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**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SCAWBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY 2025 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

In the Chair : Cllr T Powell

Also present: Cllr M Keyworth, Cllr R Coleman, Cllr N Askew,
Cllr J Frost, Cllr G Siddall, Cllr A Hall, Cllr N Barlow,
Cllr R Johnson, Cllr M Russell, Cllr J Chamberlain, Cllr R Holmes, Cllr S Kemp.

In attendance: Cllr J Lee, Cllr C Ross, Mrs K Pickering – Clerk, 8 members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

No matters raised.

1..**APOLOGIES** : None.

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

**3. ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON
4th DECEMBER 2024.**

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the monthly parish council meeting held on 4th December 2024 and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes.

4. CLERKS UPDATES OR REPORTS

- Overgrown hedge – Walnut Drive – This matter is still outstanding. Cllr Lee was advised that the parish council feels it is now time for N.L.C to cut back this hedge and invoice the property occupier accordingly.
- Litter bin – Ermine Street – Clerk has contacted N.L.C to ask if the bin can be moved – by N.L.C or alternatively the parish council. No response received to date. It was noted that this bin is not been used in its present location.
- Defibrillator – positioned on highway – clerk has not yet received a update from N.L.C.

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

- i. Application PA/2024/1371 – Planning permission to erect 3 dwellings with associated landscaping and access works – Home farm, Main Street, Sturton.
Mr D Lince(developer) provided a presentation to the council explaining this planning application. A query regarding this application was the hedge/bramble growth to the boundary of the site with the agricultural field, which in the application states that it will be retained. This hedge/bramble growth has been removed and Mr Lince advised that it would be replaced with a Lincolnshire Post and Rail fence and a 50m strip of native hedgerow. The question of who would eventually own this strip of land (once the properties were sold) – developer of homeowner – at this stage Mr Lince advised that he didn't know who would own the strip of land. A member of the public advised the meeting that he felt that the proposed development had an unbalanced appearance and

was not in keeping with a rural farmyard setting and asked councillors to support the conservation officers recommendation for refusal of this planning application.

IT WAS RESOLVED to **OBJECT** to this planning application with 10 votes in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention.

- ii. Application PA/2024/1332 – Outline planning permission to erect detached dwelling with associated garaging and access with landscaping, appearance, layout and scale reserved for subsequent consideration – Sturton Nurseries, Main Street, Sturton.

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

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

No reports to receive.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- ERNLLCA newsletter
- ERNLLCA/NALC – various information emails
- N.L.C – Forthcoming meetings.
- Request from Scawby Entertainments Team to have use of the playing fields and pavilion on Sunday 7th September for a family fun day. The council agreed to provide these facilities to SET.

8. FINANCE

Payee		Amount
Clerk – salary – December	BACS	728.23
HMRC	DD	5.40
(HMRC payments taken quarterly)		
Clerk - Expenses :		
Stationery//photocopying – 13.60		
Stamps - 20.50		
Travel – 19.50		
TOTAL EXPENSES	BACS	53.60
Sissons Gardening Services	BACS	764.95
(December contract charge)		
Screwfix	BACS	26.10
Information Commissioner	BACS	40.00
Leisure and Construction Services	BACS	2,004.00
Xero	DD	39.60
Opus Energy	DD	45.24
(Final Bill)		
Drax – electricity	DD	39.49
Drax – electricity	DD	48.39

The accounts for payment were proposed by Cllr J Frost and seconded by Cllr R Coleman and unanimously agreed.

INCOME RECEIVED : December : Football pitch hire - £210.00

ii) The financial statement – The financial statement was presented at the meeting with no variances noted.

iii) To give consideration to and set the precept for the financial year 2025-6.

The meeting noted that the parish council is likely to have £29,000 surplus at the end of the financial year.

MOTION: To set the precept at £35,000 – proposed by Cllr Frost, seconded by Cllr Coleman and unanimously agreed.

iv) The quotation from Barton Mowing Services to mow the football pitches and play area and associated spraying and work requirements was considered and it was unanimously agreed to accept the quotation for the 2025/6 season.

9. POLICE MATTERS

i) NATS report – No report to receive.

ii) New Police matters: Unusual parking of vehicles on Church Street has occurred over the past few weeks - this matter will be reported.

10. NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL HIGHWAYS MATTERS

i. To receive reports from Broughton & Scawby Ward Councillors: Cllr Lee advised the meeting that consultation is underway on the reduction of the speed limit on Mortal Ash Hill. This road is suffering from flooding – the water appears to be coming from the solar panel field. The Forest Pines roundabout improvements will commence March 2025. Applications for primary schools must be submitted this month. Cllr Ross advised that highways are having a JCB pot hole repair machine on demonstration. Airfryers have been provided to senior citizens in North Lincolnshire and slow cookers and one cup kettles may also become available for residents who fit the required criteria. This is an initiative by N.L.C to help senior citizens reduce their utility bills. Cllr Holmes asked if there was any update on the ‘Woody Fuels’ problems being experienced in Winterton – no update is available as yet and this matter is still being investigated. Cllr Chamberlain advised the Ward Councillors that the ‘Green Badge’ initiative by N.L.C was excellent – it enabled people who have a temporary disability (through operations etc) to have a badge to park more conveniently whilst they recover.

ii. HGV’s travelling to the quarries – No update to receive.

iii. Scawby Brook matters – Cllr Hall advised that the hedge has been cut back but only to a small extent – it was anticipated that this hedge would be flailed and cut back quite severely. A resident at Scawby Brook has expressed concerns regarding flooding as a neighbour has put in a drainage grill who has been asked to clean it out to ensure that it is effective. Cllr Lee advised that N.L.C have been asked for an update on all the issues raised at Scawby Brook. Cllr Hall raised the subject of the grass verges outside the leisure centre – acknowledging that they have always been a problem (residents park cars on them as there is no where else to park) however they are very damaged and unsightly at the moment.

iv. Review of action list: The Old Manor Drive finger post will be refurbished in due course.

v. New highways matters – Cllr Askew advised that the hedge cuttings from Sturton crossroads to the school are still littering the pavement. Cllr Keyworth advised that Anglian Water will commence work on Church Street on 14/1/25 but it is unclear how much of Church Street will be affected.

11. PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE MATTERS

i. **Planting Group:**

- a) Plaque at the co-op community garden – Cllr Chamberlain advised that after consideration it has been decided to purchase a tree with the donation from the WI to be planted in the new area of garden at the co-op.
- b) Co-op garden – adjacent the road and footpath – The co-op have acknowledged the parish councils request to undertake the maintenance of this garden area and this matter is progressing. Mrs Platts and Phillips have designed a plan for this area once official permission has been granted by the co-op. The compost – to be purchased with the vouchers won in the best kept village competition, can be stored at the pavilion. Mrs Phillips will be provided with keys to the pavilion. Cllr Ryan agreed to help put the compost into the pavilion. A quotation has been received to prune the shrubs around the village, a further quotation will be sought. Cllr Chamberlain will look into applying for a further grant from Merlin – if successful more bulbs and trees will be purchased. The planting group are in the process of allocating flower beds to volunteers and agreeing what work is required and when this needs undertaking.
- c) Any new planting matters to consider and agree: None

Playing Field Committee:

- a) Road/path to playing fields – The road is owned by N.L.C but have leased the land to the school for 125 years (this includes the road leading up to the sports fields). The trees which have been identified as unsafe on the path leading up to the playing fields are the responsibility of the school and will be taken down as soon as possible. Cllr Johnson has spoken to the school about the lease and the responsibility of the road leading to the playing fields. The responsibility of this road does not fall to Scawby Parish Council. The lease is somewhat vague and needs updating – there are no easements or rights of access within the lease and no statements of condition of the road within the lease. The school is taking legal advice and hopefully the matter will be resolved by the legal representatives of the school and N.L.C.
 - b) Any new playing field matters to consider and agree – none.
- ii. Community Foundation Ireland grant: This organisation has now requested that 2 separate applications are submitted one from the village hall and one from the parish council as they are identified as two separate organisations. Community Foundation Ireland are struggling to recognise the parish council – as it is not a registered charity and is therefore not compliant with their funding terms. The clerk is to try and provide as much information as possible to Community Foundation Ireland in the hope that they accept the parish council as a valid organisation to receive funding.
- iii. To give consideration to the possibility of a donation from the Nelthorpe School Charity towards the cost of the toddler cycle track signs.
- It was agreed that the clerk would write to Mr Phillips outlining the cycle track signs proposal and costings and ask if The Nelthorpe School Charity might consider a donation towards the cost of supplying these signs.

- iv. New village matters – Cllr Coleman will submit an application to N.L.C to seek permission to light the beacon for the VE celebrations.
Cllr Kemp advised that the senior citizens Christmas party went very well and thanked everyone for their raffle prizes. Fly tipping has occurred again at the top of Ermine Street. Cllr Frost suggested that a litter pick be organised as soon as the weather improves. A discussion took place regarding the village having a ‘Pink Pod’ to store litter picking equipment – a location for this pod needs to be found – the co-op was suggested. Cllr Ross will ask if Scawby can have a ‘Pink Pod’ and Cllr Powell will ask the co-op if it can be sited within their grounds.
It was noted that the Carol Service and Christmas tree lights switch on went very well.

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

13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS MEETING

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 5th February 2025 – 7pm – Village Hall.