

SCARISBRICK PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held in the Scarisbrick Village Hall at 7.30pm on Monday 13th June 2022.

PRESENT:

Councillor J Herbert (in the Chair)
Councillor A Blundell
Councillor J Marshall
Councillor N Makin
Councillor C Berks
Councillor S Brake (left at 9:30pm)

County Councillor Eddie Pope (left at 9:00pm)

Mrs J Smith (Clerk) in attendance

There were 5 members of the public present

22/114 APOLOGIES:

Apologies were received from Cllr C Marshall and Cllr A Pickersgill. The reasons for absence were accepted.

Apologies were also received from County Councillor David O'Toole.

22/115 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest.

22/116 MINUTES:

It was resolved that:

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 9th May 2022 were a true record and should be signed by the Chairman

22/117a ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32pm.

A member of the public raised concerns regarding planning control breaches at the Mushroom Factory site. The land has been ripped up, and hardcore laid. The site line and entrance is different to that shown in the plans and HGVs are driving over the kerb and damaging the footpath. Trees have been cut down although the planning permission stated that this must not be done whilst birds are nesting- he has seen birds flying out of the trees when they were cut down.

A member of the public spoke about the horrific speed that traffic is going down Southport Road and that a greater Police presence is needed with more speed enforcement. He was

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informed that the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Andy Pratt will be attending a future SPC meeting and requested to be informed when this has been arranged.

The meeting resumed at 7:54pm.

22/118 PLANNING:

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

Reference	Details	Applicant	Address	Resolution
2022/0412/FUL Response deadline: 03/06/22 Extension granted: Response required asap after 13/06/22	Application to provide a covered space for additional seating to the front of the existing restaurant and a new accessible WC to the rear of the building	Mr Jim Sines	Master McGraths, 535 Southport Road, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lanc	No objection
2022/0413/LDC Response deadline: 03/06/22	Certificate of Lawfulness - Office building measuring 21.00 x 8.20 x 3.25m and ramp access	Broadley Development s Ltd	Lancashire County Engineering Services, Council Depot, Bescar Brow Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk.	For information only
2022/0443/FUL Response deadline: 10/06/22 Extension granted: Response required asap after 13/06/22	Erection of 4no 3B5P houses with associated landscaping and parking	VGCD Ltd	Land To The East of Vincents Garden Centre, Southport Road, Scarisbrick, Lancashire.	No comment
2022/0518/PIP Response deadline: 10/06/22	Permission in Principle - Proposed re-use and alteration of an agricultural building to form a single dwellinghouse with associated garden and parking.	Mr And Mrs Pratt	Former Sprout Barn, Asmall House Farm, Asmall Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk	For information only

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2022/0528/ADV Response deadline: 24/06/22	Smile Showroom illuminated signage (approx 4700mm x 635mm x 60mm).	Dr Jamshaid Mansoor	330A Southport Road, Scarisbrick, Preston, Lancashire, PR8 5LF.	No comment
2022/0547/FUL Response deadline: 24/06/22	Single Storey Extension to the Rear	Dr Tiberiu Bontea	91A Hall Road, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 9QB.	No objection
2022/0387/FUL Response deadline: 01/07/22	Erection of building for storage of equipment used in connection with the forestry operations (retrospective)	Mr Michael Williams	Land Adjacent to Panorama, Drummersdale Lane, Scarisbrick, Lancashire,	<i>Objection: Under the Town and Country Planning Act GPDO 2015 buildings to support forestry are permitted development. However, this does not allow for engineering works (ie access roads). Planning permission has not been granted for the access road and this exits onto Drummersdale Lane on a bend with no sight line and is not the required 25m from a classified road.</i>
2022/0569/FUL Response deadline: 01/07/22	Single storey rear extension	Mr and Mrs Ashall	24 Moorfield Lane, Scarisbrick, Ormskirk, Lancashire, L40 8JD.	No objection

b) Complaints received regarding the construction of the Mushroom Factory

The complaints received from residents were discussed these relate to the following issues:

- Access to the site is in the wrong place
- Obligation to create a swept path radii for HGVs to avoid crossing central white line on B5242 has not been fulfilled

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- No dropped kerb and HGVs are running over the pavement
- Utilities are not far below the surface of the pavement
- Construction management plan approved by WLBC requires that no tree felling should take place March to August – but trees have been felled

It was unanimously resolved that:

The Parish Council object to the Enforcement Officer at WLBC.

