

Parish Council Meeting Minutes: 27th November 2018, Scopwick Village Hall

62/2018 Public Forum

Two members of the public attended the meeting.

63/2018 Opening

Welcome by Chair of Parish Council

Attending:

Cllr Philip Baumber (Chair), Cllr John Woodward, Cllr Janet Flett, Cllr Tim Banks, Cllr David Nelson and Cllr Alistair Brackenbury

District Cllr Steve Clegg

County Councillor Rob Kendrick.

Officer: Jill Moran (Parish Clerk).

64/2018 County and District Council Reports

County Cllr Kendrick referred to his written report for November which had already been distributed. Lincolnshire had received an additional £13.7 million from Central Government for the roads in the County. This has to be seen in context of the overall reduction of Central Government funding to the County Council of 90%.

District Cllr Clegg encouraged Councillors to respond to consultation on the NK Plan. Future projects include the planned £1.2 million refurbishment of The Hub (centre for arts and design) in Sleaford. His written report is to be published on the parish council website with these minutes. Cllr Clegg had made enquiries but there is to date no change in the situation regarding the Limes in Scopwick. The private sector housing team who monitor the occupation of the site under the guardianship regulations visited last week and have yet to report. He will keep the Parish Council updated.

65/2018 Apologies and Declarations of Interest

Apologies had been received from Cllr Spry.

Cllr Banks declared an interest in the Village Meadow (Item 8 (a) of the Agenda) as an employee of the Landlord Company.

Cllr Flett declared an interest as Chair of the Village Hall Management Committee in item 8(b) of the agenda.

66/2018 Minutes

Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council on the 25th September 2018 were approved and signed by the Chair as the Minutes.

67/2018 Reports

(a) Clerk's Report

1. **Highways.** The community speed watch training by Lincolnshire police was very well attended with 10 people signed up to use a hand held speed device and monitor traffic. A further training day will be held as soon as the device is delivered. The Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) are running the project which is coordinated locally by the Parish Clerk. The Clerk will collect the data from the volunteers and pass to LRSP who will send out notices to 'offending motorists'. If volunteers identify a particular problem with speeding on a section of road the PCSO will then be able to justify the police coming out to monitor traffic.

Highways confirmed that the signs on the B1188 which were knocked down at the beginning of the year are due to be replaced as soon as possible. This work is contracted out by the County Council and they have requested it be given priority.

The poor state of repair of the wall boundary of the church at Kirkby Green has been reported to LCC Highways. Whilst the churchyard remains open the wall is the responsibility of the Church, details of the local church contact has been passed on to Highways to pursue.

2. **Anglian Water.** The area outside the pumping station has been reinstated but the bridge has yet to be repaired. No date has been given for the bridge repair to date. The Customer Liaison Manager for this area will be invited to attend the Parish Council meeting at the end of January to discuss the repair/relining works due for 2019.

3. **Planters.** Formal application to site 4 planters at road signs on B1188 and B1199 submitted, awaiting response.

4. Planning applications received/decided since 25th September::

1. Application number: 18/1115/FUL : Demolition of storage shed and erection of 2no. detached dwellings at Land Adjacent To Main Street And Church Lane Kirkby Green Lincoln Lincolnshire LN4 3PF

Parish Council response: No objection via email 20/9/18.

To date this application is 'awaiting decision'.

(b) Playing Field Committee

Draft minutes from the November meeting were circulated and are available on the parish council website and the notice boards. The next meeting will take place on **Monday 4th February at 7.30pm** in Scopwick Village Hall.

(c) Village Hall Committee

Draft minutes from the October meeting had been distributed. Cllr Flett as Chair of the Committee gave a report as follows:

The Committee provided a reception in the Village Hall following Bev Kitchen's funeral. A rose bush will be planted outside hall in her memory.

Improvements to the Hall continue, including the fitting of new carpet on the stage and in the bar area. Plans to upgrade the sound system are being considering including a consideration of the benefit of combining a new sound system with visual equipment (permanent screen and projector).

