

SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 8.00pm in the Village Hall on Monday 5th September 2016

PRESENT.

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

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

Seventeen members of the Public were present.

16/138...APOLOGIES.

These were received from Councillors H Ascroft, I Tinsley, M Cox, Mrs M Edwards and PCSO S Morley

16/139... DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

There were none

16/140...CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES.

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th July 2016 were a true record and should be signed by the Chairman.

16/141...ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING.

The meeting was adjourned at 20.02 to allow members of the Public to address the Council. The Chairman invited all winners from the Garden Competition to collect their trophies and certificates.

Councillor Dereli advised that the LALC Parish Conference due to be held in November has been deferred to the New Year due to building work at County Hall. She also advised that local transport issues remain an important topic and in the absence of the conference any news will be made available via newsletters. Work is being conducted on drawing up a transport survey for their Parishes.

The meeting was reconvened at 20.25

16/142... PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

- (1) 2016/0836/FUL: 6 Pinewood Close, Scarisbrick *No Objection*
- (2) 2015/00859/FUL: Macclesfield, Pinfold lane, Scarisbrick *No Objection*

16/143 ...FINANCE

(a) It was resolved that the payment of £100 be made to Communicorp

(b) it was further resolved that the following accounts be passed for payment

	DETAILS	AMOUNT	AUTHORITY TO INCUR EXPENDITURE
T Houghton	Salary £856.12 (2m x £428.06pm) *expenses £84.77	£940.89	LGA 1972 s112 (2)
J Forshaw	Ground maintenance July and August £288.88 x 2 = £577.76 + Bus shelter repairs £80 = Total £657.76	£657.76	Open Spaces Act 1906, s10
Maric Trophies	Trophy engraving re garden competition	£60.00	LGA 1972, s137
Communicorp	**Subscription to Local Councils Update	£100.00	LGA 1972, s111

includes:

- Monthly mobile phone fee of £9.99 x 2m = £19.98
- Mileage £28.35
- Ink £36.44

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If approved under agenda item 16/143a

16/144...WORLD WAR ONE MEMORIAL

Councillor Herbert advised that a Certificate of lawful development had been approved by WLBC. The Memorial should be ready by November, despite the designer being off work due to an extended period of sickness. The Clerk confirmed that Insurers had confirmed that the Memorial would be covered under the PC Public liability. All risks for vandalism, damage or replacement will attract a cost of £19 which will be payable on insurance renewal in May 2017. Discussions have been held re landscaping and quotes have been received.

It was resolved that the Council support a sandstone paving design at a cost in the region of £1,000 with the work to be undertaken by D Finney.

It was further resolved that the Clerk would apply for Grant assistance via an application under the Parish Champion scheme.

16/145...COMMUNITY EMERGENCY GROUPS

The development of Community Emergency Groups has been discussed at the recent Three Parishes meetings and a draft proposal drawn up by M Taylor of LCC was distributed to Councillors. After discussion, concerns were raised regarding duty of care, liability cover, data protection of volunteers and the wide area that encompasses Scarisbrick. Subject to addressing such issues, Councillors were favourable to taking matters forward.

It was resolved that Councillor Herbert would pass on SPCs expression of interest to LCC

16/146...GRANT APPLICATIONS

Applications were received from five organisations for grant assistance. All applications complied with SPC grant awarding policy.

It was resolved that grants be awarded to St Elizabeth's Church for £150, to St Marks Church for £150, to the Good Shepherd Mission £150, to Drummersdale Mission £150 and to the Friends of Bescar Lane Station £100.

16/147...RESERVE POLICY

It was resolved that the reserve policy, as circulated, was approved

16/148...BUS SHELTERS

It was resolved that before a decision could be made on the possible purchase of a new shelter, the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Clerk should conduct an inspection of all shelters and update the report which was last completed in November 2015

16/149...WYKE COP ROAD

There have been several complaints over the dangerous state of the road close to the rail way crossing where cars have to slow down with a danger to cars behind stopping on the line.

It was resolved that the Clerk contact Highways to alert them of the danger posed and request some improvements to the road surface to reduce the risk.

16/150...SOUTHPORT TO MANCHESTER TRAIN LINE

Despite a satisfactory reply from Arriva re the proposals of closing the line to the south side of Manchester it was felt that Public awareness of the issue should remain to the fore.

It was resolved that the poster 'Make Your Voice Heard' should be displayed on all Village Notice boards.

16/151...GROUNDS CONTRACT

The last known contract was signed in 2003.

It was resolved that the Clerk draw up an updated Agreement to put before Council for approval in the October meeting with a view to going out to tender.

16/152...FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

It was resolved that Councillor Herbert would complete the quarterly checks as stipulated under point 2.2 in the approved Financial regulations.

16/153...COMMUNITY LED HOUSING SURVEY

From the circulated Survey it was felt that many of the questions asked did not apply to a Parish as rural as Scarisbrick. However the high price of property in the village is a concern.

It was resolved that the Clerk completes the survey drawing particular attention to high house prices and lack of affordable housing for residents of the Village.

16/154... CLERK'S REPORT

1 Caravan at Wood Moss Lane – now been removed following report to United Utilities
2 Hedge cutting on Southport road, opposite Halliwell Jones – LCC have advised that this will be completed in the next 4 weeks

3 Garden competition is now completed for this year following tonight's prize giving. The Sun flower competition saw 4 competitors, all from St Mary's school. Councillor Holcroft will arrange a presentation and photograph to be included in the next edition of SVM. Thanks to Councillor Holcroft for all the hard work she has put in promoting the competition.

4 Crime figures for August were provided. There were 9 reported crimes which included 2 thefts from vehicles, 1 theft of a vehicle (domestic incident), 1 theft by 2 customers not paying for a meal at the Morris Dancers, 1 criminal damage to property (motorcycles riding on Turfland's ground), 3 burglaries from domestic properties, and 1 burglary from a non domestic. There were also 5 incidents of anti social behaviour.

16/155...COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.

The Councillors would welcome an update on the state of the Millennium Wood.

Concern was raised at the prospect of WLBC budget cuts leaving the Village without any CCTV coverage.

Overgrown hedges were reported on Jacksmere Lane and a defective drain on Moorfield Lane.

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The meeting was closed at 9.26pm
