

SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm in the
Village Hall, Smithy Lane on Monday 7th October 2019**

PRESENT.

Councillor J. Herbert (in the Chair)	Councillor C. Herbert
Councillor G.Holcroft	Councillor A. Blundell
Councillor Makin	Councillor Marshall
Councillor Williams	Councillor Andrews

Mr G. Fairbrother (Clerk – in attendance)

10 members of the public were present.

19/132 APOLOGIES.

There were none.

19/133 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

No declarations were made.

At this point it was resolved to change the order of the agenda with item 19/135 preceding item 19/134.

19/135 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING.

It was resolved to adjourn the meeting at 7.32 pm.

Councillor Makin presented the Garden Competition prizes.

Two members of the public enquired about the closing date for objections to the Smithy Mushrooms planning application. The chairman explained that the closing date was set by the planning regulations. However, there was likely to be some flexibility because the application was not yet complete. Some extension would be necessary to allow the public to comment as new information came forward.

Three members of the public raised concerns over flooding in and around Bescar Lane.

Councillor J.Herbert agreed to meet the residents to discuss the matter.

The meeting reconvened at 7.56 pm.

19/134 MINUTES.

It was resolved that, subject to the corrections made in the re-circulated draft version, the minutes of the ordinary meeting held on Monday 2nd September 2019 were a true record and should be signed by the Chairman.

19/136 PLANNING APPLICATIONS.

The following applications were considered and the decisions taken as shown.

Application Number: 2019/0920/FUL

Proposal: Single storey extension at rear and conversion of part of garage at rear/side.

Location: 24 Jacksmere Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 9RS



It was resolved to make no objection.

Application Number: 2019/0928/FUL

Proposal: Proposed re-use and alteration of an agricultural building to form a single dwelling house, with associated garden and car parking

Location: Asmall House Farm, Asmall Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 8JL

It was pointed out that the application did not appear to comply with planning guidance on the re-use of agricultural buildings and there was an extension of residential curtilage into the Green Belt.

It was resolved to object to this application for the reasons outlined above.

Application ref: 2019/0121/FUL

Proposal: Proposed conversion of the former / vacant parish centre into 4 apartments, with associated external alterations and demolition of outbuildings

Location: St Elizabeths Parish Centre, 10 Hall Road, Scarisbrick

The Council, in principle, supports the sympathetic conversion of this important building and notes that there is a shortage of this type of accommodation within the parish. However, the Council has reservations about the provisions for parking, bin storage and flooding in the current application.

It was resolved to object on the grounds of flooding, parking and bin storage. However, the Clerk was instructed to further comment that the Council would be supportive if these issues could be resolved.

Application ref: 2019/0053/FUL

Proposal: Demolition of existing buildings and erection of 4 no. detached dwellings with relocated access, associated garages, car parking and landscaping

Location: Fleet Street Farm, 518 Southport Road, Scarisbrick

The Council makes no comment.

Notice of Appeal

APPEAL BY: Mr Marshall

PROPOSAL: Outline - Infill development for up to 4 dwellings. All matters reserved.

LOCATION: Land Adjoining Bescar Lane Station Bescar Lane Scarisbrick

It was resolved to make no further comment.

19/137 REMEMBRANCE EVENT.

The Clerk outlined the work completed so far. The Service will take place at the Village Hall starting at 10.45 a.m. on Remembrance Sunday. Rev Heaney will compile the Order of Service. The Clerk requested that a grant of £60 be made to the Royal British legion in exchange for a wreath.

It was resolved to give a grant of £60 to the Royal British Legion.



19/138 FINANCE.

Councillor J Herbert queried the following payment. The invoice was inconsistent with previous invoices and appeared to include a charge for August when the council had no meeting.

Scarisbrick Village Hall	Hall Hire	£54	LGA 1972 s111(1)
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It was resolved to query the invoice with Scarisbrick Village Hall.