Cllr Flett wished to thank all those who helped make the end of WW1 celebration such an amazing success. 84 people attended the event which raised £145 for the British Legion. Other recent events included the Macmillan coffee morning , at which £1266 was raised. There has also been a successful Art Exhibition.

Regular and occasional bookings and online system going well and details of future events are on the website www.scopwickparish.co.uk/

Cllr Flett wished to thank all those who have generously sponsored the Christmas Draw. Donations of raffle prizes and tombola will be gratefully received.

Dates for diary :

Saturday 8th Dec 2-4pm Christmas Bazaar and Draw

Tuesday 18th Dec 6.30pm carol singing in hall, donations to cancer research

Saturday 19th Jan 7pm Quiz and curry night

(d) Neighbourhood Planning Group

Minutes of the Working Group meeting in November had been distributed. Cllr Woodward, the

Committee Chair, reported that the next step for the group will be consulting with the public at an open meeting at the Village Hall on **Saturday 15th December 2018 from 10am to 1pm.**

(e) Community Speed Watch

Cllr Brackenbury had installed and downloaded data from the new speed watch device. A summary of that data was distributed as follows:

Date: from 11/09/18 to 06/11/18

Location: Main Street Scopwick

Speed limit 30 mph

Total vehicle count: 57335; average speed: 26.72 mph; % vehicles over speed limit 28.1%;

68/2018 Correspondence

A list of correspondence received by the Clerk up to the 27th November 2018 was circulated.

69/2018 Matters considered

(a) Community Speed Watch

Lincolnshire Road partnership had supplied a list of the items to be purchased for the road side speed monitoring:

1. Bushell Velocity RADAR TTRAD01 (hand held radar) £229.00 plus delivery
2. 3x High vis jackets with logo £11.61 each plus £6.25 delivery
3. CSW advisory signs kit £68.20 plus £12.50 delivery
4. Click Counter, clip board, pens. Total £5

The Parish Council authorised the Clerk to order the above items, the vote was proposed by Cllr Baumber and seconded by Cllr Woodward.

The Parish Council discussed the problems experienced during the recent diversion due to the road closure at Metheringham. The diversion signs were poorly placed blocking the motorist's view from the junction of Main Street and the B1188. Congestion was caused by lorries being unable to turn into Main Street due to the volume of traffic at the junction. It was agreed that these issues would have been relieved by temporary traffic lights being in operation at the junction throughout the period of the diversion. The Clerk was requested to write to LCC Highways and request that in future Highways install traffic lights as part of their traffic management strategy.

Lincolnshire Police had supplied statistics showing road traffic collisions reported during the year, as follows:

3/11/18	B1191 (Main Road Scopwick) 2 vehicle collision outside the Royal Oak.
3/10/18	B1188 Collision in Scopwick at bends south of junction with Main Street.
6/9/18	B1191 2 vehicle collision outside the Royal Oak.
5/2/18	B1191 2 vehicle collision outside the Royal Oak.

(b) Parish Council Grant applications for 2019.

Two applications for amounts over £100 had been received by the Parish Council under the new Grant Policy. They were considered individually and decided as follows:

1. Scopwick Parochial Church Council were awarded the sum of £654 as a contribution towards the costs of grass cutting in the Vicarage Lane Cemetery.
2. Scopwick and Kirkby Green Village Hall Committee were awarded the sum of £1000 towards the costs of continued refurbishment of the Village Hall.

(c) Heath Farm Energy Grant – Project Ideas.

It was decided to look into the cost of a defibrillator for Kirkby Green and the practicalities of siting this within the old red phone box. It was considered that the purchase of a defibrillator would meet the grant's criteria of being used for 'community benefit'.

(d) Village Maintenance.

1. Grass cutting contract for 2019/21

The Clerk had written to 3 local contractors for quotes based on the same specification as in previous years but with the addition of strimming the area behind the village hall to keep the weeds down. The Parish Council considered the quotes but felt that further details were needed before a decision could be made. The Clerk was asked to ask the contractors for further details and to supply references where necessary, the matter will now be considered at the budget meeting in January 2019.

