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**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SCAWBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON  
WEDNESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2023 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

**In the Chair :** Cllr T Powell

**Also present:** Cllr J Frost, Cllr T Barker, Cllr G Siddall, Cllr S Kemp, Cllr R Holmes,  
Cllr N Askew, Cllr M Keyworth, Cllr R Coleman, Cllr M Russell, Cllr R Johnson,  
Cllr J Chamberlain.

**In attendance:** Cllr J Lee, Mrs K Pickering – Clerk, 7 members of the public.

**PUBLIC FORUM**

A member of the public attended the meeting to advise the parish council of his dismay regarding the state of the churchyard. He feels that the churchyard is neglected and that the ‘re-wilding’ of the churchyard is not being undertaken in the correct manner. The member of the public felt that the ‘re-wilding’ area has just been left when actually ‘care-taking’ of this area should take place – particularly to the boundaries of neighbouring properties – as root growth which has not been managed has damaged boundary walling.

The member of the public felt that the re-wilding area has just been abandoned and weed growth – nettles etc has been allowed to adversely impact on neighbouring properties.

The member of the public was advised that the trees and all matters associated with the tree growth(epidermic growth) and physical aspects of the churchyard is the responsibility of N.L.C and the parish council feels that N.L.C have not undertaken their duties regarding the upkeep of this closed churchyard. The member of the public was advised that the re-wilding area was the initiative of The Church and the church was happy with how the re-wilding area is developing.

The member of the public was also advised that the grass mowing at the churchyard was undertaken by the parish council but the church advise what mowing they want at the churchyard – it is not at the discretion of the parish council.

Cllr Frost suggested that Rev. Eames be asked if a compromise might be agreed in that perhaps a 1 metre stretch from the boundary wall be mowed to create a barrier to try and prevent weed growth encroaching into the neighbouring property. The parish council is happy to undertake this mowing under the supervision of Church representatives. The clerk was asked to contact Rev Eames and put forward this suggestion/request and also ask Rev. Eames if N.L.C have been contacted recently and requested to undertake their duties regarding the maintenance of the trees and physical aspects of the churchyard.

A member of the public also advised the meeting that there is an area of land on Swannocks View – either side of the entrance to the horse field which needs mowing. Cllr Frost agreed to ask A Sissons to undertake this mowing.

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr S Dhinsa, Cllr A Hall, Cllr C Ross.

2. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST:** No matters to declare.

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> MAY 2023.**

Cllr Kemp requested that an amendment be made to the minutes in that Cllr Johnson had brought up the state of disrepair of the Church yard wall at the previous meeting. Rev. Eames had been contacted who advised that the wall is the responsibility of N.L.C.

Taking into consideration the above amendment **IT WAS RESOLVED** to adopt the minutes of the monthly parish council meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> May 2023, noting one abstention (absent councillor) 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. The clerk has made contact with Appleby PC who are discussing who might be available to present to Scawby PC.  
Cllr Barker advised that £50 is remaining in the village plan fund which will come back to the parish council and put towards funding a neighbourhood plan or similar for Scawby.
- Overgrown hedges – these have been reported to N.L.C and will be cut back as soon as possible.
- Dog bin – Ermine Street – response to request for second bin in this location. N.L.C are undertaking a survey on all bins (they have received funding for further bins) – hopefully this location will be considered for a second bin in due course.
- Weeds/nettles on land near co-op – update. The owner of this piece of land has cleared the nettles/weeds from this area.

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

- a) Application PA/2023/654 – Planning permission for a proposed detached dwelling – Kerrow Moar, Lidgett Close, Scawby  
Application withdrawn.

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

- a) Cllr Keyworth asked Cllr Lee if the Town and parish council liaison meetings would resume in due course (they tended to follow the ERNLLCA meetings) but have not been scheduled recently – the last one took place in September 2022. Cllr Lee will follow this up with the relevant personnel at N.L.C.

b) Cllr's Powell and Frost attended a meeting with the Chairman of Techcrete who advised of some money which has been bequeathed to support charitable events/projects in the area of Techcrete plants. It was agreed that the 'Toddler Trail' project would be an ideal project to put forward from the parish council and the new flooring requirement at the village hall from the village hall committee. Cllr's Barker, Johnson and Askew will get a formal quotation for the Toddler trail which will be put forward to Techcrete as soon as possible.

## 7. CORRESPONDENCE

a) ERNLLCA – Conference and AGM – 15/9/23 – to receive any motions for this conference. **No motions presented.** Cllr Keyworth advised that she would let the parish council know of any motions put forward from other parish/town councils.

b) Email from resident : Public footpaths, countryside walks in Scawby – this email, requesting an expansion of the available footpaths to walk in Scawby was discussed at length. It was agreed that further footpaths throughout the parish would be nice to have but the impact on agricultural land/animals and disruption to agricultural work has to be taken into consideration. Cllr Johnson felt that Scawby was quite well served with public footpaths and off main road walking and perhaps the village was quite lucky to have as many walks as it did have.

