

SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Scarisbrick Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> October 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 C Marshall  
Councillor A Pickersgill  
Councillor C Berks

Mrs J Smith (Clerk) in attendance.

Two members of the public were present.

The Chairman welcomed the new Councillor to the meeting.

**21/161 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received from Councillor S Brake and Councillor K Foulkes

**21/162 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillor J Marshall declared a personal interest in planning application 2021/0893/LDC.

**21/163 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES:**

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

**21/164 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31pm

Police Sergeant Billy Matthews provide crime statistics for Scarisbrick. Since May 2021 a total of 30 incidents had been reported to the Police. He is aware that speeding is a big issue for Scarisbrick, and the Police are doing work on this around Lancashire with a civilian team who undertake visits to analyse speed and stop drivers.

There is a big drive to get people to sign up with 'Lancashire Talking' and 'In the Know' and the Police have a mobile police station to visit locations to encourage people to do this. They would be willing to bring it to Scarisbrick along with the Games Bus if a suitable date can be arranged.

A member of the public pointed out that neighbourhood policing around Scarisbrick was sorely missed. Sgt Matthews advised that there is a rural taskforce team who are currently involved in marking up farm equipment due to recent GPS thefts.

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Councillor Pickersgill highlighted the issue of speeding bikers down Southport Rd, particularly on Wednesday evenings. Sgt Matthews acknowledged that the Police are aware of this issue, but that all Police operations have been adversely affected by a lack of resources and the Covid pandemic.

Councillor C Marshall highlighted the issue of large groups of cyclists spread out across narrow lanes who are aggressive and abusive when asked to move by motorists. There are HGV, speeding motorist and cyclists all using the same space. Sgt Matthews advised that education is needed and perhaps signage for cyclists would help.

Sgt Matthews acknowledged the need for more regular links between the Police and the Parish Council and that it could be arranged for Officers to attend meetings if they are on duty at the time.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:05pm

### **21/165 SPEEDING AND TRAFFIC ISSUES IN SCARISBRICK:**

There was a discussion covering various aspects of speeding and traffic issues in Scarisbrick. It was acknowledged that this affects the whole Parish and is worsening as surrounding areas (Burscough, Southport) further develop.

There is a need to collect speeding data so that there is hard evidence to provide to LCC and the Road Safety Partnership. Residents need to be encouraged to complain about particular areas so that LCC understand the need for action to be taken such as chicanes, speed cameras etc.

The use of social media, Lancashire Talking, and In the Know need to be promoted to the community as tools for people to use to record their complaints.

The use of SPIDs to collect data on traffic number and speed is a possibility. The LCC Road Safety Officer has offered to visit the Parish and advise on this. Before the visit can take place he has requested details of the location of the SPID mounting plates that are located around Scarisbrick. This is currently being worked on by Councillor J Marshall and Councillor Makin.

There were various surveys carried out on Heatons Bridge Road as part of the Mushroom Farm planning objection which could be potentially be used as evidence.

Air quality monitoring should also be considered. There are WHO limits which, if exceeded, mean that LCC are required to address them.

Burscough Town Council (Traffic Issue Working Group) have recently circulated local Parishes regarding traffic issues and asked if other Parish Councils would be willing to work together with Burscough Town Council on joint Traffic Issues.

It was resolved that:

- a) The Council Speeding Working Group be expanded. Councillor Berks and Councillor Herbert will join Councillor Makin and the Clerk.

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- b) The Clerk to investigate having a dedicated Scarisbrick Parish Council face book page to use as a means of informing the local community and also as a means of collecting data (possibly via Survey Monkey) and report back to November meeting.
- c) The Council would be pleased to work together with Burscough Town Council on joint traffic issues. Clerk to advise Burscough Town Council.
- d) The offer from the Police to visit Scarisbrick with the mobile police station and the Games Bus be further considered at the November meeting in terms of logistics and dates.

**21/166 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: (Councillor Jane Marshall took the Chair)**

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

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Resolution</b>
2021/0926/FUL Response deadline: 24/09/21 Extension to deadline granted to after 04/10/21 See note 1 below	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.	Abstained from making a resolution
2021/1055/FUL Response deadline: 08/10/21	Demolish existing bungalow and replace with detached dwelling	Mr Blundell	Sunny View, 7 Bullens Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire.	Abstained from making a resolution
2021/1061/FUL Response deadline: 08/10/21	Replacement of existing attached garage with new larger attached garage	Mr Thomas Foy	13 Woodmoss Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 9RJ.	Abstained from making a resolution
2021/0893/LDC Response deadline: 08/10/21	Certificate of Lawfulness - Use of the barn is divided into two halves with the back half (furthest from Wyke Lane) rented by Mr C M Griffin from where he runs his engineering business: fabrication, engineering,	John Gordon Culshaw	Pool Hey Farm, Pool Hey Lane, Scarisbrick, Southport, Lancashire.	For information only – noted.

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	vehicle and machinery repairs, and the front half (closest to Wyke Lane) is used as the farm workshop and for the storage of farm equipment.			
LCC/2021/0045 See Lancashire County Council details below	County Matter - Retrospective change of use of HGV haulage yard to waste recycling (skips)	Mr D Bolton	410 Southport Road, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 9RE.	Objection – due to the effect on residential amenities due to the change of use from HGV haulage yard to waste recycling (skips)

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.

