

SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Scarisbrick Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.**

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**PRESENT:**

Councillor A Blundell (in the Chair)  
Councillor J Marshall  
Councillor G Holcroft  
Councillor N Makin  
Councillor J Herbert  
Councillor S Brake (left the meeting at 8:35pm)  
Councillor K Foulkes  
Councillor A Pickersgill

County Councillor E Pope in attendance (left the meeting at 8:25pm)

Mrs J Smith (Clerk) in attendance.

Three members of the public were present.

**21/142 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received from Councillor C Marshall

**21/143 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None

**21/144 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES:**

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2021.

**21/145 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36pm

A member of the public spoke to complain about the speeding of traffic along Southport Road near to St Marks School and the safety concerns this raises for the school children. He has sustained damage to his property due to vehicles mounting the pavement and has CCTV footage of various incidents. There is an issue on Wednesday evenings when there are motorcyclists travelling at, allegedly, 60 to 90mph on their way into Southport. He has been in contact with the Police but remains concerned that the current situation is an accident waiting to happen with a potentially catastrophic outcome.

Councillor Herbert pointed out that there are 3 approaches to speeding:

Education: Publicity, Notices etc (cheapest),

Engineering: alterations to carriageway etc (expensive)

Enforcement: can be successful over a limited time. However, the majority of speeders may potentially be local residents.

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Proper solutions need to take account of evidence and data so there is a need to collect data possible using SPIDs or, as in other local Councils, use Social media to enable local residents to record local speeding issues.

Councillor Pope advised that Lancashire County Council are in discussion with Police regarding speeding across the whole of Lancashire and are fighting for more fixed speed cameras to be installed to enforce speed limits. There is also an additional speed van operating around Lancashire.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:01pm

**21/146 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: (Councillor Jane Marshall took the Chair)**

The following applications were considered, and the decisions taken as shown:

**REGISTERED PLANNING APPLICATIONS per WLBC validated planning schedules**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Resolution</b>
2021/0915/FUL Response deadline: 10/09/21	Erection of 1no. detached two storey house and 1no. detached bungalow.	Mr Carl Melia	11 Bescar Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 9QN.	Objection. Due to issues with surface water drainage, privacy, noise and parking issues.
2021/0972/FUL Response deadline: 10/09/21	Proposed single storey extension to plot / flat no2	L & C Developments	2 St Elizabeth's House, Clyffes Farm Close, Scarisbrick, Lancashire, L40 9SB.	No Comment
L/2021/0417/A AA DC/2021/01565 WLBC Adjoining Authority Consultation	Erection of a 4 storey building to provide a self storage facility (B8), ancillary and non-ancillary office space (B2), including landscaping works		Land Off Scarisbrick New Road/Southport Road Southport PR8 5HW	For information only
2021/0926/FUL Response deadline: 24/09/21	Single storey rear and side extension with balcony and conversion of garage to cinema room.	Mr Matthew Smith	16 Greenfield Road, Scarisbrick, Southport, Lancashire, PR8 5LX.	Clerk to raise query with WLBC Planning Officer regarding the effect that the garage conversion may have on parking in the area and

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				whether this has been considered. Councillor Marshall to be informed of WLBC response
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Councillor Blundell did listen to the planning deliberations but did not vote on any planning application due to his membership of the WLBC Planning Committee.

**21/147 FINANCE: (Councillor Blundell resumed the Chair)**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

	Payee	Detail	Amount	Authority	Payment Type
1	J Smith	Salary (Sep21)	623.92	LGA 1972, s112 (2)	Standing Order 30/09/21
2	J Smith	Office Expenses/Purchases £64.92 Travel Expenses £34.65 (See claim forms for breakdown)	99.57	LGA 1972, s111 (2)	Electronic
3	PKF Littlejohn LLP	20-21 AGAR Audit Fee	240.00	LGA 1972, s111 (2)	Electronic
4	M Winnard Landscapes	Grasscutting and maintenance services. Invoice 56	490.00	Open Spaces Act 1906, s10	Electronic

The Parish Champion Grant remittance received was noted. This will be included on October meeting agenda with quotes for bench and installation costs.

**21/148 APRIL TO JUNE (QUARTER 1) BANK RECONCILIATION:**

The April to June Bank Reconciliation was noted.

It was resolve to write-off the outdated cheques shown on the reconciliation

**21/149 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY RETURN 2020/21:**

The report of the external auditor was received and it was noted that it gave a clean bill of health to the Council with no further actions are required.

Councillors thanked the Clerk for the work completed to achieve the clean external audit report.

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It was resolved to accept the external auditors report with no subsequent action needed

### **21/150 MILLENNIUM WOOD DEEDS:**

It was resolved to obtain costs of obtaining documents form HM Land Registry before considering the deeds held at the LRO.