2. General maintenance issues.

It had come to the attention of the Parish Council that people were using the Village Meadow to exercise their dogs. The sign asking people not to do so had been fixed to the gate and was now obscured as the gate had been removed. It was agreed to continue with the policy of excluding dogs from the Village Meadow and the sign will be repositioned to make this clear.

The Parish Council had received notice that defibrillator situated outside the Village Hall would no longer be maintained/inspected by the volunteer from Metheringham. Mr Keal had performed this service since the machine was installed by MACLA and had written to the Parish Council asking that they take over responsibility. The Clerk will now contact Mr Keal confirming that she will be a point of contact for East Midlands Ambulance Service regarding the machine and confirm that the Parish Council will assume responsibility both practical and financial.

A resident had reported that the street lighting along Beckside was being obscured by trees from overhanging properties. Also moss growing on the path was making it slippery underfoot. The Parish Council agreed to investigate and contact the tree owners.

3. Tree Survey

It had been decided to order a tree survey from NKDC. The Tree Officer had asked for a map showing the areas to be surveyed. The Clerk had identified the areas owned/leased by the Parish Council to include: the Playing Field on Vicarage Lane, area of village green between Brookside and Main Street Scopwick and the Village Meadow. Questions were raised as to the ownership of the green lane from Vicarage Lane to Main Street. Cllr Baumber and Cllr Banks agreed to walk the area and identify if there were any trees which should be included in the survey.

4. Village Meadow Carpark

The Contractor, J E Spence and son, had to date been unable to confirm a start date due to pre-existing work commitments. The Clerk had expressed concerns that a late start to the work may disrupt activities in the meadow in spring/summer 2019. In response the Contractor had suggested that disruption would be minimised if instead of excavating the central area and laying limestone chippings and grass seed, the existing turf were reused and further grass grid purchased which could then be rolled into the turf when the ground conditions allowed. He also indicated that labour costs would be considerably reduced by this option and he provided an revised quote on this basis for the Parish Council to consider. The Parish Council considered the revised price and specification comparing it with both the earlier quote from the Contractor and from other contractors including

Gridforce as supplier of the grid squares. It was decided to continue with Mr Spence and to accept his revised price as it still represented the best value for money and had the additional benefit of being from a known local contractor. The Clerk was instructed to inform the contractor and to order the additional 220m2 of grass grid required from the supplier of the grid already purchased.

70/2018 Finance

Accounts summary as at 20/11/18:

Co-operative Bank current account:	£2,809.14
Co-operative Bank deposit account:	£21,844.49
Total available funds:	£24,653.63

Payments made since last meeting:

• D Nelson reimburse cup engraving	£ 14.99
• J Woodward reimburse NPG expenses	£ 100.68
• SKGVHC invoice 41 (NPG meeting)	£ 15.00
• SPCC 2018 donation	£ 600.00
• J Moran Salary Sept 2018	£ 410.94
• Hills Garden Maintenance inv 91817	£ 194.40
• Doddington Farms LLP Christmas tree	£ 100.00
• SKGVHC hall hire inv 45	£ 30.00
• Hills Garden Maintenance invoice 91821	£ 490.80
• J Moran Salary Oct 2018	£ 410.94

To be approved:

• J Moran – Clerks expenses Oct/Nov 2018	£ 38.97 (postage £0; other – Ink and Printer paper £28.97; administrative - £10; travel £0)
• Tele traffic UK – hand held CSW radar	£274.80

71/2018 Dates for future meetings

Saturday 15th December 2018, Neighbourhood Planning Group open meeting 10am-1pm

Tuesday 15^h January 2019, Parish Council annual budget meeting from 7pm

Tuesday 29th January 2019, regular Parish Council meeting from 7pm

Monday 4th February 2019, Playing Field Committee Meeting from 7.30pm

All meetings are open to the public and take place in Scopwick Village Hall.

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