

## 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> November 2016

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#### **PRESENT.**

Councillor J. Herbert (in the Chair)

Councillor D Oakes

Councillor M Cox

Councillor H Ascroft

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

Councillor Mrs G Holcroft

Councillor I Tinsley

Councillor L Green

Seven members of the Public were present.

#### **16/173...APOLOGIES.**

These were received from Councillors Mrs J Marshall, Mrs M Edwards and J Hankin and also from PCSO S Morley

#### **16/174... DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.**

Councillor J Herbert declared a pecuniary interest in item 16/178 and he would leave the room for this item.

*It was resolved that Councillor Oakes would take the Chair for this item.*

#### **16/175...CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES.**

*It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2016 were a true record and should be signed by the Chairman.*

#### **16/176...ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING.**

The meeting was adjourned at 20.01 to allow members of the Public to address the Council. One member of the Public voiced concerns over a planning application to build an extension to the rear of 10 Churchfields. Such a development would overlook her lounge and kitchen from the new dormer windows.

A second member of the Public voiced concerns at the proposed development at 4 Bescar Lane. The resident stated that she had been flooded 3 times previously and that the development would put pressure on the local drainage systems. The resident was also worried that the barns to be demolished may contain asbestos.

A third resident raised the proposed sale of the Bescar Lane Depot citing that this area was also prone to flooding and more development may increase such problems.

David Ashton reported on the work completed in the Millennium Wood and highlighted issues to be dealt with over the winter.

Councillor Dereli encouraged residents to contact the case officers directly at Borough Council with any concerns ahead of applications getting to committee stage.

She also indicated the next newsletter will be issued this week and a seminar is being run by a Consultancy agency on local transport issues.

Councillor also stated that a Burscough hub is running free computer courses and vacancies may exist which can be advertised in Scarisbrick

Councillor also raised flooding and that LCC were re organising flood resilience teams

The meeting was reconvened at 8.33pm

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### 16/177... PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

(1) 2016/0981/FUL: 7 Bescar Brow Lane *No Objection*

(2) 2016/1010/FUL: Heatons Lodge, Narrow Moss Lane *Against*

(3) 2016/1062/FUL: 10 Churchfields *Against. The Clerk was instructed to comment that the objection was on the grounds of privacy with a habitable room being overlooked by the proposed extension*

(4) 2016/1050/FUL: 4 Bescar Lane *Against. The Clerk was instructed to comment that this area has a history of flooding in the past and that the proposed development may put undue pressure on the drainage system in the area. The site also lies close to floodzone 1.*

### 16/178 ...FINANCE

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

	DETAILS	AMOUNT	AUTHORITY TO INCUR EXPENDITURE
T Houghton	Salary £428.06 *expenses £103.31	£531.37	LGA 1972 s112 (2)
J Forshaw	Ground maintenance – Oct	£288.88	Open Spaces Act 1906, s10
J Leitch	Honorarium – Internal Audit	£50.00	LGA 1972 s111
Bescar Lane Methodist Church	Church Grant	£150.00	LGA 1972 s137
D Finney	Memorial ground works	£1,000.00	LGA 1972 s137
B & C Shelter Solutions Ltd	Bus Shelter repairs	£1,200.00	Local Government (Miscellaneous Provision) Act 1953 s4
J Herbert	Scarisbrick.Today domain renewal fee	£36.20	LGA 1972 s142
Ormsby Memorials	Balance of monies due re WW1 Memorial	£2,620.50	LGA 1972 s137

includes:

- Monthly mobile phone fee of £9.99
  - Mileage £26.10
  - Ink £42.74
  - Postage £20.88
  - Envelopes £2.00
  - Car Park £1.60
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**16/179...FIRST WORLD WAR MEMORIAL:**

*It was resolved that the World War One memorial be formally adopted.*

**16/180...ARMISTICE DAY SERVICE:**

To take place 11 Nov and to be attended by members of all the Village churches and Schools.  
*It was resolved that the Parish Council purchases a wreath which will be laid by Councillor Herbert. It was further resolved that the Council purchases white flowers to be laid by the Clergy in attendance.*

**16/181...MILLENNIUM WOOD:**

The Council thanked Messrs David Ashton and Eugene Feehan for their hard work in maintaining the Wood. A written report together with comments in the Public adjournment were noted and considered by the Council.  
*It was resolved that the Clerk writes to Messrs Ashton and Feehan to ascertain how the unofficial entry at the front of the Wood can be closed.*  
*It was also resolved that the Clerk would make enquiries about the right of way where a gate has now been positioned.*

**16/182...GROUNDS CONTRACT:**

Before inviting tenders for a new ground contract the impact of moles was discussed.  
*It was resolved that the Clerk would obtain an estimate from a mole remover.*  
The question of ground works in respect of road and gulley sweeping was discussed and there was a strong feeling that this could be improved significantly.  
*It was resolved that the Clerk liaise with WLBC to explore the possibility of SPC taking on the role of road sweeping and gulley clearance subject to a grant being available from WLBC*

**16/183...BUS SHELTER QUOTES:**

*It was resolved that the cheapest of the 3 quotations of £2,086 + VAT made by Shelter Solutions be accepted.*

**16/184...BUS SHELTER REPAIRS:**

*It was resolved that the Ground contractor provide individual quotes for repair costs on the work highlighted on the 5 shelters in the Inspection report*

**16/185...SCARISBRICK VILLAGE MATTERS:**

*It was resolved that the Clerk makes comments in the next edition of SVM relating to what the Council is looking to achieve for the community.*

**16/186...CIVIC SERVICE:**

The Clerk provided an update on the service being held on 27 Nov.  
*It was resolved that 50% of the collection goes to the host church and the balance to the Mayor's charities.*

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**16/187... COUNCIL TAX REFERENDUMS:**

*It was resolved that the Council were in favour of writing to the local MP in support of the NALC recommendation of opposing precept capping, using a personalised letter to be sent rather than the template provided.*

**16/188...WLBC LOCAL PLAN:**

*It was resolved that the Clerk refers back to WLBC highlighting that the Rural Economy needs re visiting as the 2006 study is now out of date. Furthermore, there should be a formal Flood risk policy written into the new plan and a revision of the housing allocation policy.*

**16/189...CIL CONSULTATION:**

*It was resolved that option 2 of the consultation was the preferred route, providing monies to several smaller projects rather than all funds going to one strategic project.*

**16/190...PRIVATE HOUSING STRATEGY CONSULTATION:**

*It was resolved that the Clerk responds to the survey confirming our support for the vulnerable in the action plan.*

**16/191...BESCAR LANE DEPOT:**

The information provided by LCC was noted.

**16/192 CLERKS REPORT:**

The Clerk reported attending both the Clerks Liaison meeting and Three Parish meeting in October. Flooding issues dominated both meetings.

BT has responded to our queries and the issue of buying the kiosks will be an agenda item next month.

OPSTA have arranged a meeting with Northern Rail (Aviva) at Burscough Wharf on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November and all members are invited to attend.

Crime figures were provided. There were 5 reported crimes, including 1 of criminal damage to a vehicle, 1 burglary of a residential property and 2 non domestic burglaries (offenders charged) and cycle theft. There were 6 reported incidents of anti social behaviour.

**16/193...COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.**

An update on progress on the bollards at Turning Lane was requested

Councillor Herbert confirmed his attendance at the Transport seminar in December.

Councillor Tinsley reported that £875 has been allocated from the Peter Lathom Charity to both the Pensioners Club and the Luncheon Club. He further reported that formal re organisation of the Charity remained ongoing via a 23 page document being reviewed.

The Chairman closed at 10.12pm

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