The meeting suggested that the resident be asked where they would like to see further public footpath walks established in the village and the clerk was asked to enquire of the Nelthorpe Estate about their policy for permits in the park – if there are enough available to meet demand and if not – could further permits be made available.

c) Mowing of verges outside the 30mph limit – a discussion took place regarding a couple of requests from residents that their verges be cut by the parish. Unfortunately the parish council is only contracted to mow within the 30mph zone and if the parish council undertakes mowing outside this zone for one or two residents, this will set a precedent and unfortunately Scawby PC does not have the funding to mow more than the contract dictates. Cllr Lee advised that N.L.C will pick up this extra mowing for residents who are struggling to mow themselves.

- ERNLLCA newsletter
- ERNLLCA/NALC – various information emails
- Email from Ward Councillor regarding grass mowing on Ermine Street.
- ERNLLCA – Conference
- Sheena Alexander – update on Scawby Brook matters.
- SAHS – Information regarding village show – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.
- Email from resident regarding Church yard.
- Email from resident regarding access to the countryside.

**8. FINANCE**

<b>Payee</b>		<b>Amount</b>
J Phillips – Plants	BACS	345.91
Clerk – Salary - May	BACS	663.00
Clerk - Expenses :		
Stationery//photocopying – 19.30		
Stamps - 15.65		
Travel – 19.50		
Q' allowance : 100		
TOTAL EXPENSES	BACS	154.45
Chairman's Q' allowance	BACS	110.00
(£30 previously paid)		
Sissons Gardening Services	BACS	3,188.99
Barton Mowing Services	BACS	456.00
MD Signs(BT Boxes)	BACS	129.96
G Siddall – plants	BACS	17.95
SAHS – donation	BACS	250.00
Opus Energy	DD	59.09
Xero	DD	33.60
Gratuity transfer	Transfer	74.58

**The accounts for payment were proposed by Cllr R Johnson and seconded by Cllr T Barker and unanimously agreed.**

**INCOME RECEIVED** : May: Football pitch hire: £490.00

ii. The financial statement – The financial statement for the financial year 2023/4 will be circulated after the next meeting.

iii. To receive and approve the Internal Auditors report and accounts for the year ended March 2023 and to approve and sign the:

- i) Governance Statements
- ii) Accounting Statements

The accounts are not yet available from the internal auditor – a meeting prior to the end of June – to meet the audit requirements – will be arranged to approve the accounts.

iv. To give consideration to providing a donation to the SAHS – information circulated.

**IT WAS RESOLVED** to provide a donation of £250 to the SAHS annual show and to pay for any trophy engraving requirements.

**9. POLICE MATTERS**

i) NATS report – Awaiting confirmation of next Broughton/Scawby Ward NATS meeting.

ii) New Police matters: It was noted that a highways works van caught fire on West Street, prior to the Messingham Lane turning – the tarmac has been damaged.

Cllr Powell has circulated to all councillors the new Police Constable and PCSO contact details.

## **10. NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

i. To receive reports from Broughton & Scawby Ward Councillors: Cllr Lee advised the meeting that the 'Just Go' review is still on-going – it is the bus company who are undertaking the review and no details have been provided as yet. Cllr Lee also advised that free swimming for children is available over the school holidays – places must be booked. £20m funding has been secured for a new health centre in Scunthorpe. Irresponsible dog owners will now be fined £100 for environmental crime. Gainsborough Lane, Main Street and Messingham Lane will be surface dressed in August. The matter of the missed postal votes for Broughton and Scawby has been referred to the electoral commission. There is no further information relating to the sale of The Grove.

Cllr Johnson asked Cllr Lee if N.L.C were engaging in 'No Mow May' as the grass verges throughout the parish – but particularly Scawby to Broughton are very overgrown. Cllr Lee replied that she was not aware of N.L.C engaging in 'No Mow May' – the clerk will ask N.L.C for their schedule for mowing the grass verges.

Cllr Johnson also raised the matter of the layby/entrance to Scawby cemetery on Brigg Road. This entrance is very uneven and is undignified and not fit for the undertakers work. Cllr Foster had taken this matter up with N.L.C – Cllr Lee agreed to pursue this matter with N.L.C to try and get improvements to the entrance to the cemetery. It was also noted that the path from Scawby village to the cemetery was very overgrown making it very narrow and impossible to walk along. Cllr Russell asked Cllr Lee if there was any update on the Broughton crossroads review – there is no update available at present.

ii. Review of action list: The action list will be reviewed next month.

iii. JustGo service to Barnetby Station – No further update available.

iv. Scawby Brook – Silversides Lane – Sheena Alexander has responded to advise that she will undertake a further road inspection and raise a ticket for any actionable defect found. The grass and weeds in the gutters and pavements will be dealt with by Neighbourhood Services (Paul Harling) – clerk to request an update. The verge parking on Riverside is being monitored and home owners will be advised at the end of the month that verge marker posts will be installed – or they can apply to have the drive widened. The ownership of the dyke is still being investigated. The status of the road from the last house on Silversides lane is still being investigated – it has not been inspected as an adopted highway for many years – Sheena will try to give a definitive answer to the status of this road as soon as possible.

v. New highways matters – Scawby Brook – Golden Rivers – clerk to request the data.

