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THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SCAWBY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1st MAY 2024 IN THE VILLAGE HALL.

In the Chair : Cllr T Powell

Also present: Cllr J Frost, Cllr G Siddall, Cllr R Holmes, Cllr M Keyworth, Cllr J Chamberlain, Cllr T Barker, Cllr R Coleman, Cllr R Johnson, Cllr A Hall, Cllr M Russell, Cllr N Barlow

In attendance: Cllr J Lee, Cllr C Ross, Mrs K Pickering – Clerk, 6 members of the public.

PUBLIC FORUM

A member of the public raised the subject of the provision of allotments in the village/parish. He mentioned that there had been considerable interest on the village social media site. The member of the public advised the meeting that he felt a temporary or private agreement with a local landowner would be the way forward- rather than the parish council trying to obtain/purchase land locally. He also felt that it didn't have to be individual plots of land but could be in the form of a community garden involving the school. The member of the public also indicated that if land was made available perhaps an allotment association could manage the land. Cllr's Lee and Ross advised the meeting that Broughton have allotments and they are holding an open day on 26th May if anyone is interested in attending.

1. **APOLOGIES** – Cllr S Kemp, Cllr N Askew.

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

3. **ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 3rd APRIL 2024.**

IT WAS RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the monthly parish council meeting held on 3rd April 2024 and authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes.

4. **CLERKS UPDATES OR REPORTS**

- Dog bin – Ermine Street – relocating one from Lidgetts Close – N.L.C have been asked to consider this relocation request.
- Pot holes – Silversides Lane – reported and awaiting repair.
- Felled trees on St Martins – possibility of replacements – no response from N.L.C.
- Overgrown hedge – Walnut Drive – Cllr Johnson has called at the property a number of times – will continue to do so.
- Tree at Post Office – no response from N.L.C

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

a) Application PA/2024/373 – Application to vary condition 2 of PA/2023/1132 dated 6/11/23 to allow for a reduced scheme – 60 Gainsborough Lane, Scawby.

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

b) Application PA/2024/169 – Brigg Power Station. The parish council has been asked to reconsider their objection to this application as N.L.C are satisfied that the updated survey work and reports demonstrate that any land contamination has been identified, remediated and verified

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and N.L.C advise that the condition is not removed but amended to cover off the risk of finding any future unexpected contamination on the site and requiring further additional survey works to be undertaken should contaminated land be identified. With this in mind condition 4 would be reworded to suit the site and not removed as the application describes.

IT WAS RESOLVED to withdraw the parish councils objection to this planning application.

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

- Cllr's Keyworth and Holmes – ERNLLCA/Town and Parish liaison – This meeting provided information/advice on property /community asset purchase for the voluntary sector with this company providing affordable consultations for those organisations who need such advice. The next meeting will involve the environment agency discussing flooding issues.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

- ERNLLCA newsletter
- ERNLLCA/NALC – various information emails
- N.L.C – Forthcoming meetings.
- Residents concern regarding felling/pruning a dangerous tree situated within a conservation area and not receiving a response from N.L.C when seeking authority to manage a tree. Ward Councillors advised to take evidence of the tree, perhaps have a tree surgeons report confirming the health of the tree and then fell/prune as appropriate to avoid accidents/injury.

8. FINANCE

| Payee | | Amount |
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| J Phillips – Plants | BACS | 315.70 |
| R Holmes – Paint | BACS | 32.00 |
| Clerk – salary – April | BACS | 706.33 |
| Clerk - Expenses : | | |
| Stationery//photocopying – 19.69 | | |
| Stamps - 17.00 | | |
| Travel – 19.50 | | |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | BACS | 56.19 |
| Sissons Gardening Services (April contract charge) | BACS | 764.63 |
| Nelthorpe School Charity(Rent) | BACS | 900.00 |
| H P Tree Care – Willow Tree | BACS | 550.00 |
| Anglian Water | BACS | 19.40 |
| Clear Councils (Insurance) | BACS | 3,575.94 |
| Barton Mowing Services (Mowing and work at playing fields) | BACS | 1,038.00 |
| A Sissons – verge mowing | BACS | 1,975.16 |
| A Sissons – Francis Gardens | BACS | 435.00 |
| CPRE membership | BACS | 36.00 |

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| Opus Energy – May | DD | 80.87 |
| Xero | DD | 36.00 |

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

INCOME RECEIVED : April: Allbones – rent - £900.00, In Bloom grant - £245, VAT - £372.43, Brigg Town Football - £175.00, Precept - £20,000.

ii. The financial statement – The financial statement will be circulated when figures for the new financial year have been inputted.

