

Scopwick and Kirkby Green Parish Council

Meeting Minutes

28th November 2017, Scopwick Village Hall

66/2017 Public Forum

Eight members of the public attended and the following issues were raised:

- The planning applications 17/1488/FUL and 17/0525/FUL by Lincolnshire Chickens Ltd concerning development in an area on the boundary between this parish and Timberland.
- Planning application 17/1512/HOUS, proposal to extend a property at 2 Bridge Lane Scopwick.
- Rubbish on the site of the Limes Care Home visible from the public footpath.
- Registration of the Royal Oak Public House as a community asset.

67/2017 Opening

The Chair welcomed all those present at the meeting.

68/2017 Present

Cllr Philip Baumber (Chair); Cllr Janet Flett (Vice Chair); Cllr John Woodward; Cllr David Nelson; Cllr Alistair Brackenbury and Cllr Matt Spry.

District Cllr Steve Clegg; District Cllr Dan Gray and County Cllr Rob Kendrick.

Apologies from Cllr Tim Banks.

Officer: Jill Moran (Parish Clerk).

69/2017 County and District Councillor Reports

Cllr Clegg had compiled a written report and a copy is attached to these Minutes. Taking into account comments made during the public forum Cllr Clegg confirmed that he would contact the enforcement team dealing with the Limes Care Home and advise them of the waste issue. He will also liaise with the Clerk to arrange a meeting between the Enforcement Officer, the Parish Council and any concerned residents. On the subject of the future of the care home he reported that pre application submissions had been made by the owners to the planning department for a 'new' care home on the site.

Cllr Gray reported a successful intervention to rehouse a resident of Kirkby Green who needed to be nearer to Lincoln for medical reasons.

Cllr Kendrick wished to draw attention to the RAF 100 years celebration taking place in 2018 and particularly a call for volunteers to act as guides and ambassadors; for details see

www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/news

70/2017 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest or written requests for dispensations were received relating to items on the agenda.

71/2017 Notes of the last meeting

Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council on the 26th September 2017 were approved by the Councillors present at that meeting and signed by the Chair as the Minutes.

72/2017 Reports

(a) Parish Clerk:

A letter had been received from Scopwick Parochial Church Council thanking the Parish Council for a donation towards the cost of grass cutting and maintaining the graveyard on Vicarage Lane.

Documents, including past minutes to 2012, account books and a local history society publication had been deposited with Lincolnshire Archives.

The Clerk had attended an event organised by Lincolnshire County Council to give out information on funding sources for future projects.

The Christmas tree for the village hall had been ordered and was due for delivery on 6th December.

Trevor Gash had been asked to cut hedges in playing field and village meadow

(b) Planning Committee

All Councillors received a summary of applications received since the last meeting at the end of September together with details of a pre application submission in respect of the proposed development of a detached bungalow on land adjacent to 32 and 24 Springfield Estate Scopwick. Details of current applications are available by contacting the Clerk or on the parish council website.

Councillors discussed planning applications 17/1488/FUL and 17/0525/FUL by Lincolnshire Chickens Ltd. Objections had been raised by a resident of Kirkby Green during the public forum. The Parish Council had not commented on these applications to date, the main application relating to land in the parish of Timberland and Thorpe Tilney. The Clerk had contacted the planning officer responsible for both applications and had been advised that the determination date which had been at the end of January would be set back to allow the applicant to submit a further environmental report. Plans and other documents are available online and by visiting the Metheringham Parish Office at 15A High Street, Metheringham; for opening hours see online or phone 0800 6343307. Councillors decided to examine the two applications and submit comments to the planning authority. Concerns were expressed that the residents of Kirkby Green should be advised of the applications and invited to send in their comments to NKDC, to this end the Clerk was instructed to advertise on both notice boards and online.

(c) Playing Field Committee

Draft minutes of the meeting of the Committee on the 17th October 2017 had been circulated and published. Cllr Nelson reported that the Race Night in November had been a great success and that the next meeting of the Committee would be on Tuesday 9th January 2018.

The Committee will be circulating a questionnaire in December asking for users of the playing field to feedback on improvements to the facilities/new equipment as a first step to applying for funding.

(d) Village Hall Committee

Cllr Flett reported that work continued to be done to improve the facilities. Most recently a new security light had been installed on the outside of the hall. Coming events include the Christmas Market on the 9th December and Carols in the Hall on the 19th December.

All future events are listed on the Scopwick Parish website at www.scopwickparish.co.uk

(e) Footpaths and Highways

Cllr Woodward reported that the damage to the surface of Trundle Lane by heavy machinery had been repaired and all footpaths were in good condition.

Damaged bridgeheads by the pub and the church had now been repaired. It had been noted and reported that the bridge near the entrance to the Springfield Estate had also sustained damage and was awaiting repair by LCC Highways.

The Clerk had attended a meeting held by the Highways Department of Lincolnshire County Council. The purpose was to inform parish councils on the restructuring of the department and the online reporting system for highways issues. In a new initiative the Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) will be training volunteers to take part in Community Speedwatch using a hand held radar to detect vehicles exceeding the speed limit and report the results to LRSP who will issue 'letters of advice' via the police. Three volunteers will be needed per parish and anyone interested should contact the Clerk.

(f) Grass Hedges and Trees

A summary of the grass cutting for the season was circulated and all agreed that the Contractor Graham Hill had done an excellent job.

73/2017 Correspondence

A list of correspondence received by the Clerk up to the 27th November 2017 was circulated.

74/2017 Issues Considered:

(a) The Village Meadow.

