

Parish Council Meeting Minutes: 29th May 2018, Scopwick Village Hall

30/2018 Public Forum

Six members of the public and two representatives from Anglian Water attended the public forum. The Customer Liaison Manager with responsibility for the area addressed the meeting. The Parish Council had raised concerns with Anglian Water regarding the disturbance to residents caused by the tankers on Main Street Scopwick, the damage to the area in front of the pumping station and what action was to be taken by Anglian Water to prevent a reoccurrence of the problem.

The meeting was told that Anglian Water were aware of the damage to the roadway, verge and bridge head next to the pumping station and that this would be rectified once the tankers no longer needed access to the site.

The presence of two tankers pumping out from the Main Street site was due to ground water levels being very high and water infiltrating the sewerage system. Without the pumping and disposal of water the sewerage system in the parish would not be able to cope. As it was residents of Kirkby Green had experienced problems which included flooding to a property and driveway.

Anglian Water was using electric loading pumps to minimise the noise disturbance to residents.

As yet there was no date for stopping the work which would continue until ground water levels fell.

Anglian Water acknowledged that this problem had occurred in the past. They had responded by 'patch lining' the sewers but the ground water pressure had damaged the repairs and the ingress of groundwater was now greater than ever. Anglian Water are now looking a more permanent and extensive repair to the sewer using a system of linings in both the main sewer and laterals.

The Parish Council will be advised of any change to the current arrangements and when and if the more extensive repairs are approved and given a start date.

31/2018 Opening

Attending:

Cllr Philip Baumber (Chair), Cllr John Woodward, Cllr Tim Banks and Cllr Alistair Brackenbury
District Cllr Steve Clegg.

Officer: Jill Moran (Parish Clerk).

Apologies: Cllr Janet Flett and Cllr David Nelson.

32/2018 District Councillor Reports

Cllr Clegg reported that the owner of the Limes care home has appointed a conservation architect following the pre-planning application to the District Council. The owner had stated that he would be consulting with the Parish Council before submitting an application to planning. The Clerk will contact the owner and suggest a meeting with Councillors.

33/2018 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Banks declared an interest in the Village Meadow (Item 8 (d) on the Agenda) as an employee of the landlord company.

34/2018 Minutes

Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council on the 27th March 2018 and the Annual Parish Council Meeting on the 15th May 2018 were approved by the Councillors present at those meetings and signed by the Chair as the Minutes.

35/2018 Reports

(a) Clerk's Report

1. **Highways.** Damage to the bridges over the beck on Brookside, potholes in Scopwick and Kirkby Green and the demolished signs on the B1188 have all been reported to Lincolnshire County Council Highways Department and are all pending.

LCC Highway Department works to widen the road and provide drainage and a kerb to the roadway on Brookside have been postponed and will not now take place this year. Whether they will form part of next year's programme will depend on the outcome of a survey of the beck commissioned at the request of the Environment Agency.

2. **Road Safety.**

The community speed watch initiative announced by Lincolnshire Road Speed Partnership (LRSP) will now go ahead although a date for training volunteers has yet to be announced. The Clerk had talked to other Parishes and reported that a new mobile speed indication device was available that could be mounted on lampposts. A number of mounting plates could be purchased which would allow the device to be moved around the parish. The Parish Council will consider the cost and positioning of a mobile SID at the July meeting.

(b) Playing Field Committee

The Clerk reported that the next meeting of the Committee will take place on Tuesday 5th June 2018 at 7pm in Scopwick Village Hall. An inspection of the playpark by an engineer employed by Playdales (the manufacturer of the equipment) took place in April. As a result of which a repair to the large slide was carried out.

(c) Village Hall

Minutes of the last Village Hall Committee meeting had been circulated by the Clerk prior to the meeting and were noted.

(d) Neighbourhood Planning Group

Volunteers and Councillors had now formed a Neighbourhood Planning Group and the minutes of their meeting on the 22nd May 2018 and the terms of reference adopted by the Group had been circulated by the Clerk. The next meeting will take place on Monday 18th June in Scopwick Methodist Chapel at 7pm.

36/2018 Correspondence

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

37/2018 Matters considered

1. The application to NKDC to designate the area for the Neighbourhood Plan was approved by the Parish Council and signed by the Chair.
2. An update to the Data Protection Policy to bring it in line with the new General Data Protection Regulations was approved by the Parish Council.
3. Three contractors had submitted quotes for the car parking area behind the village hall. The most competitive of the quotes was made by the contractor who had done work for Blankney Estates. The Parish Council agreed that they would like to accept this quote on the basis that it was the best value and would be carried out by a contractor whose works were known. The contractor will be asked to clarify that the quote includes disposal of waste material from the site. The work was also subject to being approved by Blankney Estates as the owner of the land. Cllr Banks advised that the board of Blankney Estates are meeting in July and will be asked to approve the plans.
4. Cllr Woodward as a member of FOSRO, the group formed to put together a community bid to buy the Royal Oak Pub, had submitted a proposal to the Parish Council. The group had received advice from the Plunkett Foundation and as a result of this wished to ask the Parish Council if they would work with FOSRO to help fund the purchase. The Clerk had looked into the legal position on behalf of the Parish Council and advised that as currently constituted the Parish Council did not have the legal power to enter into a loan arrangement to purchase the Royal Oak. Further, the capital reserves held by the Parish Council were already allocated for other purposes. If FOSRO were to approach the parish council for a grant the amount would be limited by the yearly maximum spend under S137 of the Local Government Act (currently a maximum of £4,200) and subject to an assessment of the benefit accruing to the community.
5. Cllr Baumber reported that large planters, plants and compost are being donated to create a floral display next to the Village signs. It is hoped that as well as being an attractive feature they will highlight the entrance to the villages to motorists who will hopefully check their speed. Thanks go to Paul Scholey, Timberland Road Nursery and Cllr Baumber.

38/2018 Finance

1. The Council considered the Annual Governance Statement for 2017/2018 and resolved to approve the Accounting Statements at section 2 which were signed and dated by the Chair.

2. The Council approved the following accounts summary:

Co-operative Bank current account:	balance as at 29/5/18	£15,194.29
	deposit account: balance as at 29/5/18	£21,841.07

A bank reconciliation statement was signed by the Chair.

3. The Council approved the following payments:

- Hills Garden Maintenance inv 041807 £332.40 (grass cut)
- Hills Garden Maintenance inv 041808 £332.40 (grass cut)
- Jill Moran- salary April 2018 £410.94
- Scopwick and Kirkby Green Village Hall Committee (SKVHC) inv 12 £15.00 (hall hire)
- Hills Garden Maintenance inv 051803 £332.40 (grass cut)
- Hills Garden Maintenance inv 051806 £490.80 (grass cut)
- SKGVH inv 7 £15.00 (hall hire)
- J Wood- Audit £50.00

- J Pearson-slide repair play park £55.20
- J Moran - Clerks expenses total £30.70
postage £1.12; other (ink x2) £15.98; administrative £10; travel £3.60
- Community Lincs Insurance annual premium £566.24 (parish council insurance).
- J Kennard (Scopwick parish website) re domain name fee £24.00

39 /2018 Items for agenda of next Parish Council meeting on the 31st July 2018

- Village meadow car park.
- SID and road safety issues.
- Play park inspections.

40/2018 Dates for future meetings

Monday 18th June 2018 Neighbourhood Planning Group at Scopwick Methodist Hall from 7pm.
Tuesday 31st July 2018 Parish Council Meeting Scopwick Village Hall from 7pm.

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