

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SCAWBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6th OCTOBER 2021 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

In the Chair : : Cllr J Frost,

Also present: Cllr T Barker, Cllr N Askew, Cllr Mrs G Siddall, Cllr Mrs M Keyworth, Cllr M Russell, Cllr R Holmes, Cllr J Chamberlain, Cllr S Kemp, Cllr R Johnson, Cllr Mrs T Powell, Cllr D Gibson.

In attendance: Cllr T Foster. Mrs K Pickering – Clerk.
3 members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM – No matters raised.

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr R T Matthews, Cllr N Poole, Cllr J England.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** Cllr J Chamberlain – Item 8(iii) - personal, Cllr T Powell – Item 5(b) - personal, Cllr G Siddall – Item 11(iii) - personal, Cllr S Kemp – Item 11(xiii) – personal.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st SEPTEMBER 2021**

IT WAS RESOLVED with 2 abstentions to adopt the minutes of the monthly parish council meeting held on 1st September 2021 and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes.

4. **CLERKS UPDATES OR REPORTS**

i) Dog/litter bins – N.L.C are considering all the areas requested for bins and will advise the parish council as soon as possible. Clerk has contacted N.L.C again to press for these bins to be considered.

ii) Councillor vacancy – The vacancy for a parish councillor has been advertised with a closing date of 25th October 2021 – the vacancy will be discussed at the November parish council meeting.

iii) Footpath – school to Sturton crossroads – The hedge further along (Sturton side) has been cut back, the hedge school side of the crossroads still requires cutting back and the footpath scraped back.

5. **PLANNING** - Opportunity for one person from each side to state, within 3 minutes, objections/support of contested applications.

a) Application PA/2021/1622 – Application for determination of the requirement for prior approval for an agricultural storage building – Home Farm Grain Store, Sturton lane, Scawby.

IT WAS RESOLVED to report **NO OBJECTIONS OR COMMENTS.**

b) Application PA/2021/1542 – Planning permission to demolish current dwelling and erect a new dwelling – Poachers Rest, Station Road, Sturton.

IT WAS RESOLVED to report **NO OBJECTIONS OR COMMENTS.**

c) Application PA/2021/1620 – Application for determination of the requirement for prior approval for an agricultural general purpose storage building – Station House, Station Road, Sturton.

IT WAS RESOLVED to report **NO OBJECTIONS OR COMMENTS.**

d) Application PA/2021/1540 – Planning permission to alter position of the proposed garage – plot 2, adjacent 4 Messingham lane, Scawby.

IT WAS RESOLVED to report **NO OBJECTIONS OR COMMENTS**.

6. REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS/CLERK :

i) Cllr Mrs Keyworth – ERNLLCA training on Equality, inclusion and diversity.

It was suggested that Scawby Parish Council adopts an Equality, inclusion and diversity policy. This training advised that councillors consider the people within the parish – is the parish council representative of the parish and is the parish council fully inclusive? It was suggested that the parish council holds a ‘meet your councillor’ event – it was agreed that this should be given some thought and an informal evening arranged.

ii) Cllr R Holmes attended the ERNLLCA AGM where the new president – Terry Cooper was elected. A presentation of the financial position of ERNLLCA was presented and the organisation is in a healthy financial position.

Three resolutions were put forward at the AGM relating to surface water flooding and planning conditions, the 3 day meeting notice rule and HGV’s decimating villages. All 3 resolutions were approved to be sent forward to NALC for further consideration.

iii) Cllr T Barker attended the NATS meeting. Representatives from N.L.C planning department had been invited to attend to discuss flooding issues within North Lincolnshire but did not attend. It was reported that crime statistics were slightly on the increase in the region but anti social behaviour problems have decreased. There is a problem with quad bikes trespassing into agricultural fields – instances of this can be reported on the community alert website. A discussion took place regarding the reduced number of community speed watch site locations available to monitor from due to the safer roads camera van taking precedence on certain locations. The priorities for NATS in the Ridge Ward are HGV’s, Quad bikes and dyke cleaning. The next NATS meeting is scheduled for 5/1/22.

