 A resident has been in touch about the need for tree pruning at the grassed area by Diglake farm.

6 Accident statistics have been requested for the stretch of the A570 from Ormskirk to the Water Treatment Centre and should be available by the April meeting. The Police are also reviewing the 50 mph speed limit which is in place there.

7 Invite sent to Veronica Massam to speak at the Annual parish Meeting – no reply yet received from the email.

### **16/68 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.**

The Chairman advised that funds are available for projects at Ormskirk School which may be of interest and benefit to children from the Village attending there.

The bad state of the road on Narrow Moss Lane was brought up where pot holes have reappeared.

A missing chevron was also noted on this same stretch of road.

A question was raised as to the present state of the planning appeal on the property known as Nelson Brook Farm on Jacksmere Lane.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 21.50