

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SCAWBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st MARCH 2023 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

In the Chair : Cllr J Frost

Also present: Cllr J Chamberlain, Cllr T Powell, Cllr R Holmes, Cllr G Siddall, Cllr N Askew, Cllr M Keyworth, Cllr R Coleman, Cllr M Russell, Cllr S Kemp, Cllr S Dhinsa.

In attendance: Cllr T Foster , 8 members of the public and Mrs K Pickering – Clerk.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr L Read, site manager at the renewable energy plant at Scawby Brook attended the meeting to introduce himself and answer any queries from councillors or members of the public present. Mr Read was advised that HGV's are arriving at the plant before the 7.00am curfew and parking up waiting for the gates to open. Mr Read advised that this should not be happening and would look into this matter.

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr T Barker, Cllr R Johnson, Cllr A Hall, Cllr J England and Cllr N Poole.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** No matters to declare.

3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 1st FEBRUARY 2023.

Cllr Holmes asked if there was any progress with the request for 30mph repeater signs from Castlethorpe corner roundabout to the first roundabout as you enter Brigg. The clerk advised that she would try to progress this matter.

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the monthly parish council meeting held on 1st February 2023 and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes.

4. CLERKS UPDATES OR REPORTS

- Neighbourhood Plan – clerk to invite Appleby Chairman to address the parish council on this subject in the new year.
- Nelthorpe School Charity – Clerk has looked for evidence of the contract with the estate but has not found anything as yet.
- Review of Insurance Policy – this will be reviewed at the Annual Council Meeting – meanwhile the asset register will be updated.
- Footpath – Brigg Road – N.L.C have been asked to scrape back the weed/grass growth on this path. They have advised that they will undertake an inspection.

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

- a) Application PA/2022/1705 – Planning permission to install 84 reservoir storage units, 28 reservoir inverter units and associated works – Power station, Scawby Brook.

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

- b) It was noted that the developer has submitted an appeal to the planning inspectorate in respect of the planning application for 14 dwellings at Sturton.

6. TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PARISH COUNCILLORS/CLERK WHO HAVE ATTENDED MEETINGS, REPRESENTING SCAWBY PARISH COUNCIL.

The defibrillator training event was very well attended and very successful. It was unanimously agreed to send a donation of £100 to the L.I.V.E.S group.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- ERNLLCA newsletter
- ERNLLCA/NALC – various information emails
- Various responses from N.L.C
- Email regarding lighting of beacons for Kings Coronation
- S.L.A – from N.L.C
- Merlin Renewables – Grant fund

8. FINANCE

Payee		Amount
J Phillips – various plants	BACS	91.21
NBB outdoors – Bench	BACS	384.00
Morelock signs	BACS	7,242.00
R Holmes – timber	BACS	29.95
Clerk – Salary - Feb	BACS	643.80
Clerk - Expenses :		
Stationery//photocopying – 12.57		
Stamps - 10.88		
Travel – 19.50		
Q' allowance - 100		
TOTAL EXPENSES	BACS	142.95
HMRC – Clerks tax	BACS	19.20
Chairmans allowance	BACS	140.00
(T Barker)		
Sissons Gardening Services	BACS	764.63
(Monthly payment – Feb)		
R Platts (plants)	BACS	31.37
Scawby Village hall – rent	BACS	72.00
A Sissons – various village jobs	BACS	350.00
P Drury – Wood for benches	BACS	267.71
L.I.V.E.S – donation	BACS	100.00
Opus Energy	DD	74.39
(War memorial and pavilion)		
Xero	DD	33.60
Gratuity transfer – Q4	Transfer	41.46

The accounts for payment were proposed by Cllr N Askew and seconded by Cllr G Siddall and unanimously agreed.

INCOME RECEIVED : February: N.L.C – speed sign grant - £5,000.

ii. The financial statement – The financial statement was considered and approved. A variance was noted of a £10 overspend on insurance.

iii. Service level Agreements: To give consideration to the following S.L.A's:

a) Emptying bins at playing fields - £1,544.40/annum – Unanimously agreed

b) Quarterly playground inspections - £498.67/annum – Unanimously agreed.