iv) Cllr Frost attended a skype meeting with KCOM. Unfortunately the company who KCOM source the reinstatement work out to are not undertaking the work well enough with many grass verges not being properly reinstated. KCOM have offered the parish council a £1000 community grant which if accepted could be used to refurbish the village benches/seats. Cllr Holmes advised Cllr Frost that a resident would like someone to look at the problems created by KCOM in Scawby Brook. These matters have been reported to N.L.C but no one will investigate.

v) Cllr Frost and Cllr Barker, along with Andy Sissons, attended a meeting with representatives of the Church to discuss the maintenance and mowing of the churchyard. The Church representatives are determined to create a ‘re-wilding’ area in the churchyard, which will take some time to become established. The area cannot be mowed for quite a considerable period until the ‘re-wilding’ has become established and therefore mowing by A Sissons will not take place before June/July/August of next year. There will then, obviously, be a great deal of grass mowings to dispose of which may prove costly and problematic. Cllr Barker felt that the parish council should support the Church in this initiative however this ‘re-wilding’ will create problems and other considerations which the parish council may be concerned about. Cllr Barker felt that it was very important that the Church representatives make very clear to residents of their plans for the churchyard.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- ERNLLCA/NALC – various information emails and training courses
- Kirton in Lindsey Town Council – Civic Service - 10th October 2021
- Letter from residents of Sturton opposing the proposed development on Main Street Sturton.
- Email from resident requesting further litter bins on the playing fields.
- Email from resident advising of a trip hazard (and fall) on Messingham Lane/Vicarage lane, Scawby
- Community Speed watch – request for return of equipment if group no longer active.
- Quotation for new flower bed at the Rookery.
- Email from website manager regarding Adobe flash Player(no longer supported).

8. FINANCE

i) Accounts to pay and income received.

PAYEE	CHEQUE NO'	AMOUNT
NBB Recycled Furniture	BACS	1324.80
Charles Lawrence Tennis Courts (MUGA)	BACS	59,844.00
Clerk - Salary - September	BACS	608.83
Clerk - Expenses :		
Stationery//photocopying –14.34		
Stamps - 11.05		
Travel – 30miles x 65p = 19.50		
TOTAL EXPENSES	BACS	44.89
Sissons Gardening Services (Monthly payment – September)	BACS	587.02
Barton Mowing Services	BACS	588.00
Scawby Village hall – rent (Six months)	BACS	90.00
A Sissons – verge mowing and hedge	BACS	1,906.00
Charles Lawrence Tennis Courts (Line marking)	BACS	1,200.00
N.L.C – Playground inspection/bins	BACS	2,116.80
Xero	DD	28.80
Total Gas and Power - Pavilion	DD	28.01
Opus Energy – War memorial at playing field.	DD	5.88

The accounts for payment were proposed by Cllr D Gibson and seconded by Cllr T Barker and unanimously agreed.

INCOME RECEIVED : September: R J Coleman-£250, Pepperells-£250, Playing field hire - £40.00

The Clerk advised that as the payment from N.L.C for the community grant had been delayed £8,000 from the reserve account would be transferred into the current account to ensure the parish councils cash flow remained fluid.

- ii. The financial statement – The financial statement for the new financial year was discussed and transactions noted. Variances to the budget were noted and it was also noted that there would be substantial VAT to reclaim from the MUGA invoice.
- iii. To give consideration to the request for financial assistance from Scawby WI – information circulated.

A discussion took place regarding the publication the WI intend to put together regarding life in lockdown. It was suggested that it might be nice if this publication could be made available to all residents of the village – not just WI members – and a charge be made for the booklet. Cllr Powell also suggested that consideration should be given to having the booklet made available as a free download. Councillors concluded that if the parish council were to help financially with this publication they would like it to be made available to all residents of the village. Cllr Mrs Chamberlain will ask the WI for more information and perhaps ask a representative of the WI to attend a PC meeting.

