

SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Scarisbrick Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March 2022.**

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**PRESENT:**

Councillor A Blundell (in the Chair)  
Councillor J Marshall  
Councillor N Makin  
Councillor J Herbert  
Councillor C Marshall  
Councillor C Berks

Mrs J Smith (Clerk) in attendance

There were no members of the public present.

**22/052 APOLOGIES AND REASONS FOR ABSENCE:**

Apologies were received from Councillor A Pickersgill, Councillor G Holcroft, and Councillor S Brake

**22/053 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

Councillor A Blundell declared a pecuniary interest in planning application 2022/0112/FUL.

**22/054 CONFIRMATION OF THE MINUTES:**

It was resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022.

**22/055 ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:**

The meeting was not adjourned

**22/056 PLANNING APPLICATIONS: (Councillor A Blundell left the meeting and Councillor J Marshall took the Chair)**

<b>Reference</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Resolution</b>
2021/1300/FUL Response deadline (amended proposal) 24/02/22. Extension granted by WLBC – comments by 8 <sup>th</sup> March <b>See Note 1 below</b>	Retrospective planning application for the erection of an extension to an existing timber stable block comprising of one additional stable box, a covered groom area and a rug /feed room and hardstanding. Straw store to rear.	Mr Keith Chapman	Vicarage Barn, Southport Road, Scarisbrick	<b>Objection.</b> Undue impact on openness of the greenbelt. Impact on the Pinfold Conservation area which is an area of important open space

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2022/0076/FUL Response deadline: 11/03/22	Proposed new dropped kerb and pavement crossing to form new drive including matching stone gate posts	Mr Carl Abols	460 Southport Road, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 9RF	<b>No Comment</b>
2022/0112/FUL Response deadline: 11/03/22	Two storey side extension	Mr Alex Blundell	80 Jacksmere Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 9RS.	<b>No objection</b>
2022/0121/FUL Response deadline: 11/03/22	Demolition of existing conservatory and out-building. Construction of a single storey rear extension, 3m from the existing rear wall.	Mr Paul Crouch	154A Smithy Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 8HW	<b>No comment</b>
2022/0075/FUL Response deadline: 18/03/22	Retrospective application for the retention of containers resited and for the installation of 2 additional containers	Mr Wright	Smithy Nook Farm, Drummersdale Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire	<b>No objection</b>

Note 1: 2021/1300/FUL was considered at SPC January meeting where it was resolved to object to the application as follows: *This development has been commenced, and is continuing, without planning permission. There is a detrimental effect to the openness of the area.* There has been an amendment to the proposal (on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022) on which local residents have been re-notified which needs further consideration by the Council.

**22/057 BRITISH RED CROSS UKRAINE CRISIS APPEAL: (Councillor Blundell resumed the Chair)**

There was a discussion regarding the humanitarian crisis in the Ukraine and the number of refugees expected to increase to 4 million. It is the biggest human exodus since WW2 and will add to the global pandemic in Europe. £100 will provide 2 families with emergency rations for a month.

**It was resolved to contribute £500 to the Red Cross Ukraine Appeal.**

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**22/058 FINANCE:**

**It was resolved to pay the following accounts:**

	<b>Payee</b>	<b>Detail</b>	<b>Amount £ (inc VAT where applicable)</b>	<b>Authority</b>	<b>Payment Type</b>
1	J Smith	Salary (Mar 22)	623.92	LGA 1972, s112 (2)	Standing Order 31/03/22
2	J Smith	MS365 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan to 1st Feb £18.12 MS365 2 <sup>nd</sup> Feb to 1 <sup>st</sup> Mar £18.12 PAYG Top up £25.00 Travel Exps Dec to Mar £19.80	81.04	LGA 1972, s111(2)	Electronic
3	K Isaaks (Smartwheelie.co.uk)	Wheelie Bin Speed Stickers. Inv 220210.14	934.00	LGA 1972, s111 (2)	Electronic
4	Scarisbrick Village Hall	Hire of Hall Oct 21 to Dec 21. Inv 119 £96.00 Hire of Hall Jan 22 to Mar 22 Inv 124 £96.00	192.00	LGA 1972, s111 (1)	Electronic
5 *	British Red Cross	Ukrainian Crisis Appeal donation	500.00	LGA 1972, s137	Cheque
6*	Dash UK	530 Platinum Jubilee Mugs. Inv 17761	1685.40	LGA 1972,s137	Electronic
7*	PPO Packaging	Eco Postal Bags. Inv 548373	86.39	LGA 1972, s111 (2)	Electronic

\* NB This item is included subject to consideration at agenda item 22/057

\* NB Items 5 and 6 were approved for purchase at the SPC February meeting and required payment in advance before the goods could be manufactured/despatched. They have been included on the March Finance List for completeness but are included on the February Bank Statement.

**22/059 QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATION:**

The Council was informed that a Scarisbrick celebration will not be taking place and, therefore, funding would not be required.

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### **22/060 SPC WORKING GROUPS PROGRESS REPORTS:**

#### **ROAD TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP:**

Meeting minutes were noted.

