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**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SCAWBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 2nd AUGUST 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 M Russell, Cllr J Chamberlain,
Cllr R Coleman.

In attendance: Cllr C Ross, Mrs K Pickering – Clerk, 12 members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

No matters raised in Public Forum.

**Welcome to Mr Hall, Vice-Chairman of Appleby Parish Council and Mr Lewis, Clerk to
Appleby Parish Council – Neighbourhood Plan.**

Mr Hall and Mr Lewis advised the parish council that Appleby have undertaken a neighbourhood plan and this document is referred to by N.L.C and taken seriously. The Neighbourhood Plan is an extensive document and it took Appleby Parish Council approximately 4 years in total to complete. Professional advice is essential to undertake a Neighbourhood Plan – this was sought from KVA Associates Ltd and N.L.C. Funding is available to help towards professional fees – but not printing costs. The Government is currently offering up to £10,000 per parish. It is essential that representatives of the parish are included within the steering group for this plan – Appleby had 14 on their committee – 2 parish councillors, the rest of the committee was made up of representatives from businesses and farming within the parish, landowners and local professional people.

The chairperson thanked Mr Hall and Mr Lewis for attending the meeting and informing the meeting about the Neighbourhood Plan process.

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr A Hall, Cllr R Johnson, Cllr J Lee

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

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON 28th JUNE 2023.**

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the monthly parish council meeting held on 28th June 2023 and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes.

4. CLERKS UPDATES OR REPORTS

- Footpaths throughout the village – these have been reported to N.L.C for inspection and associated work.
- Unsecure property – Messingham lane – No progress to report on this matter.
- Entrance to new development, Messingham lane – This entrance has now been tidied and made more presentable.

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

a) Application PA/2023/1292 – Planning permission for external alterations – 41 Messingham Lane, Scawby.

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

b) Application PA/2023/1199 – Notice of intention to undertake pruning on a cherry tree within Scawby conservation area – 4B Messingham Lane, Scawby.

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

c) Application PA/2023/1132 – Planning permission to erect dwelling, including demolition of existing dwelling – 60 Gainsborough lane, Scawby.

IT WAS RESOLVED to **OBJECT** to this planning application stating that there is insufficient evident within the planning application to calculate the proposed roof height and therefore this raises concerns regarding the loss of privacy and light to neighbouring properties.

d) Application PA/2023/1270 – Planning permission to erect a two-storey side extension to form annex – 16 Meadow Vale, Scawby.

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

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

- Cllr Keyworth - ERNLLCA : At this meeting the Chairman and Vice-Chairman were elected for the forthcoming year. No motions have been put forward for consideration at the AGM. The role of the snow warden was discussed once again. A Town and Parish Council liaison meeting has been scheduled for 12/9/23 at N.L.C which Cllr Mrs Keyworth will attend.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- ERNLLCA newsletter
- ERNLLCA/NALC – various information emails
- Email from Nelthorpe School Charity regarding funding for the Toddler Trail.
- Kirton In Lindsey Town Council – notice of Civic Service – 24/9/23
- N.L.C – Forthcoming meetings.
- Various emails from Techcrete regarding funding opportunity.

A discussion took place regarding ERNLLCA training and Cllr Ross advised the meeting that Broughton Town Clerk has arranged a training day at Hibaldstow and she believed 2 places might be available – clerk to contact the clerk and make enquiries.

8. FINANCE

Payee		Amount
Sissons Gardening Services (Invoice approved previously)	BACS	2,694.36
Clerk – Salary - July	BACS	663.00
Clerk - Expenses : Stationery//photocopying – 14.32 Stamps - 20.20 Travel – 19.50		
TOTAL EXPENSES	BACS	54.02
Sissons Gardening Services (July contract charge)	BACS	764.63
Barton Mowing Services	BACS	588.00
R Coleman – Speed sign fittings	BACS	9.00
Anglian Water	BACS	52.94
ScrewFix – Paint	BACS	28.00
J Phillips – plants	BACS	71.87
A Sissons	BACS	2,547.86
J Frost – Pavilion incidentals	BACS	95.46
Opus Energy(June)	DD	20.53
Opus Energy(July)	DD	59.76
Xero	DD	33.60

The accounts for payment were proposed by Cllr N Askew and seconded by Cllr R Coleman and unanimously agreed.

INCOME RECEIVED : July: Football pitch hire: £20, Precept – 2nd instalment - £15,000, VAT reclaim- £757.48

- ii. The financial statement – The financial statement for the financial year 2023/4 was circulated at the meeting and approved.
- iii) To receive and approve the bank reconciliation and corresponding bank statement for quarter 1 of 2023/4 – The quarter 1 bank reconciliation was unanimously approved at the meeting – The Chairman signed off this document.

9. POLICE MATTERS

- i) NATS report – Cllr Ross will advise the meeting of the next scheduled NATS meeting for Broughton and Scawby Ward.
- ii) New Police matters: Cllr Keyworth advised of some radiators which have been taken from a garden on Church Street. Cllr Keyworth asked if the radar speed sign on Church Street picks up motor bike traffic speed – as it doesn't appear to. It was noted that this is very much dependent on the siting of the speed sign. A concern was also raised about cyclists/motorcyclists using a mobile phone – it was noted that it is not illegal but a person must be in control of their vehicle at all times.

10. NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL HIGHWAYS MATTERS

i. To receive reports from Broughton & Scawby Ward Councillors: Cllr Ross advised the meeting that fines have been increased for dropping litter (£500) and flytipping (£1,000). Cameras are being installed in locations where fly tipping takes place regularly. There is a permanent amnesty on returning overdue library books – you can return without receiving a fine. Funding has become available for community solar panels. For those receiving universal credit, child care payments are being increased. N.L.C have set aside a considerable budget for electric charging points in public places/buildings. Free swimming will continue until the end of the summer holidays. The ‘safe stay’ hub will soon open in Scunthorpe town centre.