Clerk to follow up.

### **21/151 MILLENNIUM WOOD – PROPOSED FRONT ENTRANCE:**

It was resolved to contact LCC regarding the status of the access road to the rear entrance of the Wood to establish responsibility for maintenance. Clerk was requested to raise this with LCC.

This will be included on October agenda along with the quote for the works to create a new front entrance.

### **21/152 RETIREMENT OF FATHER BONIFACE:**

Father Boniface has been at St Elizabeth's for some 30 years during which time he has had an impact on Scarisbrick and been a supporter of the Council.

It was resolved that a letter of thanks and good wishes should be sent to Father Boniface and Councillor Herbert offered to do this.

### **21/153 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE (14<sup>th</sup> November 2021):**

It was resolved to make a £50 donation to the Royal British Legion for a remembrance poppy wreath. Clerk to complete necessary paperwork.

It was resolved to defer the consideration of the arrangements for the Remembrance Sunday Service to the October meeting so that the Covid situation can be included in decisions made.

### **21/154 PLANNING REFORM PROPOSALS:**

Planning reform proposals were discussed and it was considered that they are effectively a developers charter. The proposals would remove local consultation from a large part of the planning process with applications in areas considered to be either 'reserved for growth' or 'renewal' not being subject to local democracy, consultation, or objection.

The Council voted to support the motion passed by the House of Commons as follows:

Scarisbrick Parish Council believes planning works best when developers and the local community work together to shape local areas and deliver necessary new homes; and therefore calls on the Government to protect the right of communities to object to individual planning applications

It was resolved that the Clerk will respond to the letter received from Steve Reed MP to confirm that the Council supports the motion.

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### **21/155 CLIMATE CHANGE:**

It was resolved to invite Tina Iball (Environmental Strategy Officer WLBC) to speak at a future Scarisbrick Parish Council meeting.

Clerk to contact her for details of available dates and include on October meeting agenda.

### **21/156 QUEENS JUBILEE BEACONS:**

It was resolved not to take part in this event.

### **21/157 SPC CHARGE CARD:**

It was resolved to apply for a Unity Corporate Multipay Card for use by the Clerk for small or urgent purchases.

Clerk to complete application and provide supporting information to Unity Bank as required.

### **21/158 CLERKS REPORT:**

- 1) Transfer of Lloyds Deposit Account balances to the new Unity Deposit Accounts is underway. Lloyds accounts will be closed shortly.
- 2) Resident feedback regarding Heaton's Bridge murals passed to LCC. This was mainly positive.
- 3) Cycle bollards – LCC are still completing their consultation with affected residents. Clerk to contact LCC for further clarification.
- 4) LCC have agreed to install additional requested signage on the approaches to the main woodland area of Southport Road which they hope to complete in the next 6 weeks (which should be by the end of September).  
Clerk has responded to LCC with details of locations where deer have been reported.
- 5) SPIDs – Clerk has contacted Alan Cox LCC regarding best sites for SPIDs, types of SPIDs etc. Requested him to visit/meet with Cllr Makin and Clerk. Response received and has been circulated. This will be included on October agenda
- 6) St Mary's Grant Application – Application form sent to M Ormsby for completion, no response received to date.
- 7) Storage at SVH – will be discussed at SVH AGM.

### **21/159 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

Councillor Makin highlighted that there is an issue with dogs off leads on the Hurlston Hall bridleway between Moorfield Lane and Hurlston Hall golf club. There are signs to keep dogs on leads but only at the Southport Road end. Clerk to contact LCC about improving signage.

Councillor Holcroft requested whether the Parish Council could provide financial assistance to the Village Hall to enable the updating of the playground equipment which is becoming outdated and dangerous. Clerk to identify the availability of Section 106 monies and report back to October meeting

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Councillor Herbert reported on work being undertaken by LAL to update the training offered. There is a move towards on-line training and Councillor Herbert is a member of the LALC working group. This is also an opportunity to bring in external speakers and there is a pilot project underway with 4 speakers covering topics such as planning, communication with residents, code of conduct and standards in the sector, and fundraising and grant applications. He advised Councillors to keep an eye on the training opportunities available.

**CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS** - members of the public may be excluded under the provisions of the Public Bodies (admissions to meetings) Act 1960 on the grounds of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

It was resolved to exclude members of the public for this item.

**21/160 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS:** to consider applications for co-option

Applications for co-option were considered and a vote was held in accordance with the Council Co-option Policy and Procedure

It was resolved to offer co-option to Chris Berks

Clerk to advise of the co-option and complete formalities.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:38pm