

## SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm in the  
Village Hall, Smithy Lane on  
Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019

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### PRESENT.

Councillor J. Herbert  
Councillor G. Holcroft  
Councillor Makin

Councillor C. Herbert  
Councillor A. Blundell

Mr G. Fairbrother (Clerk – in attendance)

63 members of the public attended.

**19/114...APOLOGIES:** to receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

Councillor Marshall sent her apologies

**19/115...DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** (a) to declare any disclosable pecuniary or non pecuniary interest in matters on the agenda; (b) to consider requests for dispensation

Councillor J. Herbert declared a non-pecuniary interest in relation to Planning application 2019/0747/FUL

**It was resolved to move item 19/119 to the end of the meeting and move directly to the adjournement.**

**19/117...ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:** to allow a period of public discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 7.34 pm.

The members of the public present voiced concerns over a proposed mushroom farm on Heatons Bridge Road. Several members of the public spoke on the issue.

The concerns included;

- The scale of the proposal will dominate the local landscape.
- The loss of the best quality agricultural land.
- The poor approach to flooding/drainage issues.
- The increase in traffic, particularly HGV's and safety of pedestrians using the road.
- The operating hours of the business.
- The proposal to hide the building from view.

Councillor Pope outlined the process the application will follow.

Councillor Herbert outlined the objection process and the responsibilities placed upon the Parish Council.



The meeting reconvened at 8.30pm.

**19/116...MINUTES:** to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st July 2019.

**It was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2019 subject to agreed corrections.**

**19/118...PLANNING APPLICATIONS:** To consider applications on the attached list.

Application Number: 2019/0840/FUL

Proposal: Single storey extensions to front/side and rear with first floor extension and dormers to front and rear.

Location: 161 Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 8HJ

The Council noted that the application requires a Green Belt statement as the increase in building size exceeds 40% and none is present.

**It was resolved to object to the application**

Application Number: 2019/0747/FUL

Proposal: Construction of a mushroom farm in conjunction with the agricultural business, Smithy Mushrooms Limited, to include portal frame buildings, car parking, hardstanding and sustainable drainage system.

Location: Bungalow Farm, Heatons Bridge Road, Scarisbrick, Lancashire, L40 8JQ

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

**It was resolved to create a 'Task and Finish' group to complete the objection.**

**It was resolved to draw the attention of neighbouring Parish Councils to the application.**

Application Number: 2019/0605/FUL

Proposal: Conversion of existing building used for 5no. Holiday lets to 2no. Residential dwellings with associated works.

Location: Holiday Units, Sandy Brook Farm, 52 Wyke Cop Road, Scarisbrick, Lancashire, PR8 5LR

The Council raised no objection to this application.

**It was resolved to make no objection**

Application Number: 2019/0739/FUL

Proposal: Variation of Condition No. 2 imposed on planning permission 2018/1038/FUL to vary the Laurel house type on plots 4 and 5:1. Plots 4 and 5 internal layout will be amended to include roof space accommodation and two windows at second floor in rear gable. 2. Plot 5 only will have amended internal ground floor layout to show single storey extension to rear.



Location: Cop House Farm, Jacksmere Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 9RS

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

Application Number: 2019/0560/FUL

Proposal: Single storey extension and conversion of existing building at rear into living accommodation ancillary to the main dwelling.

Location: 33 Woodmoss Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 9RJ

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

Application Number: 2019/0704/PNC

Proposal: Application for determination as to whether prior approval of details is required – Change of use of agricultural building to 2 no. dwellinghouses , and for associated operational development.

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

**The application was not considered as it had already been decided by the Local Planning Authority on 21<sup>st</sup> August 2019.**

**19/120....FINANCE:** To consider accounts for payment on the attached list, receive the bank reconciliations and the 3 month budget report.

**It was resolved to pay the accounts shown in the attached schedule**

Payee	Detail	Amount	Authority
G.Fairbrother	Salary	£ 644.02	LGA 1972, s112 (2)
G.Fairbrother	Salary	£ 618.62	LGA 1972 s112(2)
EA Formby	Grass cutting (Inv 841)	£ 364.80	Open Spaces Act 1906, s10
EA Formby	Grass cutting (Inv 898)	£ 364.80	Open Spaces Act 1906, s10
Scarisbrick Village Hall	Grant	£120	LGA 1972, s137

**19/121 BANKING:** To consider whether the current bank arrangements are appropriate.

The Clerk updated the Council on the banking arrangements.

The Council will investigate the viability of a pre-paid debit card.

**19/122 LALC CONSULTATION:** To consider the Council's response to the LALC consultation.

Councillor Herbert updated the Council on the proposed changes to the LALC constitution. The Council expressed a preference for a 'one vote per Council' approach.

**19/123 REMEMBRANCE EVENT:** To consider the arrangements for the Remembrance event.

**It was resolved to move the Civic Service to the end of May .**

**It was resolved to hold a Remembrance event this year.**



**19/124 APPOINTMENT OF THE INTERNAL AUDITOR AND APPROVAL OF THE AUDIT PLAN**

**It was resolved to re-appoint Ian Edwards as the Internal Auditor. The clerk will submit an audit plan for approval at the next meeting.**

**19/125 GARDEN COMPETITION:** To receive a report.

Councillor Makin reported on the Garden Competition.

**It was resolved to allow Councillor Makin to take responsibility for the Garden Competition in future.**

**19/126 TURNING LANE :** Update on the cycle path bollards.

Councillor Herbert thanked Councillor Pope for his intervention. Highways have agreed to install the bollards as soon as possible.

**19/127 375 BUS SERVICE:** To consider alternatives and replacements.

**It was resolved to write to Arriva to ascertain the current position.**

**19/128... CLERKS REPORT:** (Information only) To note items that will be available at the meeting

The Clerk reported that the tender process for the replacement bus shelters is almost complete and he expects to bring the quotes to the next meeting.

The Banking arrangements are working better now he has authority to look at the accounts.

**19/129...COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS;** To receive Councillors reports (for information only) and requests for future agenda items.

Councillor Holcroft raised the issue of re-varnishing the bench at the Memorial. The Clerk will seek a quote.

**19/119 EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC:**

Agenda items 19/130 and 19/131 include 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.

**19/130 APPLICATIONS FOR CO-OPTION:** To consider the applications for co-option

**It was resolved, unanimously, to co-opt Jane Williams**

**It was resolved, unanimously, to co-opt Matthew Andrews**



**19/131 COMPLAINTS;** To consider recently received complaints.

Councillor Herbert outlined two complaints he had received.

The first related to the Garden Competition. Two applications had been missed from the list of entries. The Clerk stated that he was responsible, and he would take steps to ensure it did not happen again.

The Village Hall had complained about the state of the paving. Councillor Herbert pointed out that this had been highlighted in the earlier inspection but no steps to resolve the issue had been taken. The Clerk accepted that he had missed the item and would take steps to resolve the issue.

**There being no further business, the meeting concluded at 9.35pm.**

