

SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

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

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PRESENT.

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

Councillor J Herbert
Councillor I Tinsley
Councillor L Green
Councillor H Ascroft

11 members of the Public were present.

17/133..APOLOGIES.

These were received from Councillor Holcroft and Councillor Pope

17/134... DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were none

17/135...CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Mon 3rd July 2017 were a true record and should be signed by the Chairman.

17/136...ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.32 pm

Several residents of Smithy Lane attended and detailed several objections to the proposed upgrade and development at Shaw Hall Caravan site.

Complaints included lack of notice given to residents by WLBC and anti social behaviour of holiday makers camping on land surrounding the site. This included urination against resident's fences/hedges, unacceptable noise levels, waste being left, fires lit close to residents land and encroachment. The proposed expansion was expected to increase problems for the resident's of Smithy Lane in an area which should have some protection from green belt status. It was felt that any development should be sited well away from private housing.

Messrs Ashton and Feehan confirmed that they had cut the hedges at Millennium Wood and that the Wood was in good order with no vandalism apparent apart from the damaged fence facing Drummersdale Lane.

The meeting was reconvened at 8.02pm.

17/137.... PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (1) 2017/0688/FUL: Mere House Nurseries, 69 Jacksmere Lane *No Objection*
 - (2) 2017/0787/FUL: Halliwell Jones, 59-61 Southport Rd *No Objection*
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(3) 2017/0806/FUL: Scarisbrick Business Park, Smithy Lane *No Objection*

(4) 2017/0820/FUL: The Meadow, Hillock Lane *No Objection*

(5) 2017/0758/FUL: Shaw Hall Caravan Park, Smithy Lane *Against. The Clerk was asked to comment that the development was against the Green belt, would adversely affect local residents amenity, and would cause increased Highways issues in the area. There was a concern over the main drainage channel being subject to a culvert at Shaw Hall leading to a flooding risk.*

(6)2017/0838/FUL: The Old Barn House, Southport Rd *No Objection*

(7)2017/0427/FUL: 188 Southport Rd *Against. The Clerk was asked to comment the requirement for affordable housing was oversupplied leading to outsiders coming into the Parish. This was not deemed acceptable until improvements are made to the Parish infrastructure such as Highways, and provision of shops, Doctors and other medical providers.*

17/138....FINANCE

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

	DETAILS	AMOUNT	AUTHORITY TO INCUR EXPENDITURE
T Houghton	Salary £866.38 *expenses £50.67	£917.05	LGA 1972, s112 (2)
EA Formby (NW) Ltd	Grass cutting, 2 invoices each of £729.60 covering 4 cuts period 27 June to 21 Aug	£1,459.20	Open Spaces Act 1906, s10
EA Formby (NW) Ltd	Bus shelter repairs	£999.60	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953 s4
OPSTA	Membership renewal 2017-18	£10.00	LGA 1972, s111

*includes

*Mobile phone £19.98

* Mileage £11.70

* Ink £18.99

17/139....VERIFICATION OF BANK RECONCILIATION:

Councillor Herbert reported that he has completed the first quarter financial check of the Bank reconciliations and signed to confirm that all was in order.

17/140....CLERK VACANCY:

It was noted that the Clerk has now completed his 2m notice period of resignation.

It was resolved that

(a) The Exiting Clerk would continue in the role until a replacement has been appointed on the basis that this process is completed within a 3m period and

(b) The job should be advertised via LALC, Southport GB and Southport/Ormskirk Champion newspapers. A closing date of mid October was set for applications. It was further resolved that the role would be increased to 20 hours per week from the present 14 hours.

17/141...MILLENNIUM WOOD:

It was resolved that an inspection of the Millennium Wood be made by as many Councillors as available on Saturday September 23rd at 10.30am. Messrs Ashton and Feehan to be in attendance.

17/142....OUTDOOR GYM EQUIPMENT:

The issues against continuing with the Gym equipment as set out in the comprehensive report provided to the Councillors by the Working Party were noted.

It was resolved that the Village Hall Management Committee be re approached to explore the possibility of a new location for the equipment, at least 30 metres away from the existing Children's play area.