9. POLICE MATTERS

i) New Police matters: Cllr Barker has reported to the Police a suspicious car in the village in the early morning. Cllr Johnson advised the meeting of an overturned car in the dyke on Gainsborough lane. Various cars in the village hall car park and village have had eggs thrown at them. It was noted that there has been cannabis use in the dugout on the playing field – councillors to be aware and vigilant on this matter. Cllr Mrs Keyworth advised the meeting that a house sign ‘Pippins’ she had recently put up to the entrance to her home has been stolen. This house sign has sentimental value and Cllr Mrs Keyworth would be very grateful if it could be returned if found within the village. Cllr Gibson advised the meeting of traffic using Sturton lane as a thoroughfare - a driver of a large van, travelling at speed, was stopped by residents who advised that his satnav had directed him onto the ‘no through’ road.

10. NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL HIGHWAYS MATTERS

i. To receive reports from Ridge Ward Councillors: Cllr Foster reported on the findings of the electoral review which indicates the recommendation for Scawby to join the Broughton Ward. Objections to this change can be made up until 13th December but the objections need to be realistic and valid – not emotional. Cllr Holmes advised the meeting that he felt Scawby aligned more closely with Hibaldstow, Messingham and Redbourne and that a major barrier – the main road, separates Broughton and Scawby.

Cllr Mrs Powell asked if there was any update on The Grove, Cllr Foster advised that no firm interest had been received in this property. Cllr Johnson advised Cllr Foster that the downstairs lights have been on in this property for some considerable time.

ii. Action List: Clerk to invite Dave Lofts of N.L.C to give a presentation on neighbourhood plans. The new picnic benches are arriving on Monday. Cllr Barker has weather proofed the bus shelter on Messingham lane, it will be painted in the spring. The ‘No public access’ signs will be erected on the allotment land in Scawby Brook in due course. Vouchers to the value of £125 have been received from the ‘best kept village’ competition – it was agreed that trees would be purchased to replace lost trees within the village. A Sissons and Mrs R Platts will organise the purchase. The MUGA has been completed – further raking, seeding and fence repairs are needed – A Sissons will be asked to make the areas good. A discussion took place regarding the formal opening of this sports area.

The photographs on the BT box on Gainsborough lane will be changed shortly. A shelf is required in the BT box on the village green to complete this project. No progress has been made with the 'Ivy' property but as this is not an environmental concern no departments will interfere at present.

iii. New Highways matters: The 20mph sign on West Street, near the school is obscured by overhanging branches from The Grove. The road on Lidgett Close is in a very poor state of repair due to a major water leak attended by Anglian Water. Kings Court is also very poor as the road sweeper damaged the road whilst sweeping after the water leak.

11. PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE MATTERS

- i. Health and safety incidents at the playing fields:
 - a) Repairs to brake on cable trolley - £575.00+vat.(Wicksteed) – it was felt that this cable trolley does not need repair at the present moment in time.
 - b) Repairs to wetpour at the play surface – the repairs will be undertaken in November, to fit in with other work in the area.
 - c) Pavilion guttering – Cllr's Frost and Barker and Mr Powell met with a joiner to discuss the repairs required, if the quote is acceptable he will be asked to proceed with the repairs.
- ii. To give consideration to and agree a budget for the purchase of a village sign for the B1398 (Kirton to Greetwell) road – It was noted that N.L.C have previously said that the name plate sign on this road must be a N.L.C reflective sign.
- iii. To give consideration to the request for a flower bed (similar to Millcroft) to be situated on The Green at the rookery.

A quotation of £200 has been received to create a new flower bed, add top soil and compost. **IT WAS RESOLVED** with 2 abstentions noted to ask A Sissons to proceed to make this flower bed. Cllr Holmes will ask A Sissons to provide a quotation to make a flower bed on the triangular area at Scawby Brook.
- iv. KCOM – to note correspondence received regarding a trip hazard and receive response from KCOM. Cllr Frost will liaise with the resident who has made this observation and with KCOM.
- v. Tree planting scheme – Cllr Mrs Chamberlain advised the meeting that N.L.C have advised that trees cannot be planted on Oak Avenue to due underground services. Cllr Mrs Chamberlain asked Cllr Holmes to purchase and coordinate the daffodil bulb planting in the parish this year which Cllr Holmes agreed to undertake. It was agreed to a budget of £300 for daffodil bulbs.