9. POLICE MATTERS

i) NATS report – No report to receive.

ii) New Police matters: It was noted that there had been a recent accident at Greetwell.

10. NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL HIGHWAYS MATTERS

i. To receive reports from Ridge Ward Councillors: Cllr Foster advised the meeting of the 260 job losses at the steel works but N.L.C have set up a task force to try and help these people back into work and have stipulated that if any of these people made redundant from the steel works apply for a job at N.L.C they will receive an interview. The Church path has been patched but it was noted that the path surface does really require a slurry seal. Clerk to report this to N.L.C. There is no progress with the sale of The Grove as yet and Cllr Foster agreed to look into why the 'Just Go' bus will not take passengers to Barnetby station.

ii. Review of action list: No matters to report on.

iii. New highways matters: The 30mph sign on the northern side of Church Street(opposite The Pinfold) needs putting back in place.

The pavement along Church Street is crumbling and deteriorating where KCOM have made repairs after their works – clerk to report to N.L.C.

The bridleway sign on Sturton Lane – at the bottom on the RHS – village side of the gates, needs repositioning as it is in the hedge – clerk to report to N.L.C.

The Messingham lane/Vicarage lane junction road surface is breaking up and needs repair.

Broughton crossroads – turning left – the paving has sunk and the verge has disappeared.

It was noted that a property in the village which has received permission for a dropped curb some time ago has not undertaken this work – Sheena Alexander from N.L.C will contact the property owners and ask when they are going to install the dropped curb.

It was noted that some residents of Scawby are a little unhappy about the installation of the fibre adapters which entails taking up block paving to some peoples drives.

11. PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE MATTERS

i. Health and safety incidents at the playing fields : No new matters to report.

ii. S106 money - £7,349.13 – Youth shelter and toddler trail – awaiting information on a possible toddler trail.

iii. Merlin Renewables Ltd – Annual Community Fund Ltd 2023 – applications by 30/4/2023. Applications must relate to: Social sustainability, environmental sustainability or educational promotion. It was agreed that the clerk would submit an application for environmental sustainability – Cllr Chamberlain will advise on wild flowers beds and other environmental planting which is to take place in the village. Cllr Kemp asked the clerk to provide her with the grant application form as a group she is involved with may fit the social sustainability category.

- iv. To give consideration to and agree events to celebrate The Kings Coronation and to set a budget for these planned events.

A discussion took place regarding the lighting of the beacon given the fact that The King has indicated that he does not want a national beacon lighting event so soon after the passing of Queen Elizabeth II. It was noted that individual beacons could be lit.

MOTION: To light the beacon in celebration of The Kings Coronation

Proposed by Cllr Coleman, seconded by Cllr Askew – 9 votes recorded in favour, 2 against.

Cllr Holmes expressed his disappointment in the result of this vote advising that he felt it was The Kings wish not to have beacons lit.

A discussion took place regarding a firework display to celebrate the Kings Coronation. The clerk advised that there may be insurance implications for this type of event and certain procedures may need to be adhered to in order to ensure there is insurance cover. Clerk to speak to insurance company to find out what they require in order to provide cover. It may be that we have to limit numbers attending this event and concern was expressed about people attending from afar for a ‘free’ firework display along with concerns of how people will be marshalled through one gate in order to ensure there is an accurate count of people attending.

The firework company require a £100 deposit to secure the date. Cllr Powell suggested that the parish council pays the £100 deposit and investigates if the parish council can meet all the criteria to ensure the event has appropriate insurance cover.

MOTION: To pay the £100 deposit to the firework company and work towards ensuring all criteria is met to satisfy the insurance companies requirements. If this is not possible the event will not go ahead – proposed by Cllr Powell, seconded by Cllr Coleman with 5 votes in favour, 2 against and 4 abstentions.