A cost estimate had been obtained for a carpark on the lower half of the village meadow. Following discussion at the last Parish Council meeting, a design had been put forward using a combination of Gridpave (grass reinforcement material) and limestone chippings. JE Spence and Sons Ltd gave an estimate of £2700 (not including VAT) for the work to be done and supply of all materials apart from the Gridpave and the limestone chippings. The Clerk was in the process of obtaining two further quotes from Baypark Construction and Ingamells Construction for work of the same specification. Councillors expressed concern that the use of limestone as a surface material although reducing costs would be visually less appealing than the initial idea of an area using grass reinforcement materials only. The Clerk agreed to look at alternatives to the limestone and establish if a parking area with limestone surface was available for the Councillors to inspect. Cllr Woodward suggested an alternative based on 'Enviroflow' a drainage product made from recycled plastics. The Clerk will look into this and report back to the Parish Council.

(b) Neighbourhood Plan.

Community Lincs had supplied a draft A4 leaflet. This was preferred to the A5 leaflet and it was resolved to instruct Community Lincs to produce 260 A4 leaflets at a cost of £88.76. The Clerk will purchase plastic covers so that the leaflets can be left outside and arrange for distribution and collection of the leaflet in January 2018.

(c) Village Maintenance.

(i) Dog Bins.

A large (50 Litre) green metal dog waste bin has been ordered to replace the one on Vicarage Lane. The smaller bin will then be relocated at the end of the green lane outside the Limes. The Clerk will contact NKDC to remove the old bin on Brookside which has fallen down the bank.

(ii) Weed Control.

Lincolnshire County Council weed spraying programme for the highways and paths has yet to be decided for 2018. The Councillors were unhappy with the current arrangement in which weeds are sprayed in the late Autumn with a non-residual spray and the Clerk had contacted LCC to ask for the spraying to be done in the Spring. The grass cutting contractor Graham Hill will be asked to supply a quote for spraying in Spring 2018.

(iii) Notice Board.

The doors of the Scopwick notice board have been damaged and need replacing. The Clerk obtained a quote from the manufacturer of the board and will look at alternative sources for the polycarbonate glazing.

(d) Royal Oak Public House.

The application to register the pub as a community asset with NKDC has been made. If successful the application prevents an immediate sale allowing members of the community to submit a bid to establish a community enterprise. Support for the process is available from the community enterprise team at NKDC.

(e) Planning Application 17/1512/Hous – 2 Bridge Lane Scopwick.

The Parish Council considered the proposal to alter and extend the dwelling at 2 Bridge Lane Scopwick. Response time for the Parish Council had been extended until the 12th December. After studying the planning application, listening to concerns expressed by residents during the public forum and considering letters of objection the Councillors resolved by majority vote to object to the application on the following grounds:

- The proposed development is within a conservation area and as such: **‘must respect the local character and be carefully designed to respect the setting, through consideration of scale, height, massing, alignment, and use of appropriate materials.’** (Central Lincolnshire Local Plan 5.10.11). The Parish Council felt that the proposed design failed to do this. In summary the Parish Council felt that the design represents an overdevelopment of the site using up much of the garden. Both the scale of the proposed property and the materials to be used are not in keeping with its position within a conservation area.
- The negative effect of the proposed development on the neighbours and residents of Bridge Lane, and particularly on the immediate neighbours at 3 Bridge Lane. It was acknowledged that the existing bungalow at 2 Bridge Lane looks directly onto the garden at 3 Bridge Lane. Currently garden shrubs along the boundary provide some screening maintaining privacy. The alterations, particularly the raising of the roof to provide additional accommodation will result in a loss of privacy. The Central Lincolnshire Plan 5.11.13 states that: **‘All development must make a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the environment within which it is located, having regard to its local context, and should not impact negatively upon the amenity experienced by neighbours.’** The Parish Council considered that the proposed development would both overlook and overshadow neighbouring properties and represent an unacceptable loss of amenity for those neighbours.

75/2017 Finance

The council resolved to approve the following payments made since the last meeting:

Date	Payable to	Reason	Total
26/9/17	Hills Garden Maintenance	Grass cut inv 91712	352.80
26/9/17	D Nelson	Reimburse re postcrete	5.15
2/10/17	J Moran	Salary Sept 17	406.87
9/10/17	J Moran	Clerks exp Aug/Sept 17	77.98
7/10/17	Lincolnshire Association of Local Councils	Subscription Local Council Review	17.50
9/10/17	Grant Thornton	Annual Audit Fee	120.00
9/10/17	RoSPA	Annual Inspection Fee	117.60
9/10/17	Hills Garden Maintenance	Grass cut inv 101708	332.40

17/10/17	Methodist Chapel	Hall Hire 5 th Sept	15.00
17/10/17	S & KG Village Hall	Hall Hire 4 th and 26 th Sept	30.00
19/10/17	Scopwick Parochial Church Council	Donation for graveyard	600.00
30/10/17	J Moran	Salary Oct 17	406.87
27/11/17	Hills Garden Maintenance	Grass cut inv 111707	332.40

And to pay the following outstanding accounts:

J Moran, clerk's expenses for Oct/Nov 2017 of £40.22

D Nelson, reimburse for cost of poppy wreath £20.00

S & KG Village Hall, Hall hire 17th Oct £15.00

Doddington Farms, Christmas tree for village hall £112.00

Glasdon, additional dog bin £248.12

76/ Items for agenda of next Parish Council meeting.

(i) Stephen Flett to talk to the Parish Council regarding updates to the Scopwick Village website.

(ii) To set a date for village litter picking in 2018.

77/ Date of Next Meeting.

Annual Budget meeting confirmed as Tuesday 16th January 2018 and the next Parish Council meeting as Tuesday 30th January 2018 at 7pm in Scopwick Village Hall.

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