A discussion took place regarding the possibility of planting a mini orchard of fruit trees on the land to the side of the coop as a Queens platinum jubilee celebration. It was agreed that this would be an agenda item for discussion next month.

Cllr Mrs Chamberlain presented to the meeting an 'action plan' for the planting of the trees obtained from the Woodland Trust within the playing field area. The trees will arrive between 1 – 12th November. It was noted that the designated area of land would need further clearing with tree stumps removed and a quotation of £560 + vat had been obtained. It was unanimously agreed to go ahead with this quotation and ensure the land is ready for planting in November. The action plan provided details of the planting weekend of 20/21st November and asked for parish councillor's to help

ensure the weekend is coordinated, effective and runs smoothly. The area of land will need marking into sections with 'planters' being directed to their section – this will ensure that the same tree species are not all planted together. This planting weekend will be discussed again at the November parish council meeting when final arrangements will be made.

- vi. Picnic benches for the playing fields – the new benches have been ordered and will arrive shortly. The litter bins will be monitored – they are extremely expensive to have emptied therefore it is essential that the current bins are fully utilised before more bins are purchased.
- vii. MUGA - this has been completed and an official opening date is to be arranged.
- viii. Grass cutting – Church yard – Notes under Agenda Item 6(v).
- ix. Any new village matters: 'Meet Your Councillor' evening – agenda item next month to arrange.

Cllr Mrs Chamberlain will place an article in the Church magazine regarding the tree planting weekend.

Cllr Johnson suggested that a plan to commit to refurbishing the benches was required as many of them were becoming very dilapidated. It was noted that if the KCOM grant was accepted this could be used to refurbish the benches. Part of the fence close to the school perimeter has been painted – the remainder will be undertaken in due course.

Cllr Johnson asked for details of any Remembrance Day Services – The Church will hold their service on Sunday 14th November and the Parish Council will lay their wreath on 11th November. The lamp post poppies will arrive from 28th October – they will be put up along the main roads in the village and Scawby Brook.

It is anticipated that the Christmas lights switch on will take place on the village green on Sunday 5th December – if raining in the village hall. Clerk to book the band and ask T Nelthorpe if The Estate will kindly donate a Christmas tree.

A discussion took place regarding extending the 30mph speed limit on Gainsborough Lane to past Mill lane and past the last house on Gainsborough Lane. Clerk to ask N.L.C to consider this request.

Cllr Mrs Powell brought up the subject of the Scawby historical book which a resident had written and had printed. She suggested that perhaps the book could be reprinted and made available to residents who might not have had chance to purchase a copy. Cllr Mrs Powell will contact the writer and this will be an agenda item for discussion next month.

The subject of Social Media and a Scawby Parish Council Facebook page was raised and this will be an agenda item for discussion next month.

Cllr Mrs Keyworth mentioned an area within the village hall grounds which may be a hazard – the village hall committee have already arranged to have the planter extended to close this gap.

The subject of the empty Chinese takeaway shop in Scawby was raised and the clerk was asked to try and find out what the plans for this building are.

It was noted that there is a wasps nest at the pavilion which will be dealt with.

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The matter of the summer bedding plants being lifted before they had finished flowering was raised and the chairman advised the meeting that he had invited the resident making this comment to attend the parish council meeting and receive an explanation regarding the work schedule of A Sissons.

12. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWSLETTER /WEBSITE

Clerk to write

13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS MEETING

- Parish Council vacancy
- Equality, inclusion and diversity policy.
- Arrangements for a 'meet your councillor' event.
- To give consideration to the request for financial assistance from Scawby WI
- Neighbourhood Plan – invite Dave Lofts of N.L.C to meeting.
- MUGA – arrangements for formal opening of this facility.
- Tree Planting – arrangements for weekend of 20/21 November.
- Planting of a mini orchard of fruit trees on the land to the side of the coop as a Queens platinum jubilee celebration.
- Daffodil Bulb planting
- Remembrance Day arrangements.
- Christmas lights switch on event.
- Social Media and Parish Council Facebook Page.
- Scawby historical book – reprint ?

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 3rd November 2021 - 7.00pm.