Cllr Barker and Johnson have driven round the neighbouring villages and informed the meeting that the grass verge growth and weeds in the kerbside is no worse in Scawby than any other village. Clerk to report the verge growth and weeds problem to N.L.C and express our dismay that the problem has been allowed to get as bad as it is. Cllr Kemp advised the meeting that she didn't think the road sweeper had not been down the side roads – it is now difficult to check as the weeds etc have been scorched and are dying back.

Cllr Frost reported that he had witnessed lorries turning left out of the quarry at Hibaldstow which brings them through the village of Scawby, which causes congestion/chaos at the school – if the lorries turned right it would avoid Scawby village and take them straight up to the motorway.

Two fridges have been fly-tipped on Gainsborough Lane – Cllr's Powell/Johnson to report.

## 11. PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE MATTERS

i. S106 money - £7,349.13 – Youth shelter and toddler trail – This project is now being considered for the Techcrete funding.

ii. Memorial benches at the playing fields – The purchase of the final bench is organised.

iii. Grass verge mowing – entrance to the village from Broughton – near the ‘Scawby’ sign – A Sissons quoted £45 for a ‘one off’ cut. IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to have this ‘one off’ cut, but arrange a site meeting with A Sissons to ensure the correct area is being cut.

To discuss grass mowing in general throughout the parish in particular requests for mowing outside the 30mph limit. It was agreed that areas outside the 30mph limit cannot be undertaken by the parish council as a precedent cannot be made.

iv. To discuss and agree rotation for locations for the speed awareness signs throughout the village. Cllr Coleman advised the meeting that a group were currently assessing how these signs can be erected and how the erection of these signs can be simplified. A sign is going to be trialled on Church Street( a location which can easily be monitored) – the meeting agreed to this location for the trial. Once the erection and movement of these signs has been simplified a rota for locations will be agreed.

v. Notice Board – Olivers – this notice board is in hand.

vi. Pinfold – to consider incorporating a gate within the pinfold area – a discussion took place regarding whether a 5 bar wooden gate within the pinfold was required/wanted. It was noted that these traditional wooden gates are particularly attractive to thieves. **IT WAS RESOLVED**, with 2 abstentions noted, **NOT** to proceed with this project.

vii. Community Champion award – 5 nominations were received for the community champion award. Voting slips were distributed which the clerk collected and advised the chairman of the winner. The chairman will inform the winner and check that he/she is willing to receive the award. The chairman will purchase the prize vouchers and arrangements will be made for the presentation.

viii. Any new village matters: Cllr Johnson asked if the walkway at Silversides lane is an official public footpath – the meeting was unsure and hoped that Sheena Alexander will come back with this information in due course. Cllr Siddall reported an overhanging branch from a tree at Spare Lane – Cllr Barker will investigate. Cllr Chamberlain advised the meeting that the trees at the playing fields were being strimmed and unfortunately a lot of the trees had had their tops knocked off. It was noted that the trees may need strimming twice a year. This will be an agenda item for discussion/agreement next month. Cllr Chamberlain advised the meeting that A Sissons finished planting today – some plants have had to be substituted due to plant shortages. It was noted that the community garden at the co-op looks really good. Mrs Platts has a list of all the volunteers who have agreed to look after flower beds/water- all the beds are catered for. Cllr Barker expressed gratitude to all the members of the planting committee and all agreed the committee had worked really hard and done a fabulous job. The clerk advised the meeting that Merlin Renewables had awarded Scawby PC £400 towards the planting and wildflower displays – clerk will pursue this grant award with Cllr Chamberlain.

Cllr Kemp advised the meeting that the coffee morning group had been awarded £605 from the community grant fund of the co-op for which they were very grateful.

Cllr Frost advised the meeting that the fire extinguishers at the pavilion are to be serviced/inspected this week.

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Cllr Powell advised that the signs have been fitted in to the BT boxes and that the village map has been refurbished.

N.L.C have advised that the desired location for a speed sign at Scawby Brook is not suitable due to the trees in this location. To house a sign in this location the trees would have to be cut down.

A discussion took place regarding 'repeater' – 'check your speed' signs within a 30mph area (they are used by Lincolnshire council) – clerk to ask Ian Jickells of N.L.C if these signs are permissible and available in North Lincolnshire.

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

**13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS MEETING**

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING :** A discussion took place regarding the next parish council meeting and initially it was agreed to hold the meeting on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July however the external auditor has advised the clerk that the Annual Return must be signed off by the end of June and therefore the next meeting will have to be held on **Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2023 - 7.00pm.**