- v. Great British Spring Clean: This event will take place on Sunday 26th March, meeting at the co-op at 10.00am. The co-op will provide refreshments afterwards.
- vi. Scawby Brook:
- a) The condition of verges and footpaths and ownership of the road at the end of Silversides Lane : A meeting took place on Thursday 9th February at 10.00am. with 4 N.L.C officers attending along with Cllr’s Barker, Powell, Hall and Holmes from Scawby Parish Council. Cllr Powell provided the following notes on the meeting:
- Silversides Lane is on the waiting list for slurry cover
 - Colin Wilkinson is in charge of public rights of way and bridleways
 - Sheena Alexander (N.L.C) will raise a ticket for the pothole next to the drive opposite the road to the Cottages
 - Sheena’s area of responsibility ends at the telegraph pole opposite the road to the Cottages
 - Rob Watson is responsible for verges and grounds maintenance
 - Sheena does regular inspections of Silversides Land and River Meadow but only inspects to the end of S’sides once per year
 - The bridge into the Cottages could only have more topsoil and grass seed added as a remedy, which wouldn’t be of any good as it would get driven over and eroded quickly
 - They won’t widen an existing road.

- Regarding the dyke, it belongs to whoever owns the land the dyke is running through. This used to be the Ancholme Drainage Board but may now be the Inland Drainage Board.
 - Sheena will investigate who owns the land beyond the telegraph pole and let the parish council know.
 - Sheena will contact business owners at 26 River Meadow to advise on verge parking with a view to putting wooden posts in to prevent access.
 - Defects less than 20mm won't be acted on.
- vii. Memorial benches at the playing fields. One bench has been mounted and completed in memory of Ray Matthews. The bench at the village hall has been removed for repair and a further new bench has arrived but has not been fitted as yet. There are 3 spaces at the playing fields – one for a bench for Johnsons, one for Coleman's and the final space available.
- viii. Ornamental features for the flower beds in Scawby – The clerk has arranged for Cllr Chamberlain to meet with Sheena Alexander to discuss the ornamental features in the flower beds and Cllr Foster has provided Cllr Chamberlain with highway permission forms which Cllr Chamberlain will complete and submit to N.L.C seeking permission to place the ornamental features in the flower beds. The Chairman suspended standing orders to allow Mr Drury to show the parish councillors his diagrams for the ornamental features which hopefully will be situated in the Church Lane flower bed and the flower bed on Messingham Lane. Cllr Chamberlain advised the meeting that the gardening group have identified a location for a wild flower bed at Greetwell and on the corner of Francis Gardens. Cllr Chamberlain advised that some residents living close to flower beds in the village have volunteered to dead head and water the beds.
- ix. Village Map: The work on the village map will be undertaken imminently. The possibility of including Scawby Brook or providing Scawby Brook with their own map will be discussed at a later date.
- x. Any new village matters: The possibility of updating and reprinting the village directory was discussed. It was questioned whether this was worthwhile as the internet does provide a lot of information contained within the directory, although it was acknowledged that not everyone has access to the internet. Cllr Kemp asked if anyone could help her with creating posters for the 'BIG HELP OUT DAY'. Cllr Keyworth reported that the gentleman who had trouble accessing the bench in the Jubilee garden with his companion in a wheelchair accepted that it was not always possible to access every seat/facility. The dog bin on Messingham Lane/Ermine Street is overflowing – it is now on a weekly empty schedule - clerk to check that this is happening, if so perhaps a dual bin is required. Cllr Powell asked if consideration could be given in the new financial year to the purchase of 2 new poles to hold the radar activated solar speed signs. Cllr Powell advised the meeting that new signs are required for the BT phone boxes as the current ones become dislodged and fall to the floor. Cllr Powell has received a quote from MD Signs and will investigate further.

12. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWSLETTER /WEBSITE - Clerk to write.

13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS MEETING – Annual Parish Assembly.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 12th April 2023 - 7.00pm.