9. POLICE MATTERS

i) NATS report – No matters raised.

ii) New Police matters: A couple of vehicle accidents have occurred at the Forest Pines roundabout. It was reported that the T junction at Scawby/Brigg Road will be closed 3-6 May. There has been some attempted scams of the elderly involving alarm pendants/calls. Tools have been stolen from a van in Scawby Brook recently.

10. NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL HIGHWAYS MATTERS

i. To receive reports from Broughton & Scawby Ward Councillors: Cllr Lee advised that Safer Neighbourhoods and Police representatives will be attending Broughton Village Hall on 7/5/24 between the hours of 3-6pm. All welcome to attend. N.L.C have various services of remembrance planned for the celebration of the 80th anniversary of D Day. Broughton are holding an allotments open day on 26/5/24 – all welcome to attend. The Easter holidays saw a huge take up of the free swimming offer for children and in half term all children can travel on a bus for £1. Cllr Ross advised councillors of their recent telephone surgery and a Scawby resident rang with concerns about speeding vehicles and asked if a speed reduction in the village could be looked in to. The pot holes on Gainsborough Lane/Mill lane were also raised and will be put forward to N.L.C for repair.

A site meeting with N.L.C representative Mick Johnson and ward councillors has been arranged for Tuesday 23 May – 10-11am meeting at the Pinfold. Cllr’s Holmes, Russell, Frost, Barlow and Hall will attend.

Cllr Lee raised concerns of the lack of public transport in Scawby – particularly on a weekend – at a council meeting and this was noted and will be looked into. It was mentioned however that if a service is provided, residents must use it or it will be removed. Cllr Keyworth commented that extra buses have been provided from Scunthorpe to Brigg via Broughton but nothing extra for Scawby. Cllr Keyworth enquired how residents of Scawby would utilise this service and was advised that a resident would have to walk to Forest Pines, pick up the no 4 bus into Brigg and then wait until a bus was then travelling to Scunthorpe. Cllr Keyworth thanked the ward councillors for their work in trying to improve the public transport service for Scawby.

ii. To discuss the increased volume of HGV’s travelling through Scawby and the effectiveness of the traffic management plans on planning applications. It was reported that hauliers associated with Centrica have been travelling up and down Church Street, the site manager has been contacted and all hauliers associated with these works have been contacted and told they should be using the designated traffic management route. Improvements have been noted.

Cllr Frost has been looking into the HGV's leaving the Manton quarry. Evidence is available to prove that hauliers are not using the agreed traffic management route – this route is very clear in the planning permission granted. Cllr Ross agreed to take this matter up with the senior planning officer who is likely to ask the enforcement officers to investigate. It was agreed to continue to investigate the routes hauliers are using from the other quarries in the area.

iii. Review of action list: Cllr Hall asked the Ward Councillors why no progress has been made regarding the bottom of Silversides Lane and whether the road and/or the footpath is formally adopted by N.L.C. Cllr Ross agreed to take this matter up with N.L.C.

iv. New highways matters – The potholes have been repaired on Meadow Vale. It was suggested that a request to refrain from parking on grass verges is put into the parish newsletter. It was also requested that it is made clear that parish councillors do not report to N.L.C the vehicles which are parking on the verges, parish councillors merely place an advisory note on the windscreen of the vehicle but do not advise N.L.C. N.L.C do patrol the village periodically and if a car is found to be parked on a verge, the N.L.C officer will issue a fine. It was reported that Messingham Lane will be having the gas pipes renewed in the near future. A gas vent is leaning and hindering the footpath on West Street – next to the co-op. Clerk to report to British Gas. A car has been abandoned on Ermine Street but it is taxed and tested and therefore the Police cannot become involved.

11. PLAYING FIELD AND VILLAGE MATTERS

i. Planting Group:

a) Minutes of meeting held on 5/4/24 – Circulated and all matters noted.

