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**THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SCAWBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON
WEDNESDAY 6th AUGUST 2025 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.**

In the Chair : Cllr T Powell

Also present:, Cllr M Keyworth, Cllr L Griffiths, Cllr J Chamberlain, Cllr R Holmes, Cllr G Siddall, Cllr R Coleman, Cllr N Askew, Cllr A Hall, Cllr M Russell.

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

BROCKWELL ENERGY

Three representatives of Brockwell Energy attended the meeting to provide a presentation on the proposed solar farm at Scawby Brook and answer any questions from the parish councillors or members of the public present.

The representatives advised the meeting that a planning application has been submitted and that they were happy to address any concerns or answer any questions relating to this planning application and to advise the meeting that some voluntary community benefit (funding) will be made available from this application.

Brockwell Energy was established in 2017 and is predominantly a solar and battery farm company. The proposal at Scawby Brook will be a temporary site of approximately 40 years and will then be decommissioned and returned to agricultural purposes. The site at Scawby Brook is deemed suitable as it has a very close proximity to the grid connection – a short cable route with overhead lines already in place. Brockwell Energy deem the site at Scawby Brook to be low grade agricultural land and therefore not essential for agricultural production and it ties in with other industrial land surrounding the proposed site. Brockwell Energy advised the meeting that no build will commence until a connection agreement is secured. Brockwell Energy addressed concerns raised about traffic movements during construction and advised that they anticipate 247 two way movements per day during the construction phase. They advised that principle deliveries will arrive from the M/A180.

Members of the public suggested to Brockwell Energy that the primary driver for developing this site was financial and that little or no consideration had been given to green/environmental issues. Brockwell Energy responded that the Government is heavily invested in establishing net zero and solar energy is one of the best ways to achieve this. Brockwell Energy advised that wildlife and biodiversity will be enhanced through this site and this has been proven from alternative solar farm sites. Hedgerows will be planted along with grass meadows surrounding the panels. The problem of ‘Glint and Glare’ from the solar panels was raised and the response was that there are reports within the application mitigating this concern. There may be some local job opportunities – particularly is the security aspect of this build. Brockwell Energy advised that they were committed to making as little adverse impact on local residents as possible.

PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public attended the meeting to advise the parish council of his concerns relating to HGV's/Commercial vehicles parking overnight on Station Road. A member of the public advised that he could have a word with the driver as he is known to him and the clerk advised that the enforcement team at N.L.C will be asked to visit the area and assess if any parking infringements are taking place.

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1..**APOLOGIES** : Cllr R Johnson, Cllr N Barlow, Cllr J Frost, Cllr C Ross.

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

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 2nd JULY 2025.**

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the monthly parish council meeting held on 2nd July 2025 and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes.

4. **CLERKS UPDATES OR REPORTS**

- Defibrillator – positioned on highway – clerk has not yet received an update from N.L.C. Ward Councillors agreed to follow this up.
- Speeding vehicles Messingham lane – Golden Rivers to be laid to monitor traffic – possibly September.
- Parish Council vacancy – to advise that a vacancy still exists and to date no applications received.

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

- a) Application PA/2025/923 – Planning permission to erect a five bed roomed dwelling – Land off Station Road, Sturton.

IT WAS RESOLVED to report **NO OBJECTIONS** to the proposal to build the 5 bed roomed dwelling but to object to the garden room/shed which is situated outside the development boundary – it was suggested that if the material to this proposed room/shed was changed to timber it would be more acceptable.

- b) Application PA/2025/893 – Planning permission to vary condition 2 of PA/2019/1393 dates 18/10/2019 namely to change design of plot 5.

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

- c) Application PA/2025/821 – Planning permission to erect a dwelling – 6-8 West Street, Scawby.

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

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

- Cllr's Keyworth and Holmes – Town and Parish council meeting – This meeting was attended by both councillors in person. The subject of monitoring blood pressure in the community was discussed and the possibility of training volunteers to take blood pressure checks on members of the community. It was noted that residents should be aware of their blood pressure from 40 years old. An explanation of the N.L.C planning enforcement team was also given, this team look at any disputes on planning applications and act as referees in disputes and do have enforcement powers. Houses with multiple occupants were also discussed and N.L.C advised that they were checked to ensure that they are fit to live in. Community grants were also mentioned recognising that the In Bloom grants remained popular for parishes.

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This meeting also discussed the Public Rights of Way and the responsibility of the Local Authority to maintain. The Local Plan and the provision of houses within the county was also discussed. It was also confirmed that clerks will not attend these Town and Parish Council meetings - they are open to councillors only.

The next Town and Parish Council meeting will be held on 11th September 2025 at 7pm in Church Square and will discuss the reorganisation of Local Government.

- Cllr's Keyworth and Holmes – ERNLLCA district meeting – This meeting took the form of an on-line presentation and featured the Cultural Futures project in N.L.C. This project is hoping to overcome cultural differences within the area and hopefully bring people together. Grants are available for this initiative.

Brian Brookes of Hibaldstow parish council has been elected as president of ERNLLCA.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- ERNLLCA newsletter
- ERNLLCA/NALC – various information emails
- N.L.C – Forthcoming meetings.
- Letter of thanks from Horticultural Society for donation towards the annual show.
- Letter from residents and details of an on line petition regarding their request for speed reduction along Messingham lane.

