

SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on
Monday 4th December 2017**

PRESENT.

Councillor Mrs G. Holcroft (in the Chair)

Councillor J. Herbert

Councillor J. Hankin

Councillor H. Ascroft

Mr G. Fairbrother (Clerk – in attendance)

Councillor D. Oakes

Councillor Mrs J Marshall

Councillor I. Tinsley

Three members of the public were present.

17/192 APOLOGIES.

No apologies were received.

17/193 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

Councillor Herbert declared a non-pecuniary interest in item 17/204

17/194 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES.

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

17/195 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.32pm

A resident raised an objection to a recent newspaper article that suggested the Ormskirk By-pass was actively being considered. The objection stressed that the proposed road was not adequate for the proposed volume of traffic. The resident believed that the Council was not providing adequate funds for the proper maintenance of the road in relation to flooding.

A resident pointed out that the in the Strategic Plan published by Lancashire County Council the proposed By-pass had been struck out and the route released for development.

Councillor Herbert replied. He explained that planning permission for a commercial development had been granted to Yew Tree Farm on the proposed route. He noted that there appears to be some confusion over the term 'Ormskirk By-pass' and this was not helpful.

A resident suggested that Lancashire County Council should amend the Strategic Plan.

The meeting resumed at 7.45pm.

17/196 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

(1) Application Number: 2017/0739/FUL

Proposal: Replacement of existing telephone exchange building with small two bedroom detached building

Location: 60a Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick

No Objection

(2) Application Number: 2017/1135/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing bungalow and erection of dormer bungalow

Location: 256 Jacksmere Lane, Scarisbrick

No Objection

(3) Application Number: 2017/1137/FUL

Proposal: Demolish and rebuild/extend part of existing farm house

Location: Wyke Thorn Farm, Wyke Lane, Scarisbrick

No Objection

(4) Application Number 2017/1219/FUL

Proposal : Erection of 2 no. detached houses and 1 no. detached bungalow

Location: 11 Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick

No Objection

(5) Application Number 2017/1214/FUL

Proposal: Erection of 1.8m screening fence and use of land for outside storage

Location: 15 Hurlston Court, Scarisbrick Business Park

No Objection

17/197 FINANCE.

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

PAYEE	DETAILS	AMOUNT	AUTHORITY TO INCUR EXPENDITURE
T Houghton	Salary £432.99 Expenses*£47.77	£480.76	LGA 1972, s112 (2)
Bescar Lane Methodist Church	Catering costs re 2017 Civic Service **	£100.00	LGA 1972, s111

- includes
- Mobile phone £9.99
- Mileage £13.50
- Ink/Paper £24.28

17/198 CO-OPTION.

Councillor Herbert asked for this item to be moved to Part 2. Agreed

17/199 VERIFICATION OF BANK RECONCILIATIONS (Q2).

Councillor Herbert reported that he had completed the reconciliation of the accounts. The accounts are in order. Noted by the Chair

17/200 BUDGET/PRECEPT.

The Chair proposed that a meeting be held on the 20th January 2018 to set the budget and precept. Agreed

17/201 RISK ASSESSMENT.

Councillor Herbert proposed that the Clerk review and update the current risk assessment. Agreed.

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17/202 REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS OF INTERNAL CONTROL.

This was last reviewed in May. The Councillor Holcroft proposed that this be undertaken by the Chair and Vice-Chair. Agreed.

17/203 WORKING PARTY.

- a) The West Lancs Local Plan was considered and agreed. Councillor Holcroft and Councillor Herbert are to attend a meeting on the 8th January 2018 regarding the Local Plan
- b) The Open Spaces Questionnaire was agreed. The Clerk was instructed to return the document.

17/204 B5242.

Councillor Herbert reported on concerns raised by residents regarding traffic on the B5242. The road was originally designed and used by carts not the HGV's that currently use the road. The areas of particular concerns are Heatons Bridge and the junction with Smithy Lane. Provisional statistics suggest that 33 adults and 18 children have been involved in crashes on the B5242. 1 crash involved a fatality. Cyclists are the most commonly injured. The road is part of a national cycle track that encourages cycling. 2016/17 statistics include 1 fatal and 1 child injury.

Councillor Herbert and Councillor Holcroft have walked the route. There are concerns about pedestrians using the road due to the narrow or missing pavement. The sight line at the junction of Smithy Lane is obstructed.

It was proposed that;

- a) Current up to date Road Traffic statistics are obtained from the relevant agency.
- b) The local population be consulted and invited to submit evidence of concerns/ poor driving/ near misses to the Parish Council.
- c) That consideration be given to funding a traffic survey
- d) That a reply to the letter in the recent edition of The Champion be considered.

The proposal was carried unanimously.

17/205 ARMISTICE DAY.

Councillor Herbert suggested that as 2018 was the 100th anniversary of the end of the First World War an ecumenical event, involving local schools, should be held. The event could be organised in parallel with the Civic Service.

It was suggested that consideration be given to identifying and inviting any living relatives of individuals named on the memorial.

It was resolved that the Clerk should make enquires with the local schools and churches for their views.

17/206 ALT-CROSSENS.

A number of issues were raised including;

- a) A need to increase public awareness
- b) A submission to the Land Drainage review
- c) A submission to the Local Plan review
- d) Engagement with Environmental Groups

It was resolved that Councillor Herbert would take forward a working group on this issue. Agreed.

17/207 MILLENNIUM WOOD.

The hire of a wood chipper for Millennium Wood was agreed.

17/208 BENCH AT WW1 SITE.

It was decided to fix the bench on a concrete base.

It was agreed the work would be put out to tender.

17/210 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.

Councillor Marshall : The gully in Turning Lane required clearing. It has previously been reported but is blocked again.

Councillor Holcroft : The Gym equipment is to be placed in front of the Parish Hall.

We are still awaiting prices for the proposed Cinder Track at the Village Hall. This is to be an Agenda item in January.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40 pm

PART 2 ITEM

17/198 CO-OPTION.

It was resolved unanimously that Ian Mullane be co-opted to the Council. Mr Mullane would be invited to attend New Councillor training.

17/211 CLERKING.

It was resolved to form a working group to refine the Contract of Employment. The Chair and Councillor Herbert will be included.

It was agreed to fund New Clerks training and a finance course for the Clerk.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.01 pm