17/143...HIGHWAYS REPORT:

The considerable issues in the Parish re poor road surfaces, blocked gullies and overgrown vegetation compromising pedestrians on the footpaths were highlighted in a report previously circulated.

It was resolved that the findings in the report be passed on to the County Council via Councillors Pope and O'Toole.

17/144...BURSCOUGH PARISH NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN:

No specific comments were made.

17/145...ROAD SAFETY ON HEATONS BRIDGE ROAD:

Councillor Herbert provided statistics outlining an increasing trend of accidents on this stretch of road, validating the concerns of residents. It was felt that traffic volumes will continue to increase and that some form of speed calming measure is appropriate.

It was resolved that the Clerk reports the position to the County Council via Councillor Pope.

17/146...PARKING ON MOORFIELD LANE:

There is concern at parked cars on the bend on Moorfield Lane close to the Barrison Green junction are causing traffic to veer into the middle of the road on a blind corner with an obvious risk of accidents.

It was resolved that the Clerk brings the matter to the attention of the local Police constable.

17/147...BUS SHELTERS:

It was resolved that

(a) The quote of £2025 made by B & C Shelters be accepted to replace the shelter at Heatons Bridge and that

(b) The existing shelter be disposed for a fee of £100.

17/148...CO OPTION POLICY:

Subject to a couple of minor amendments, it was resolved to approve the Co option policy which had been previously circulated.

17/149...GRANT APPLICATIONS:

Five grant applications were considered.

It was resolved that the following grants be allocated (a) Church of Good Shepherd, Smithy Lane £150, (b) St Marks Church £150, (c) Drummersdale Mission £150, (d) Friends of Bescar Lane Station £100, (e) Scarisbrick Village Matters £250.

17/150...CIL MONIES:

It was resolved that the CIL report presented by the Clerk be approved.

17/151...WORLD WAR 1 MEMORIAL:

It was resolved that a bench and plaque be purchased to be sited at the WW1 Memorial. It was further resolved that the Clerk provide estimates at the October meeting.

17/152....CLERKS REPORT:

The Clerk has been in contact with Peter Fletcher of the West Lancs Footpath Group regarding FP30 which runs from Primrose Hill to Pinfold Lane. The path appears to have been ploughed up to the bank and is largely inaccessible. This was reported to Highways on 9th Aug and a confirmation has been received back that the matter is being looked into. Mr Fletcher raised a point about the Parish Council forming a Footpath group. This may be an agenda item for October's meeting.

The Garden competition was judged on 29th July and the winners have been circulated. Trophy engraving should be completed in time for presentation at the October meeting.

The Chairman has asked the Clerk to report that entries for the Sunflower competition are higher this year with 13 children involved as opposed to 4 last year. Certificates for prize winners will be awarded in the Autumn term and pictures will be shown in the December edition of SVM. There is also positive feedback for participation in 2018 should the Council continue to run the competition.

PCSO Steph Morley has provided the following crime figures for the period 1 July to 31 Aug 2017
103 calls of which 11 were recorded crimes and 7 reported incidents of ASB.

Crimes

4 X assault, two of which were domestic related.

1 X burglary

1 X threats to kill

1 X harassment

4 X theft, a mobile phone stolen from a bag, theft of hanging baskets and garden ornaments x 2 and theft of electricity cables from substation

ASB

6 X personal calls for advice or information

1 X nuisance regarding parked vehicles displaying for sale signs on A570, mainly in the area of Carr Cross.

Last year same period there were 122 calls 16 of which were crimes and 15 reported incidents of ASB.

17/153...COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

Councillor Marshall suggested that Peter Fletcher may be a speaker to invite to the 2018 Parish Meeting and that adopting the Burscough model of 'planter' in the Village should be an agenda item next time.

Councillor Oakes advised that an accident on Pool Hey Lane had been caused by overgrown hedging .It was also noted that in certain areas in the Parish cars are parking on pavements which are seriously obstructing pedestrians and this will be an agenda item in October.

Councillor Tinsley advised that overgrown hedgerows by the traffic lights at the Morris Dancers are a significant danger to pedestrians who have to step out into the busy main road.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm

