

SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL.

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held at 7.30pm in the
Village Hall, Smithy Lane on Monday 2nd March 2020**

PRESENT.

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

Mr G. Fairbrother (Clerk – in attendance)

Councillor Pope and nine members of the public

20/23...APOLOGIES: to receive apologies and approve reasons for absence

Councillor Charles Marshall, Councillor Jane Marshall and Councillor Andrews sent their apologies.

20/24...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 Makin declared a non-pecuniary interest in the planning application in relation to Shaw Hall.

20/25...MINUTES: to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd February 2020.

Following amendment, it was resolved to accept the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 3rd February 2020 and they should be signed by the Chairperson.

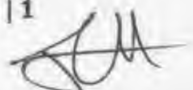
20/26...ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING: to allow a period of public discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 19.32.

Several members of the public raised concerns over the recent planning application by Shaw Hall Caravan Park to create an exit road onto Smithy Lane.

The concerns raised included;

- Widening of the road would impinge on the width of Hurlston Brook (a main river).
- 24/7 access required by United Utilities to maintain the pump equipment site next the Hurlston Brook.
- The potential road safety issues raised by vehicles exiting onto Smithy Lane.
- The cavalier approach taken by the applicant to place signage on property owned by potential objector, without consent.



- The failure to consider the impact upon electrical services and other utilities that run under the existing pathway.
- The impact on noise and additional traffic to the residents of 135 and 129 Smithy Lane.
- The failure to consider the impact on wildlife that inhabit Hurlston Brook. Examples given included water voles, a kingfisher and fish in the brook.

Another resident raised further concerns about the proposed Mushroom Farm development. The resident directed the Council to look at the Ecology report.

The meeting resumed at 8.04pm

20/27...PLANNING APPLICATIONS: To consider applications on the attached list.

Application Number: 2020/0074/FUL

Proposal: Side single storey extension to side (with Mezzanine) to create gym and study area.

Location: 27A Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 9QR

It was resolved to make no objection to this application

Application Number: 2020/0136/FUL

Proposal: New access road from Smithy Lane to Shaw Hall.

Location: Land Adjacent To 135, Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick, Lancashire,

The Council raised concerns over the ownership of the land and the declaration of ownership made by the applicant. The Council asked the Clerk to make the Planning Officer aware of the concerns.

It was resolved to object to this application on the following grounds:

- **Traffic access and safety, including visibility.**
- **Inconsistencies in the plans and actual measurements.**
- **The lack of an Environmental Agency permit.**
- **The lack of a Greenbelt statement**
- **Flooding.**
- **Residents concerns over noise and nuisance.**

Application Number: 2020/0137/FUL

Proposal: Change of use from 37 No. touring caravans to 18 No static caravans.

Location: Shaw Hall Caravan Park, Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 8HJ

It was resolved to object to this application as this represented a substantial change to the infrastructure of the park.

20/28...GRANTS: To consider the grant application from Scarisbrick Village Matters and other applications received this month.

It was resolved to pay a grant of £580 to Scarisbrick Village Matters to aid ongoing printing costs for this year.

20/29....FINANCE: To consider accounts for payment on the attached list and receive the bank reconciliation.

It was resolved to make the following payments;

Payee	Detail	Amount	Authority
G.Fairbrother	Salary	£616.18	LGA 1972, s112 (2)
G.Fairbrother	Expenses	£53.60	LGA 1972, s112 (2)
G.Fairbrother	BT Kiosk purchase	£1	
St Marks Church	Grant	£150	LGA 1972 s137 *
Bescar Lane Methodist church	Grant	£150	LGA 1972 s137 *
Mission of the Good Shepherd	Grant	£150	LGA 1972 s137 *
Friends of Bescar Lane Station	Grant	£100	LGA 1972 s137 *
St Elizabeth Church	Grant	£150	LGA 1972 s137 *

*To aid in the appearance, maintenance and advancement of valued community resources. Expenditure considered proportional to benefits accrued by residents using these facilities.

It was resolved to authorise a payment upto £250 to the Council Credit Card when required and after the agreement of the Chairperson.

It was resolved to reissue the cheque to B+C shelters.

20/30....BEST KEPT VILLAGE: To consider whether to enter the competition.

It was resolved not to enter this year's competition

20/31 ...GARDEN COMPETITION: To consider the plan for this years competition.

It was resolved that Councillor Makin would take the lead on this years competition.

It was resolved to finance the cost of sunflower seeds and envelopes for the sunflower competition.

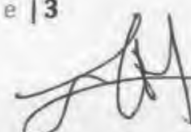
20/32...DATA PROTECTION REGISTRATION: To authorise the payment of the Data Protection Fee and review the current registration.

It was resolved to maintain the registration as it is.

It was resolved to pay the fee of £40

20/33...MEETING SCHEDULE: To agree the meeting schedule for the period April 2020 to March 2021.

The Clerk presented the meeting schedule for the year 2020-21.



20/34...ANNUAL PARISH MEETING: To consider arrangements for the Annual Parish Meeting

It was resolved that the meeting would start at 6.45pm and to invite "Our Lancashire" to speak.

20/35...LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME: To consider whether the Council should enter the scheme.

It was resolved to enter the Local Council award Scheme

20/36...TELEPHONE KIOSK: To consider potential uses and authorise the purchase of a replacement door handle.

The recently purchased telephone kiosk has been added to the Asset Register. The initial inspection indicates that a new handle is required. The Council raised a concern over potential electrical safety. The Clerk stated that the handover documentation had included a declaration that the electricity supply had been disconnected.

A query over the ownership of the kiosk at Smithy Lane was raised. The Clerk will check the records to confirm ownership.

The Council considered possible uses, including a library, defibrillator store, and an information point. The Council decided to ask the community for ideas before making a final decision.

It was resolved to hold of the purchase of a replacement handle.

20/36a.. CLERKS REPORT: (Information only) To note items that will be available at the meeting

20/37...COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS; To receive Councillors reports (for information only) and requests for future agenda items.

Councillor Marshall raised further issues relating to Hillock Lane, including a recent incident where an ambulance could not get through. The Councillor asked if North West Ambulance Service could be asked if they had any difficulties accessing premises on Hillock Lane.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.

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