

THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SCAWBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 7th JANUARY 2026 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

In the Chair : Cllr T Powell

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

In attendance: Cllr J Lee, Cllr C Ross, Mrs K Pickering – Clerk.

1..**APOLOGIES** : Cllr R Holmes, Cllr K Repton.

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

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd DECEMBER 2025.**

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the monthly parish council meeting held on 3rd December 2025 and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes.

4. **CLERKS UPDATES OR REPORTS**

No matters raised.

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

i. Application PA/2025/1455 – Planning permission to erect one self build/custom build detached dwelling with detached garage and to demolish an existing outbuilding – Land adjacent to 6 Messingham lane, Scawby.

IT WAS RESOLVED to **OBJECT** to this application due to concerns raised by Anglian Water in that no surface water discharge plans have been submitted with this application raising concerns regarding surface water flooding.

ii. Application PA/2025/1525 – Planning permission for front, rear and side extensions, a new second floor and erection of a detached garage – Rosewood, Mill Lane, Scawby.

MOTION : No objections or comments – proposed by Cllr Frost, seconded by Cllr Hall, 10 votes recorded in favour, 1 against and 1 abstention.

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 Keyworth will attend the next town and parish council liaison meeting when devolution – grass cutting and weed control on the highway is to be discussed. The clerk advised Cllr Keyworth of her concerns regarding the roadside and pavement weed killing being included within the grass mowing agreement without further recompense.

The clerk advised the meeting that she had spoken to Andy Tate (N.L.C) and our Ward Councillors - indicating that parish councils should be paid to undertake this extra work - as the PC will obviously have to pay a contractor. The clerk advised that she feared it would not just be a matter of spraying the road edges and gullies and pavements once or twice a year, the soil/silt and weeds will need manually removing from the road sides, pavements and particularly the gullies, as the weed growth will be too much for just spraying. The clerk also expressed concerns that once residents of the village were aware that this task is the responsibility of the parish council, they will, and rightly so, expect the work to be carried out to a high and thorough standard and this will obviously have high budget implications. Cllr Keyworth was also provided with comments from other clerks in North Lincolnshire – which will be raised at the meeting and these comments included :

- Need a specification for the weed spraying asap, before end of January at the latest –we will not be able to include this cost into the budget due to NLC not providing information with the letter circulated prior to Christmas.
- Require a map of all the areas that are to be included in the spraying.
- Need more of an uplift of 3.8% as this will be the increase in cost to cut the grass, some tenders received and there is an increase in cost along with initial and ongoing costs to obtain spray licences.

7. FINANCE

Payee		Amount
Clerk – salary – December	BACS	752.43
Clerk - Expenses :		
Stationery//photocopying – 14.65		
Stamps - 28.71		
Travel – 19.50		
TOTAL EXPENSES	BACS	62.86
Sissons Gardening Services (December contract charge)	BACS	764.95
A Sissons – various	BACS	120.00
J Frost – keys	BACS	39.00
Barton Mowing Services	BACS	615.00
Xero	DD	44.40
Drax – electricity (November)	DD	51.22
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The accounts for payment were proposed by Cllr R Coleman and seconded by Cllr R Holmes and unanimously agreed.

INCOME RECEIVED : December : UKSPF grant - £19,811.81

ii) The financial statement – The income and expenditure budget sheet was circulated at the meeting and reconciled to 31st December 2025. Over spends were noted on Insurance and projects.

iii) To give consideration to and set the precept for 2026/7 – Cllr Frost provided the proposed budget for 2026/7 and a discussion took place regarding possible projects for the forthcoming year. It was agreed that the existing carved benches and sculptures would be refurbished rather than replaced, a new flashing speed awareness sign would be purchased along with provision for a handy man.

MOTION : To increase the precept to £40,000 proposed by Cllr Griffiths, seconded by Cllr Barlow and unanimously agreed.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- ERNLLCA newsletter
- ERNLLCA/NALC – various information emails
- N.L.C – Forthcoming meetings.
- Email from resident regarding a hedge line at Sturton – resident has contacted the relevant authorities at N.L.C but as yet has not heard back.