22/117a ADJOURNMENT OF THE MEETING:

Due to the late arrival of Inspector John Bent, Lancashire Police the meeting was adjourned, immediately following agenda item 22/118, at 8:13pm.

Insp Bent gave an overview of policing in Scarisbrick. Moving forward the Police are keen to attend SPC meetings, probably on a quarterly basis, in order to build a stronger relationship. He advised that the local force that covers Scarisbrick has 6 CBMs and 13 PCSOs but that these also cover the South Lancashire area (including Ormskirk and Edge Hill).

The biggest complaint from residents is speeding and there are 4,700 miles of roads in Lancashire. Police have moved away from gatso cameras to portable equipment and average speed cameras (which work well on major road but not rural lanes).

The Police requested to be provided with the dates of SPC meetings to enable them to plan their attendance.

The meeting resumed at 8:55pm.

Councillors agreed to extend the meeting to 9:45pm

22/119 SPC WORKING GROUPS PROGRESS REPORTS:

a) ROAD TRAFFIC WORKING GROUP:

Cllr Makin provided an update of the current situation and the expenditure required to bring the project to completion.

b) MILLENNIUM WOOD WORKING GROUP:

Cllr Berks provided an update on the quotations received and the expenditure required to complete the planned works.

It was resolved to:

Confirm the revised SPID column locations

Award the SPID supply contract to Elan City re Evolis units without competition in accordance with para 11/1 (d) of Financial Regulations for the reasons discussed, providing that the updated quotation falls within 5 to 10% of the outdated quotation of £5,983.

Award the works contract (for installation of bespoke columns etc) to LCC without competition as per para 11/1(d) of Financial Regulations for the reasons discussed.

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Pay LCC in advance for works as discussed.

Award the contract for the works at Millennium Wood to A Tattersall Ltd

Fund the works at Millennium Wood from the Council's CIL allocation

22/120 SUBSCRIPTION RENEWALS 2022/23:

It was resolved to:

Renew the subscriptions to Communicorp and MS365.

22/121 GRANT APPLICATIONS:

It was resolved to award grants as follows:

Friends of Bescar Lane Station £100
St Marks Church £150
Good Shepherd Mission £150

22/122 FINANCE:

a) It was resolved to approve the following accounts for payment:

	Payee	Detail	Amount Payable £ (inc VAT where applicable)	Authority	Payment Type
1		The scheduled payment of the Clerk's salary as per contract of employment for June 22.		LGA 1972, s112 (2)	Electronic
2	J Smith	MS365 subscription 2 nd May to 1 st June. Inv E0200ITGXD	18.12	LGA 1972, s111 (2)	Electronic
3	HMRC	PAYE/NI for Apr 22 to Jun 22	585.57	LGA 1972, s112 (2)	Electronic
4	Communicorp <i>(approved at agenda item 22/120)</i>	Subscription renewal to Clerks and Councils Direct	100.00	LGA 1972, s111 (2)	Electronic
5	Friends of Bescar Lane Station <i>(approved at agenda item 22/121)</i>	Parish Council Grant	100.00	LGA 1972, s137	Electronic
6	St Marks Church	Parish Council Grant	150.00	LGA 1972, s214	Electronic

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	<i>(approved at agenda item 22/121)</i>				
7	Mission of the Good Shepherd <i>(approved at agenda item 22/121)</i>	Parish Council Grant	150.00	LGA 1972, s137	Electronic

Parish Council Grants are to aid the appearance, maintenance, and advancement of valued community resources. Expenditure is considered proportional to the benefits accrued by residents using these facilities.

b) Remittances Received:

May 2022 £3580.65 WLBC CIL – St Elizabeth’s Centre

June 2022 £1408.50 WLBC Concurrent Grant (1st instalment)

22/123 PAYROLL STANDING ORDER AND DISCLOSURES:

It was resolved to:

Reinstate the monthly salary standing order with effect from July 2022 and to amend the disclosures in the minutes.