The distribution of speed stickers to the initial planned addresses has progressed well. The distribution will continue during March to deliver to all properties on Southport Road (30mph and 40mph areas). All remaining stickers will be brought to the April meeting so that further distribution can be planned.

Councillor Herbert provided a verbal update on SPID proposal progress. There has been a lack of response from Lancashire County Council (LCC) and this has stalled progress significantly as all available options revolve around their response.

The revenue cost to charge and move battery operated SPIDs is approx £5k per year. The capital costs of solar SPIDs will be increased but should reduce revenue costs by approx. 50%.

At the time that LCC attended for a site visit there was not a problem with the existing SPIDs or columns as the initial intention was to instal battery operated SPIDS. Although these are still an option the current proposal is for solar SPIDS which, although costlier to purchase, will require less intervention as charging will not be regularly required. However, solar powered SPIDs are heavier and more wind resistant than battery SPIDs which means that the existing columns are not suitable.

LCC have been asked to advise on the installation of stronger columns and their response is now urgently required so that progress can be made.

**It was resolved that Councillor Makin and Councillor Herbert contact LCC to seek their response. Councillor J Marshall will contact the LCC portfolio holder to request assistance.**

#### **MILLENNIUM WOOD WORKING GROUP**

Meeting minutes were noted. It was also noted that a quotation for groundworks required to the entrance at the rear of the Wood to make disabled access possible is awaited.

The discussion continued into the following agenda item.

#### **22/061 MILLENNIUM WOOD – VANDALISM:**

There was further discussion concerning the recent vandalism of the kissing gate and its replacement, by persons unknown, with a completely unsuitable metal farm type gate which is hanging open and permitting access to horses, cyclists, and motor bikes. The Wood is for pedestrian access only but is now open to all.

The matter has been reported to the police and a crime reference number obtained. The insurance company has been contacted and their response is awaited.

**It was resolved that:**

**Pedestrian access to Millennium Wood should be continued**

**Clerk to obtain a quotation for new metal fencing across the rear boundary of the Wood and a new metal kissing gate be obtained to restore pedestrian only access. This should**

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**also include a disabled access option that can be operated with an appropriate radar key.**

**Clerk to arrange for signage to be installed stating no horses, no bicycles and no motorbikes are permitted in the Woods and that dogs must be kept on a lead.**

### **22/062 PENSIONS POLICY:**

**It was resolved to approve the Pensions Policy.  
Clerk to take necessary actions**

### **22/063 FLOOD EQUIPMENT SHOPPING LIST:**

Enquiries had been made regarding potential storage areas for flood equipment but some responses are outstanding. The proposed high security storage sheds will require to be delivered directly to site for installation.

**It was resolved that responses be chased up and that this will be included on the SPC April agenda**

### **22/064 SPC FACEBOOK:**

Councillor Berks advised that the SPC Facebook page is now up and running and that there needed to be a unified approach to content.

The Facebook can be linked to the SPC website and news items could be placed on Facebook rather than the website.

**It was resolved that Councillors should join the Facebook group so they can be elevated to administrators and able to post content.**

### **22/065 MERSCAR/DRUMMERSDALE JUNCTION:**

The response received from LCC Highways was discussed. LCC strategy is to target locations where there can be a demonstrable impact on reducing casualty figures. They do not attempt to prevent accidents before they happen.

**It was resolved that Councillor C Marshall will respond to LCC Highways with concerns about the lack of signage at the junction.**

### **22/066 2022 CIVIC SERVICE:**

Rev Heaney has suggested Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2022 (which is the beginning of Christian Aid Week) for the Civic Service to be held at St Marks. There will be a brass band in attendance and the collection could support Christian Aid.

**It was resolved that the suggested date be accepted, and that the Council would support the refreshments in the sum of £150.**

**Clerk to contact Rev Heaney and also to send out invitations to West Lancashire Parish Council chairpersons, the Mayor, and other local organisations (Councillors to provide further details to assist with this)**

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**22/067 2022 SCARISBRICK GARDENING COMPETITION:**

Councillor Makin advised that she is working on this and will provide further information at the SPC April meeting.

**It was resolved that this item should be included on the SPC April meeting agenda**

**22/068 S106 SVH PROPOSED PLAYGROUND RESIDENT CONSULTATION:**

It was resolved that the consultation should be uploaded to the SPC Facebook page and displayed on parish noticeboards so that the views of residents could be taken into consideration if S106 funding is made available.

**22/069 SPC CREDIT/CHARGE CARD APPLICATION:**

**It was resolved to suspend the application and that the Clerk should investigate alternative options.**

**22/070 CLERKS REPORT: FOR INFORMATION:**

The Clerk's report was noted.

**22/071 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:**

Councillor J Marshall requested that internal audit arrangements for the 2022/23 financial year be included on April agenda.

Councillor J Marshall advised that the SVM magazine is planned to be published in the Summer.

Councillor C Berks advised that the old phone box on Smithy Lane is available to purchase.

**CLOSURE OF MEETING:** The Chair closed the meeting at 9:39pm