It was resolved to make the following payments:

Payee	Detail	Amount	Authority
G.Fairbrother	Salary	£ 644.02	LGA 1972, s112 (2)
Scarisbrick Village Hall	Hall Hire	£66	LGA 1972 s111(1)
PKF Littlejohn LLP	Auditors Fee	£240	LGA 1972 s111(1)
EA Formby	Grass Cutting Invoice no 932	£364.80	Open Spaces Act 1906, s10
HMRC	2 nd quarter payment	£643.27	LGA 1972, s112 (2)
Royal British Legion	Grant	£60	LGA 1972 s137

N.B. LGA 1972 s.137 expenditure is conducive to the community's desire to appropriately remember and honour the Fallen of the Parish and is proportionate to that benefit.

19/139 BUDGET UPDATE.

The Clerk presented the previously circulated 3-month and 6-month budget updates.

It was resolved to note the budget updates.

19/140 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2018-19.

It was resolved to confirm receipt of the external auditor's report and note his comments.

19/141 POLICE UPDATES.

Councillors Makin, C.Herbert, and J.Herbert recently attended a Wrightington Parish Council meeting. They reported that the local PCSO attended the meeting, unlike at Scarisbrick, and actively engaged with the public. The view was expressed that this Council explore means to reinvigorate our own partnership with the Police.

It was resolved that the Clerk contact other parish councils within the Borough to ascertain what Police input exists and also contact the local Command Team with a view to improving communications.

19/142 LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME.

Councillor J.Herbert outlined the Local Council Award Scheme and suggested that this Council take part.

It was resolved that a brief report will be completed, by the Clerk, for the next meeting.

19/143 RUFFORD PARISH COUNCIL REQUEST.

Councillor J. Herbert reported that Rufford Parish Council (RPC) has recently commissioned expert hydrology reports. He explained that some aspects may be relevant to Scarisbrick and could be of value in addressing potential flooding issues related to proposed pumping station closures in Alt-Crossens. The information may also have relevance to this Council's response to the forthcoming West Lancashire Local Plan Review. Councillor Herbert had been approached by the Chairman of RPC who is willing to make information available, but has requested a contribution towards funding if it is found to be of value to Scarisbrick.

It was resolved to support RPC in principle but this Council would need sight of the report (when available) to ensure relevance to Scarisbrick before committing any funds.

19/144 APPROVAL OF AUDIT PLAN.

It was resolved to approve the circulated Audit Plan for 2019-2020.

19/145 LALC AGM.

Councillor J. Herbert outlined the proposed amendment to the LALC constitution that he would be putting forward on behalf of the West Lancashire Area Committee which confined voting rights to "one council, one vote" at future AGMs.

He also suggested submitting the following motion to the AGM on behalf of this Council:

"The charter which provides a model for the working relationship between LCC and the town and parish council sector is now over eleven years old and appears to have fallen by the wayside. Scarisbrick Parish Council moves that LALC approaches LCC with a view to reinstating/revising the charter."

It was resolved that Councillor J Herbert and Councillor C Herbert will represent the Parish Council at the meeting as voting representatives. It was further resolved that they put the above motion to the LALC AGM on behalf of this Council.

19/146 HILLOCK LANE.

The Clerk reported that the previous survey had returned only three responses. It was suggested that a local collection point may have been helpful in facilitating responses.

It was resolved to repeat the survey and include a local collection point

19/147 CLERKS REPORT.

The following items were noted.

- a) The Clerk reported that he had received notification of CIL funding and reminded the Council that there was s106 funding to be allocated to a project.
- b) Two tenders for the bus shelters had been received. A third company had withdrawn. This will be an agenda item for the next meeting.

19/148 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.

- a) Councillor Holcroft reminded the Council that the next article for Scarisbrick Village Matters was due at the beginning of November.
- b) Councillor Holcroft reminded the Council that the Memorial bench needed varnishing.



- c) Councillor Marshall reminded the Council that the AGM of the Peter Lathom Charity was due shortly.

Agenda item 19/149 includes exempt information in accordance with Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

It was hereby resolved in accordance with section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 that, as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the Public and Press be temporarily excluded from the meeting and they were herewith instructed to withdraw.

19/149 CO-OPTION.

Candidates for co-option were considered.

It was resolved to co-opt Vicky Murphy as a Councillor

It was resolved to co-opt Charles Marshall as a Councillor

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.35pm