Cllr Ross has requested a site meeting with highways to progress the condition of the footpaths around the village including the path leading to the cemetery, along with discussing improving the parking arrangements at the cemetery. There is an issue with flooding at Greetwell which Cllr Ross is pursuing with N.L.C. Cllr Ross has asked the highways department for clarification on the time line schedule for the proposed road works on West Street, Scawby and residents will be made aware. Cllr Kemp made Cllr Ross aware of the pavement from West Street to Gainsborough lane which is not passable with a mobility scooter as it is so overgrown. Cllr Holmes made Cllr Ross aware of a similar footpath from Scawby Brook – along the B1206 towards the cemetery which again is very overgrown.

The ‘Just go’ bus service contract ends in September- this contract will continue for a further 6 months until N.L.C have put in place their desired alternative service. It is hoped that this will be a community bus service on a timed system with hopefully 10 buses being utilised. Consultation will take place on this proposed service. Cllr Keyworth suggested that this new community bus service could be discussed at a Town and Parish Council liaison meeting at a future date.

ii. Review of action list: Cllr Coleman agreed to replace the lights within the ‘library’ phone box.

iii. New highways matters – It was reported that the verges and weed growth in the pavements and curbsides on Silversides lane is appalling – clerk to contact Sheena Alexander again about this matter. It was noted that the sprays N.L.C can now use to control weed growth are not as effective and therefore this is a problem county wide not just in Scawby parish. Cllr Kemp expressed concern regarding the abundance of weed growth on the railway bridge and fears this weed growth could eventually weaken the bridge.

A pot hole was reported on the entrance to Lidgett close. The finger post at the end of Messingham lane, adjacent to the hall has come down – it has been reported on the portal but it has not been collected nor repaired as yet.

11. PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE MATTERS

i. Funding for the Toddler Trail – S106 money, Techcrete and Nelthorpe School Charity. The application for the funding from techcrete is progressing. A discussion took place regarding the possibility of a youth shelter – it was agreed that the existing proposal of a toddler trail will be put forward to Techcrete to be considered for their funding and if this is successful then the youth shelter could be considered for the S106 funding. The kind offer of possible funding from the Nelthorpe School Charity could be used to purchase the ‘extra’s’ for the Toddler Trail, such as ‘street’ signs, bollards etc.

ii. Front Garden/Hanging Baskets competition – The initial judging has been completed and the final judging to agree the prize winners is imminent. The winners will be notified by letter and invited to receive their prize at the horticultural show.

Cllr Barker asked Councillors to consider what the point of this competition is. Could we use resources in a better way ? Cllr Holmes suggested as a parish council we should be promoting good things in the parish. It was agreed that the viability of this competition should be an agenda item for discussion next month.

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

iv. Request for bench at Gainsborough Lane/Mill Lane and Greetwell. The chairperson showed councillors photographs of possible suitable locations for benches in both these locations.

Positioning a seat at Greetwell is very difficult because of the narrowness of the footpath in the vicinity of the bus stop – desired location. The clerk is to ask N.L.C if the ‘resting bar’ in the bus shelter can be removed and replaced with a seat for the elderly residents of Greetwell. Clerk to also ask N.L.C for approval of the location for a seat on Gainsborough lane/Mill lane.

v. Notice Boards – The notice board at ‘Olivers’ will be soon complete – just waiting for the perspex to be cut.

vi. Speed awareness signs – to agree rota of locations in the parish – It was agreed that these signs will be rotated every 3 months or so – at present there is a parish council sign on Church Street and at Sturton. N.L.C have erected one on Messingham Lane.

vii. Any new village matters: Cllr Kemp reported a dead tree in the grounds of the school – it was agreed that this is the schools responsibility but perhaps the school should be made aware.

Cllr Siddall expressed concern regarding the trees on the green at The Rookery – the branches need pruning as delivery lorries/van are hitting them and breaking them off regularly. Clerk to report to N.L.C.

Trees at the Church yard – again concern has been expressed about the condition of these trees and this month tree branches have fallen into the gardens of neighbouring properties. The Clerk was asked to write to N.L.C expressing the concerns of the condition of the trees in the Church yard, stating that large tree branches are falling into neighbouring property grounds and that these trees could be considered dangerous. It was suggested that Rev Eames be copied into this correspondence.

There is an overgrown hedge at the Snicket on Church Street – Cllr Powell will talk to the residents of this property.

A discussion took place regarding the mowing of the ‘re-wilding’ area at the Church yard. There appears to be confusion over whether this re-wilding growth should be cut back once or twice a year. The Church of England has stipulated that this growth can be cut back once or twice a year and Cllr Kemp advised the meeting that Scawby Church agreed to have it cut twice – once in June and once in September. The June cut has obviously been missed and therefore it is now sensible to wait for the September cut. It was agreed that for next year it would be appropriate for Scawby PCC to advise the parish council in writing how many times they would like the re-wilding area to be cut and in which months.

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It was noted that a tree on Gainsborough lane has been cut down from the highway verge – clerk to contact N.L.C to check that permission was granted to fell this tree.

It was agreed that A Sissons can cut both grass verge entrances to Beechwood Drive – at the moment he only cuts one side. It was also agreed that A Sissons could cut the verge at Vicarage Lane.

A discussion took place regarding the possibility of incorporating bug houses, insect habitat etc into the trees at the playing fields – it was agreed that this could be considered once the trees are more established and a bit bigger.

It was noted that the parish council strip of land to the entrance to Francis Gardens needs attention – the gardening group will look into this and make arrangements for it to be tidied up.

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

13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS MEETING

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 6th September 2023 – 7pm – Village Hall.