

## SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

### Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018

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#### **PRESENT.**

Councillor Mrs G. Holcroft (in the Chair)

Councillor J. Herbert

Councillor C Herbert

Councillor N. Makin

Councillor D. Oakes

Councillor A Blundell

Mr G. Fairbrother (Clerk – in attendance)

One members of the public was present.

#### **18/139...APOLOGIES:**

Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Formby and Councillor Marshall

#### **18/140...DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

No declarations where made

**18/141...MINUTES:** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018.

**Subject to changing item 18/135 to read ‘abandon’ instead of ‘defer’, it was resolved to approve the minutes.**

#### **18/142...ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 19.37.

A member of the public expressed concern over speeding vehicles along Smithy Lane. The current speed limit was inappropriate for the narrow road. The lack of a footpath and the overhanging foliage meant that it was unsafe to walk along the road at any time during the day. Councillor Herbert pointed out that this was a perennial problem for rural roads, none the less it was wholly wrong for drivers to speed along Smithy Lane. Several suggestions were put forward. As a starting point the Council suggested that a speed report for road be obtained, the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership be made aware of the issues and that the signage be revisited.

The prizes for the Garden Competition were then presented.

The meeting reconvened at 20.00

#### **18/143...GARDEN COMPETITION:**

The prizes were presented during the adjournment

**18/144...PLANNING APPLICATIONS:**

Application Number: 2018/0844/FUL

Proposal: Change of use to a Hair and Beauty Salon , Aesthetics Clinics and Training Salon.

Location: Stocks House, 330 Southport Road, Scarisbrick, Southport, Lancashire, PR8 5LF

**The Council raised no objection to this application**

Application Number: 2018/0742/FUL

Proposal: Single storey side extension to a detached bungalow.

Location: The Stables, 285 Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 8HL

**The Council raised no objection to this application**

Application Number: 2018/0846/LBC

Proposal: Listed Building Consent - Proposed refurbishment of Gas Works Cottage to ancillary performing arts centre annex.

Location: Scarisbrick Hall School, Southport Road, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 9RQ

**The Council raised no objection to this application**

Application Number: 2018/0849/FUL

Proposal: New porch.

Location: Bella Vista, Drummersdale Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 9RD

**The Council raised no objection to this application**

Application Number: 2018/0867/PNC

Proposal: Application for determination as to whether prior approval of details is required - Conversion of existing shippon to create a dwelling, and for associated development.

Location: 256 Jacksmere Lane, Scarisbrick, Southport, Lancashire, PR8 5JA

**It was resolved to object to this application**

Application Number: 2018/0801/FUL

Proposal: first floor extension on the side of the property above the garage.

Location: 16 Pinewood Close, Scarisbrick, Southport, Lancashire, PR8 5LL

**It was resolved to object to this application**

Application Number: 2018/0651/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of the vacant Parish Centre for St Elizabeth's Church into five two and three bedroom flats.

Location: St Elizabeths Parish Centre, 10 Hall Road, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 9QE

**It was resolved to object to this application**

Application Number: 2018/0863/FUL  
Proposal: Proposed single storey side extension  
Location: 93 Hall Road, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 9QB

**The Council raised no objection to this application**

Application Number: 2018/0947/FUL  
Proposal: Erection of detached garage.  
Location: 4 Clyffes Farm Close, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 9SB

**It was resolved to support this application**

Application Number: 2018/0963/FUL  
Proposal: Installation of access track.  
Location: Land Adjacent To Railway Line, Perch Pool Lane, Scarisbrick, Lancashire

**It was resolved to support this application**

**18/145....FINANCE:** To consider accounts for payment on the attached list

**It was resolved to pay the following accounts.**

<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Authority</b>
G.Fairbrother (see note 1	Salary and expenses	£621.16	LGA 1972, s112 (2)
EA Formby	Grass Cutting (inv 572)	£729.60	Open Spaces Act 1906, s10
Maric Trophy's	Engraving for Trophies	£60	LGA 1972 s111
HMRC	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter payment	£68.83	LGA 1972, s112 (2)
G.Fairbrother	Underpayment re cheque 0238	£20	LGA 1972 s112(2)
G.Fairbrother	Website renewal	274.94	LGA 1972 s111
G.Fairbrother	Wreath	£55	LGA 1972 s111

Councillor Herbert raised two issues in relation to the current finances. The first related to the payment of the precept. For reasons unknown the precept was being paid into the Reserves account, leading to frequent transfers from the Reserves account to the Treasurers account, giving the impression that the Council was using reserves to fund Council spending. The Clerk reported that a letter requesting payments be made into the Treasurers account. However, this has not been actioned prior to the next precept payment.

The second issue related to the current practice where the Clerk pays for an item, as the Council cannot obtain credit, and is then reimbursed. This is happening far too frequently. The Clerk explained that due to current financial regulations the Council is having difficulty in obtaining credit. The Council cannot meet the current financial institution requirements, such as a fixed address and a .GOV website address, to pass the standard for credit. The Clerk will continue to explore options address this issue.

**18/146...BUS SHELTER:** 1) Graffiti removal and future process, 2) Quotes for repairs and maintenance 3) Routine replacement shelters for this year and next year.

**It was resolved to approve the purchase of Graffiti removal solutions and equipment to a maximum value of £100**

**It was resolved to defer the quotes for new bus shelters to the December meeting.**

The Clerk informed the Council that it may be possible to obtain Capital Grant funding to assist in the purchase of bus shelters

**It was resolved to explore the possibility of Capital Grant funding.**

**18/147...STANDING ORDERS** – To consider and review

**It was resolved to accept the updated Standing Orders**

**18/148...FINANCIAL REGULATIONS** – To consider and review

**It was resolved to accept the updated Financial regulations**

**18/149 ...OUTDOOR GYM PROJECT:** to discuss the progress of the bid for s.106 funding, to consider the quotes and to consider further action as necessary to advance the project.

The Council have now closed this project and a working group will be formed to progress a new project.

**18/150... WW1 Memorial Books:** to receive an update and consider paying the balance of the quotation.

Councillor Herbert updated the Council on the progress of the Memorial Books.

**18/151...LALC AGM:** to consider submitting motions and appointing voting representatives.

**It was resolved that Councillor Herbert will represent the Parish Council**

**18/152...BANK ACCOUNT SIGNATORIES:** To review and appoint signatories.

**It was resolved that Councillor Blundell will be added to the list of signatories**

**18/153...INSTALLATION OF BOLLARDS:** To receive an update on the progress of work at Turing Lane.

The Clerk informed the Parish Council that he had contacted the Highways Department at Lancashire Council in relation to the installation of bollards at Turing Lane. As work was currently being undertaken at the junction the Department will wait until the work has been completed and certified as acceptable before installing the bollards.

**18/154...LIVERPOOL AGRICULTURAL DISCUSSION GROUP:** To consider continued membership and authorise payment of subscription fee.

After a short discussion, it was concluded that the Council had not been a member and that this invoice had been sent in error.

**18/155...COUNCIL FOR THE PROTECTION OF RURAL ENGLAND:** To consider continued membership and authorise payment of subscription fee.

**It was resolved to continue membership of the CPRE and to pay the subscription fee.**

**18/156...CLERKS REPORT:** (Information only) to note items that will be available at the meeting

**18/157...COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;** To receive Councillors reports (for information only) and requests for future agenda items.

Items for the next agenda – Parked cars on Southport Road and Turning Lane bollards.

The meeting closed at 21.15