9. POLICE MATTERS

- i) NATS report – No matters to report.
- ii) New Police matters: Cllr Griffiths advised the meeting that the Police had responded quickly to concerns raised about an abandoned car in the village – once reported the car was quickly collected.

10. NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL HIGHWAYS MATTERS

- i. To receive reports from Broughton & Scawby Ward Councillors: Cllr's Ross and Lee advised the meeting of an NHS survey currently on the N.L.C website which will influence the services being offered by Scunthorpe hospital. Everyone was encouraged to complete this survey. It was noted that Phillips 66 is going to acquire the LOR site. New funding is being made available to school to provide children with essential school readiness items – shoes, coats etc. The new, extra large burgundy bins will be rolled out in North Lincolnshire shortly – these will replace the old burgundy bins and boxes and eventually food waste will also be able to be placed in the brown garden waste bins.
- ii. Scawby Brook matters – The caravan situated on land in Scawby Brook has gone forward to the planning inspectorate. There is still the on-going issue with the hedge along Silversides lane, debris has not been cleared from under the hedge (the hedge is privately owned) and unfortunately the re-surfacing work at the end of River Meadow has not been undertaken in a satisfactory manner. It was noted that Anglian Water are flushing out the mains water systems in the area overnight.
- iii. Review of action list: The flashing speed awareness signs will be rotated in due course. It was noted that the grass verges outside the cottages at Scawby Brook are in a very bad state – this matter has been discussed and investigated previously and there is very little that can be done about it. The Finger Post sign and the cycle track signs at the playing fields will be refurbished/installed when there is better weather.
- iv. New highways matters – There is a sign which is irrelevant to Scawby on a lamp post on Messingham lane – it just needs removing. There are severe pot holes on Oak Avenue, a survey of these pot holes has been undertaken. There is an abundance of wet leaves outside the school and The Grove Area – it was agreed that the handy man could be asked to collect these leaves up. Cllr Powell provided evidence of a number of trees overhanging or infringing the pavement – Carol Ross agreed to arrange a site meeting with a relevant N.L.C officer and will invite parish councillors to attend.

11. PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE MATTERS

i. Planting Group:

- a) Any new planting matters to consider and agree – The planted daffodils are beginning to come up.

Playing Field Committee:

- a) UKSPF grant – The equipment, trampoline and youth shelter, has been ordered and paid for. The clerk asked the chairman for the date agreed to have this play equipment installed.
- b) Community Foundation Ireland – Scawby PC have a grant allocation of 45,120.36 euros. The clerk advised the meeting of the quotations secured to date – which amounted to an approximate cost of 40,000euros. It was agreed that the clerk should submit this specification and quotations for the new grant application.
- c) To receive and discuss the most recent playground inspection report and agree any repairs necessary. It was agreed that a site meeting would be arranged with a representative of a repairs company to look through the report, agree and order any new parts and repairs required. Cllr's Powell and Frost to take this forward.
- d) To receive and approve the tender from Barton Mowing Services for the 2026 mowing season.
IT WAS RESOLVED unanimously to accept the tender provided by Barton Mowing Services for the mowing season 2026/7.
- e) Any new playing field matters to report – No new playing field matters to report.

- a) Parish Council website – Cllr Griffiths is in contact with the Kyanite Consulting and the website is progressing. It was agreed that Cllr Griffiths and the clerk would edit the website in the future.
- b) Any new village matters: The Christmas coffee morning was a success and gratitude extended to the co-op who provided two staff to help serve refreshments etc. Cllr Coleman advised the meeting that he had spoken to a representative of Pepperells solicitors and they do wish to continue to sponsor the flower bed. The clerk was provided with a new address to send the invoice to.
It was noted that the carol Service was very well attended and went very well.

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

13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS MEETING

- Sponsored flower beds – review of charges and provision of signs.
Beacon – protection of surrounding grass.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING : – Wednesday 4th February 2026 - 7pm – Village Hall.