22/124 TURNING LANE SEATING BENCH:

The Turning Lane seating bench is in poor condition and a local resident has requested that it be removed to discourage habitual drinking and littering etc that is taking place in the evenings. This complaint has been taken up by the local MP and has been passed to the Police.

Removal of the bench would simply take the problem elsewhere and inconvenience legitimate users of the bench which is at a bus stop used by visitors to the Southport Crematorium.

It was resolved that:

The bench be repaired and a quotation should be obtained

WLBC (as a litter authority) be contacted regarding the littering and the possibility of installing a bin with an offer from the Council to part fund this.

Posters regarding NOX misuse should be obtained for putting in the bus stop noticeboard. Clerk to action.

The Council write to the local MP and the complainant to advise them of the decision

22/125 SCARISBRICK GARDENING COMPETITION 2022:

Cllr Makin advised that the competition had been advertised across social media, in the Church magazine and on noticeboards.

22/126 SCARECROW COMPETITION:

Cllr Berks proposed that the scarecrow competition be restarted in 2023 and possibly run in conjunction with the Gardening Competition. This would enable more detailed planning to be completed.

It was resolved that:

The Scarecrow Competition be included on January 2023 SPC agenda

22/127 BANK RECONCILIATION VERIFICATION:

The Clerk advised that Cllr Pickersgill has agreed to be nominated for this role in his absence.

It was resolved that:

Cllr Pickersgill will undertake quarterly verifications in accordance with the agreed protocol.

22/128 REGISTER OF INTERESTS UPDATE:

Councillors provided updated Register of Interests Forms which will be provided to WLBC.

22/129 LANCASHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL – PARISH AND TOWN COUNCIL CHARTER:

The following points were noted regarding the Charter:

- There is no direct access to LCC Officers
- Parish Councils are directed to the same reporting platforms as the general public which does not give any expedited access or recognition of the status of Parish Councils
- There are funding opportunities signposted but no undertaking that Parish Champion Grant funding will continue
- The Charter included good County Councillor support mechanisms.

It was resolved that:

The Clerk highlight these points to WLBC

22/130 WLBC CITIZEN AND STAKEHOLDER SURVEY:

The following important areas/issues were identified as being omitted from the survey:

- Litter collections and the supply of receptacles

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- Superfast broadband roll-out to rural communities
- Public transport
- Impact of planning decisions on local infrastructure
- Apparent underfunding of planning enforcement
- Measures to address substance misuse in rural parishes
- Need to maintain grant provision to parish councils
- Lack of investment in sport and recreational facilities in rural parishes

It was resolved that:

The Clerk respond to WLBC with these points by the deadline of 7th July 2022.

22/131 FLOOD EQUIPMENT STORAGE:

It was resolved to:

Defer this item to July meeting

22/132 INTERNET AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS:

It was resolved to:

Defer this item to July meeting

22/133 CLERKS REPORT: FOR INFORMATION

22/134 COUNCILLORS REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS:

There were none

Agenda item 22/135 includes exempt information in accordance with Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It was 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 about to be transacted, the public and press be temporarily excluded from this meeting and they were instructed to withdraw.

22/135 CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLORS:

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

It was resolved to offer co-option to the following applicants:

Stephen Roberts

Mike Wood

Clerk to advise them of their co-option and complete formalities.

CLOSURE OF MEETING: The Chair closed the meeting at 9:45pm.