8. FINANCE

Payee		Amount
Clerk – salary – July	BACS	733.63
Clerk - Expenses :		
Stationery//photocopying – 13.60		
Stamps - 9.57		
Travel – 19.50		
TOTAL EXPENSES	BACS	42.67
Sissons Gardening Services	BACS	764.95
(July contract charge)		
Barton Mowing Services	BACS	684.00
Screwfix - paint	BACS	26.00
Kyanite Consulting Ltd SSL Certificate	BACS	72.00
Gaz's gardening services	BACS	40.00
Barton Mowing Services	BACS	681.00
A Sissons	BACS	3,215.16
Wave – Anglian Water	BACS	54.12
Xero	DD	39.60
Drax – electricity (June electricity)	DD	39.12

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

INCOME RECEIVED : July: N.L.C : verge mowing grant - £11,111, Precept 2nd instalment - £15,000, Spring In Bloom grant - £300.

Football pitch hire : £206, Merlin grant - £500, HMRC – vat recovered - £355.24

ii) The financial statement – The income and expenditure budget sheet was circulated at the meeting and reconciled to 31st July 2025.

iii) To confirm the authorised signatories for the parish council (relevant to UKSPF grant application).

The signatories are : Cllr T Powell, Cllr J Frost, Cllr M Keyworth and Mrs K Pickering.

9. POLICE MATTERS

i) NATS report – No report to receive.

ii) New Police matters: No new matters to report.

10. NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- i. To receive reports from Broughton & Scawby Ward Councillors: OpenReach will be undertaking work on Manor Drive until Friday of this week. Cllr Lee confirmed the ‘Blood Pressure Check’ initiative of N.L.C and anyone who would like to be trained to take blood pressure within the community should apply to N.L.C. The cost of bus travel for 5 – 19yr olds during the holidays is £1.50 and swimming continues to be free for up to 16 year olds. N.L.C are re-launching the energy saving cooking scheme which will commence in September and collection can be from various hubs. Cllr Powell advised that there are great activities, provided by N.L.C, for children at Normanby Hall.
- ii. HGV’s travelling to the quarries – No further update.
- iii. Scawby Brook matters – Some potholes on Silversides Lane have been repaired and resurfacing work will commence between 4 and 31st August – residents need to be made aware that work is taking place so that vehicles can be moved. The enforcement team have served notice on the occupiers of a caravan at the bottom of Silversides lane. The pavement on the corner at Sangreat Kennels is in a poor state of repair and runners are getting injured using this section of pavement. These matters should be reported on the portal at the time of occurrence.
- iv. Review of action list: The radar activated speed signs will be rotated. The data collected from these speed signs do indicate that they are serving their purpose and vehicles are slowing down.
The signs for the toddler cycle trail just need putting up which will be done shortly.
The bench in memory of Cllr R T Matthews needs refurbishing – Cllr and Mr Powell will organise this.
- v. New highways matters – Some work to pot holes on Oak Avenue and Walnut Drive has been undertaken but there are some outstanding – these should be reported on the portal. The clerk will report the HGV’s parking overnight on Station Road to the enforcement team.

11. PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE MATTERS

i. **Planting Group:**

- a) Sunflower competition – The judging of this competition is underway will 12 left to measure in 8 locations. Gratitude was expressed to Cllr Holmes for undertaking the judging.
- b) To give consideration to the quotations received to reduce the height and width of the Pinfold hedge- Three quotations have been received and considered and Cllr Holmes will ask Andrew Walker to undertake this task.
- c) Any new planting matters to consider and agree – The Willow Tree on the village green needs cutting back/pruning – Cllr Holmes will ask the contractor who undertook the work last year to do the same again this year.
Cllr Chamberlain advised the meeting that the flower bed at the War Memorial will be refurbished – the small existing bed will be turfed and a new bed created. The grant from Merlin will be used to purchase 2 new trees for the new lawn area at the co-op – Cllr Griffiths asked if visibility might be impaired by planting trees, Cllr Chamberlain reassured the meeting that visibility will not be affected. Three further trees will be purchased for St Martins Road – to replace trees recently felled due to Ash die back – permission from highways will be sought prior to planting.

Playing Field Committee:

- a) UKSPF grant – update and discuss next steps regarding the purchase of equipment. The clerk advised that she will undertake an inception meeting via TEAMS and will complete the form to formally accept the grant offer.
- b) Any new playing field matters to consider and agree – The half logs up to the zip wire need attention – 2/3 need replacing and repairs to various areas of wetpour is required.

ii. **New village matters:**

- a) Report on Litter pick at Scawby Brook – This was undertaken successfully and well worth undertaking.
- b) Appreciation was expressed to Colin and Sue who run the weekly coffee morning. It is well received by many residents and very well attended. A questionnaire will be provided asking attendees what they would like/activities/entertainment at these coffee mornings.
A Safari supper will take place on 4/10/25.
First Aid training will take place on 27/9/25 by L.I.V.E.S in the village hall between 9- 2pm.
Cllr Powell reported on the most recent planning meeting at N.L.C when a fast food outlet was granted planning permission in the old AF carpets store.
Cllr Powell will organise the Community Champion award and present.

12. ITEMS FOR PARISH NEWSLETTER /WEBSITE - Not required this month.

13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS MEETING

Trees at the churchyard.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 3rd September 2025 – 7pm – Village Hall.