Cllr Chamberlain provided an update for the meeting on the activities and proposals from the planting group. The Post Office planter has been removed but a concrete base/block is still evident – A Sissons has been asked to undertake remedial work in this vicinity – perhaps turf and in time perhaps plant a tree. Ferns have been planted around the beacon and have survived the attention of the rabbits. The summer bedding at the beacon will be surrounded with bark to hopefully keep the rabbits away. A 'Bug Hotel' has been constructed at the playing fields. A very kind resident has cleaned the village signs and painted the posts which has improved the appearance of the village signs tremendously. The planting group have raised the condition of the front boarder at the co-op garden – this is not the parish councils responsibility but it would be nice if it were improved as it is a focal point of the village. This needs further consideration before the co-op is approached.

b) Sunflower competition – The take up of the seed envelopes has been very good and the planting group are hopeful that entries for this competition will start to come in. Cllr Barlow will encourage entries for this competition when he visits the school later this week. Cllr Holmes will advise the horticultural society that the front garden competition will not take place this year – just the sunflower and hanging baskets/tub competitions.

c) Any new planting matters to consider and agree – No matters raised.

ii. **Playing Field Committee:**

a) S106 money – Cllr Johnson is still waiting for information and it was suggested that perhaps the school children should be consulted as to what new piece of equipment they would like. There was also a suggestion of painting traditional games such as hopscotch/snakes and ladders onto the play surface. It was agreed that all these matters including the possibility of a boules court would be discussed next month. The playing field committee will table a paper on all these options.

b) Grassed area around the beacon – to receive suggestions and agree as to how this area can be protected. This matter will be discussed in due course.

c) D – Day celebrations – The required permissions have been submitted to N.L.C. The beacon will be lit on 6th June at 9.27pm. The posters advertising the event have been produced.

d) Any new playing field matters to consider and agree. A discussion took place regarding the wet area at the playing fields and Cllr Holmes asked the meeting if some drainage should be considered. It was agreed that the playing field committee would look into this matter.

Cllr Frost advised that the fence at the playing fields has been damaged – new posts & postcrete is required and the netting reinstated. Cllr Frost will contact A Sissons to look into making the necessary repairs.

iii. To give consideration and agree the locations for the 2 new posts for the radar activated speed signs.

MOTION: Cllr's Powell and Coleman will decide upon the locations for the new posts and will advise the parish council where the new posts will be situated.

PROPOSED by Cllr Barker, **SECONDED** by Cllr Frost – 8 votes in favour, 2 against and 2 abstentions. **MOTION CARRIED.**

iv. To give consideration to holding a 'Meet Your Councillor' afternoon/evening. To discuss at the next meeting.

v. To discuss and give consideration to the provision of allotments in the village.

It was agreed to raise the subject of allotments on the village facebook page and ask if anyone is interested in having an allotment to write formally to the parish council requesting that the parish council investigates the possibility of the availability of land for such an activity. If the parish council receives 6 or more requests the parish council will contact local landowners asking if any land might be available for allotments for residents of the parish. It was agreed that local landowners would not be contacted until the required number of requests, in writing, have been received.

vi. To discuss the provision of cycle trail road signs in the parish. To discuss at the next meeting.

vii. A Sissons:

a) To consider the schedule/contract for 2024/5 and approve.

b) To consider the verge mowing map and approve.

The clerk advised that she has spoken to A Sissons and he has agreed to provide an up to date schedule but has been tremendously busy this last 2/3 weeks but will have the document ready for consideration at next months meeting.

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viii. Any new village matters: It was agreed that A Sissons will cut the verge at the entrance to the village from Broughton crossroads a maximum of 6 times/year. If the out of town grass mowers (N.L.C) cut the grass A Sissons will leave it until he feels it needs cutting again.

The school has used the playing fields for athletics training recently.

Cllr Hall raised the matter of the dead trees in the school grounds. Cllr Barlow will raise when he visits the school later this week.

Cllr Powell advertised the Scunthorpe Male Voice Choir evening in the village hall.

Cllr Powell will purchase the required poppy wreaths in good time for Remembrance Sunday.

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

13. AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MONTHS MEETING

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING : Wednesday 5th June 2024 – 7pm – Village Hall.