

SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on Monday 6th November 2017

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PRESENT.

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

Councillor J Herbert
Councillor Mrs J Marshall
Councillor H Ascroft

3 members of the Public were present.

17/176..APOLOGIES.

These were received from Councillors L Green, D O'Toole and E Pope

17/177... DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were none declared

17/178...CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Mon 2nd October 2017 were a true record and should be signed by the Chairman.

17/179...ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.32 pm

A resident wished to lodge a complaint that despite reporting serious damage to a boundary wall, LCC had not yet completed any repair work.

The same resident expressed concern that the Ormskirk Bypass initiative would drive excessive levels of traffic via Pippin Street and onward to the Morris Dancers on roads which are not equipped for such additional volumes.

The Volunteers who undertake maintenance work at Millennium Wood recommended that the broken wire fence by Drummersdale Lane be replaced by a sturdier wooden railing to deter children from using the area as an exit point from the Wood onto the Road.

It was also suggested that a chipper be hired in the winter to deal with the dead wood which will arise from winter cutting work. Cost of hire has been quoted at £54 VAT inclusive.

The meeting was reconvened at 7.48pm.

17/180...PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

(1)2017/1003/FUL: 11 Pool Hey Lane, Scarisbrick *No Objection*

(2)2017/1123/PNC: Asmall House Farm, Asmall Lane, Scarisbrick *Against*

17/181....FINANCE

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

	DETAILS	AMOUNT	AUTHORITY TO INCUR EXPENDITURE
T Houghton	Salary £433.19 *expenses £14.49	£447.68	LGA 1972, s112 (2)
EA Formby (NW) Ltd	Grass cutting, last 3 cuts x £304 + VAT £182.40	£1094.40	Open Spaces Act 1906, s10
Hayes Garden World Ltd	Bench at WW1 Memorial (Inclusive of VAT £106.67)	£640.00	Open Spaces Act 1906, s10
Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal	Wreath at WW1 Memorial	£17.00	LGA 1972 s137

*includes

*Mobile phone £9.99

* Mileage £4.50

17/182....APPOINTMENT OF CLERK:

It was resolved that (a) The recommendation of the Working Party to appoint Mr Gary Fairbrother be approved, and (b) The Clerk sends a letter of appointment to Mr Fairbrother confirming a start date of 1st December 2017.

17/183....CAR PARKING:

Problem parking opposite the Halliwell Jones garage was discussed. Cars park on the pavement and Cycle track causing obstructions to pedestrians and Cycles alike. The Clerk reported that LCC has advised that this is an advisory cycle lane which cannot be enforced. *It was resolved that Counsellor Oakes would obtain photographic evidence of the problem and that the Clerk would write to Highways to obtain an explanation of what differentiates an advisory and mandatory cycle track.*

17/184...WEST LANCS LOCAL PLAN:

Given the complexity of the issues the Council is being asked to comment on, it was resolved that a working party comprising of Councillors Holcroft, Marshall and Herbert be formed. The working party will report back to the Council with recommendations at the December meeting.

17/185....OPEN SPACES:

A working party of Councillors Holcroft, Marshall and Herbert will consider the questionnaire and report back to the Council at the December meeting.

17/186...CIVIC SERVICE:

It was resolved that the Chairman will receive the Mayor and will also conduct the 2nd reading. It was also resolved that the Collection will be split between the host church and the chosen charity of the Mayor, and that the Council will make an adequate contribution to the hosts catering costs.

17/187...FOOTPATHS:

The concerns of the West Lancashire Footpath Group re the poor state of some of the Parish footpaths were noted. It is understood that the Group has flagged these concerns with LCC.

17/188MILLENNIUM WOOD:

It was resolved that a Volunteer Group weekend for maintenance work in the Wood be arranged over the period 13-14th January 2018.

17/189...LALC AGM:

It was noted that Councillor Herbert will be the sole representative from the Council at the LALC AGM.

17/190...CLERKS REPORT

The Ward Visit record has been updated by WLBC and reference numbers for Highways issues have been allocated. Having spoken to LCC, site Engineers should have completed visits to all areas reported by Mid November and the website should be updated before the end of the month.

A communication was sent in October to the Police Commissioner relating to PACT meetings and to date there has been no reply received.

Notification has been received that a sum of £4447.53 was being remitted by WLBC to the Parish Council Bank account on November 1st in relation to CIL monies. This sum refers to a development at 19-21 Southport Rd and brings the balance of monies held to £5,900.83.

Following Mr Cox's resignation from the Council, a Notice of Vacancy was posted on the Notice boards on October 24th. Assuming no election petition is received by WLBC by 14th November, we will be free to Co opt to fill the vacancy.

Crime figures received included 11 reported crimes and 5 incidents of ASB, noted below:

4 X Burglaries in a residence, Smithy La, Heatons Bridge Rd and Moorfield La x 2

2 X Theft from a vehicle

1 X Theft of a vehicle, Southport Rd

2 X Theft

1 X Criminal damage, area of turf Smithy La

1 X sexual offence

Reported ASB

3 were personal for advice of info

2 X nuisance, parking issue on Pinfold La and a neighbour issue.

17/191...COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

The Chairman confirmed receipt of Councillor Cox's resignation letter.

A wreath laying ceremony will take place at the WW1 Memorial on Armistice day and the question of a more formal service for 2018 will be an agenda item in December.

The Chairman will attend a meeting of the management committee of Scarisbrick Village Hall on 14th November when the question of the Gym equipment will be raised.

Councillors Tinsley and Marshall a meeting of the Peter Lathom Charity. Councillor Tinsley confirmed that a sum of £1800 had been allocated to be shared between individual Pensioners, two Luncheon Clubs, The Brownies and a Youth Club within the Scarisbrick Parish.

Councillor Herbert attended a meeting about flooding in West Lancashire which was hosted by R Cooper, MP. Several agencies attended and gave presentations. Concerns remain on a local level about continuing flooding problems and this will be an agenda item in December.

The Chairman thanked the Clerk for his work prior to him leaving the office on Nov 30th.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.03 pm