**21/167 FINANCE: (Councillor Blundell resumed the Chair)**

It was resolved to pay the following accounts:

	Payee	Detail	Amount	Authority	Payment Type
1	J Smith	Salary (Oct 21)	623.92	LGA 1972, s112 (2)	Standing Order 31/10/21
2	HMRC	PAYE/NI (Jul to Sep – 2 <sup>ND</sup> Quarter)	485.07	LGA 1972, s112 (2)	Electronic
3	J Smith	PAYG Top Up	25.00	LGA 1972, s111 (2)	Electronic
4	J Smith	Royal British Legion – Poppy Wreath donation	50.00	LGA 1972, S137 (see * below)	Electronic
5	J Smith	MS365 Subscription 02/08/21 to 01/09/21	18.12	LGA 1972, s111 (2)	Electronic

\*This expenditure facilitates the community's wish to remember the Fallen of the Parish and the Council considers the expenditure to be proportionate to the benefit thereby accrued.

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**21/168 PARISH CHAMPION GRANT AWARD:**

The Parish Council applied for a grant of £325 towards the purchase of a new bench to be located at Bullens Lane. The application was successful and £300 has now been received (i.e., £25 less than application). The Parish Council have agreed to contribute £200 to this as part of the application.

However, although a quote has been requested the installation (fixing down) costs are not yet known

It was resolved to order a Hyde Park Bench for £445 (exc VAT). There is a 14-week delivery time on this item so arrangements and costs for fixing down will be in place before delivery.

**21/169 WLBC S106 MONIES:**

There was discussion regarding the SVH playground equipment and whether SPC or SVH should be the funding applicant (with either organisation assisting the other). Clerk was requested to make enquiries with WLBC regarding this

It was resolved to complete the WLBC pro-forma to establish that the requirements of the S106 funding can be met before commencing the preparation of further detailed bid paperwork. Clerk to complete pro-forma and discuss with WLBC as needed.

**21/170 MILLENNIUM WOOD DEEDS:**

It was resolved to obtain copies of the title deeds held by HM Land Registry at a cost of £29.95. Clerk to action this.

**21/171 MILLENNIUM WOOD ACCESS ROAD (aka WHOLESOME LANE):**

WLBC have confirmed that Wholesome Lane is an adopted unclassified road which mean that they are responsible. They have advised that any potholes etc should be reported via the LCC website.

It was resolved that the Clerk should inspect the condition of Wholesome Lane and request repairs as appropriate.

**21/172 MILLENNIUM WOOD – PROPOSED FRONT ENTRANCE RISK ASSESSMENT:**

Due to the concerns raised it was agreed that there is a need for an independent risk assessment to be carried out prior to any further consideration of the proposed front entrance.

The Clerk provided details of an initial quote received and Councillors requested that, to comply with Financial Regulations, a further quote be obtained

It was resolved that the Clerk should go ahead with arranging the risk assessment based on the lowest of the two quotes.

**21/173 REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE (14<sup>th</sup> November 2021):**

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As agreed with Councillor Blundell, Councillor Herbert and the Clerk have arranged to meet the local Clergy on 8<sup>th</sup> October 2021 to discuss the Service to be held at the Scarisbrick Village Hall. Covid contingency measures will also be discussed and it is likely that the service will be held outdoors.

It was resolved that the Clerk will provide an email update to Councillors after the 8<sup>th</sup> October meeting

### **21/174 MOORFIELD LANE/HURLSTON GOLF CLUB BRIDLEWAY – DOG ISSUE:**

It was resolved that Councillor Holcroft and Councillor C Marshall will contact the landowner of the bridleway to discuss the need for additional signage.

### **21/175 USE OF SVH STORAGE FOR SPC ARCHIVE PURPOSES:**

It was resolved that the SVH storage facility be used for Council archive purposes etc subject to confirmation from insurers that any items stored are covered by existing insurance arrangements. Clerk to contact insurers.

### **21/176 CLERKS REPORT:**

The contents of the Clerks report were noted.

Turning Lane Cyle Bollards will be included on the November agenda.

Councillor J Marshall will provide Clerk with details of the location of SPID mounting plates for passing on the Alan Cox LCC so that his visit can be arranged.

April to September accounts/budget report will be circulated to Councillors during October and included on November agenda for discussion.

### **21/177 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

Councillor C Marshall raised the issue of vegetation encroaching onto the pavement close to Swan Close. He was informed of the reporting facility on the LCC website.

Councillor Holcroft requested details of road sweeping and whether it would be possible for the Village Hall car park to be swept. Clerk to provide details of LCC contact.

Councillor C Marshall raised the issue of road safety at the junction of Martin Lane and Drummersdale Lane. This will be included on the November agenda.

Councillor J Marshall was concerned about the Scarisbrick Civic Service. This is planned to take place in May 2022 and will be included on a future agenda.

Councillor Herbert raised concerns regarding the need to commence some of the planned SPC projects around climate change issues such as tree planting and the purchase of flood equipment. This will be included on the November agenda.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9:30pm