

## Scopwick and Kirkby Green Parish Council

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Parish Council Meeting Minutes: 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018, Scopwick Village Hall

### **19/2018 Public Forum**

One person attended from the Friends of Scopwick Royal Oak (FOSRO) to update the Parish Council on the progress the Group had made putting together a community bid to buy the pub. A meeting will be held by FOSRO on April 19<sup>th</sup> at 8pm in the Royal Oak.

A representative from the Rivers Trust addressed the Parish Council on a project to improve the wildlife habitat in Scopwick Beck. The Rivers Trust are a small conservation charity in Lincolnshire and examples of their recent work can be seen in Welton and Dunston. To date the Trust have worked with local landowners in the area between Scopwick and Kirkby Green. They are seeking funding from the Heritage Lottery Fund to extend their work; possibly to include the centre of Scopwick and an area of Kirkby Green.

### **20/2018 Opening**

Attending:

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

District Cllr Steve Clegg.

Officer: Jill Moran (Parish Clerk).

### **21/2018 District Councillor Reports**

Cllr Clegg reported that NKDC are running a workshop for local enterprises interested in using social media on the 16<sup>th</sup> April 2018. For more information, or to book a place on this free event email [ecodev@n-kesteven.gov.uk](mailto:ecodev@n-kesteven.gov.uk) or call 01529 308177.

The Government are looking to recruit Magistrates in Lincolnshire. Further details at: [gov.uk/become-magistrate](http://gov.uk/become-magistrate).

### **22/2018 Declarations of Interest**

Cllr Flett declared an interest in the donation for the Village Hall (Item 8 (b) on the Agenda).

Cllr Banks declared an interest in the Village Meadow (Item 8 (d) on the Agenda).

### **23/2018 Minutes**

Notes of the meeting of the Parish Council on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were approved by the Councillors present at that meeting and signed by the Chair as the Minutes.

### **24/2018 Reports**

#### **Clerk's Report**

1. **Royal Oak Public House.** Following representations from the group intending to put together a bid to buy the pub (FOSRO) the Parish Council had formally notified the local authority and triggered a 6-month moratorium on sale. FOSRO are working with NKDC Community Assets team and the Plunkett Foundation to adopt a formal constitution and put together a business plan for community ownership of the pub.
2. **Village Meadow.** An updated specification for the work to improve the drainage and surface of the car parking area behind the Village Hall had been sent to three contractors. Issue to be considered at the Parish Council meeting at the end of May 2018.
3. **Road Safety.** The Clerk had contacted Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership (LRSP) to ask them to survey the B1188 to assess for suitability and location of a permanent Speed Indication Device (SID). This work was passed to Lincolnshire County Council Highways although there is a backlog of work with no projected date for the survey. Indications are that it may take up to a year to complete this stage. LRSP agreed to supply the Parish Council with passive notices for the B1188 (40mph) and provide additional notices in the 30mph zone. The Clerk is looking into whether a new mobile SID would be quicker to install and will present findings to the Parish Council at the meeting at the end of May.

The community speed watch initiative announced by LRSP has been delayed and a date for training volunteers has yet to be announced. The moveable SID is due to be in the village again in June and then in November.
4. **Neighbourhood Planning.** The first meeting of the Steering Group will take place on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April in Scopwick Village Hall at 7pm. This is an open meeting and the Clerk will publish the Agenda the week before and remind via email those people that expressed an interest in attending. Two members of the team from Community Lincs will assist with this meeting.
5. **The Limes.** The Parish Council have been advised by Michelle Hoyles of Lincolnshire County Council that the owner of the site has expressed an intention to consult informally with the Parish Council before taking a planning application further. To date no contact has been made. A pre-application consultation with NKDC planning has been completed.
6. **Planning applications decided since 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018:**
  - (i) **Planning Application Reference: 17/1781/HOUS.** Location: 5 Glebe Close Scopwick Lincoln Lincolnshire LN4 3NL. Parish Council response no comment. Status: approved (5 Feb 2018)
  - (ii) **Planning Application Reference: 17/1717/HOUS and 17/1718/LBC.**  
Proposal: Erection of conservatory to rear of dwelling. Location: Noms Cottage 39 Main Street Kirkby Green Lincoln Lincolnshire. Parish Council response no comment. Status: approved (27 Feb 2018)
  - (iii) **Planning Application Reference: 17/1850/FUL.** Proposal: erection of portal framed building for use as light agricultural and general storage building. Location: Pillar Box Farm, 9 Main Street, Kirkby Green LN4 3PE. Parish Council response: objection (24/1/18) Status: approved (16<sup>th</sup> Feb 2018)
  - (vi) **[T1 Ash - crown lift to 5m - Holy Cross Church Main Street Scopwick Lincoln Lincolnshire LN4 3NR.](#)** Ref No: 18/0120/TCA. Received date: Tue 23 Jan 2018. Status: TPO

not required.

**Planning Application Reference: 17/0525/FUL Lincolnshire Chickens.** The Planning Officer at NKDC dealing with this application confirmed that it was still pending consideration and awaiting an Environmental Impact Assessment. Once this is received by the Planning Department it will initiate another round of consultation with the Parishes, residents and consultees so there will be a further opportunity to comment. As the Parish Council is not a consultee the Clerk will continue to track the application and update the Parish Council.

### **Playing Field Committee**

The Playing Field inspection and maintenance course run by Community Lincs had been cancelled due to bad weather in February and had been rearranged for May. The next meeting of the Committee will take place on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7pm in Scopwick Village Hall. Members of the Playing Field Committee had planted a row of Hazel trees along the boundary to provide a barrier to protect footballs from hitting the blackthorn boundary hedge.

### **Village Hall Committee**

Cllr Flett reported upcoming events: The Great Get Together on the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> June and the 1<sup>st</sup> World War “Battles Over” event in November. All future events are listed on the Scopwick Parish website at [www.scopwickparish.co.uk](http://www.scopwickparish.co.uk).

New chairs have been ordered and the Committee are looking at new curtains for the stage and the windows.

A first aid course will be held on the 8<sup>th</sup> May, for details see the Scopwick Parish Website.

### **Footpaths and Highways**

The improvements to the verge outside the Village Hall on Brookside are scheduled for completion in May/June this year. A representative from the Highways Department will meet with Councilors in April to discuss the work to be done.

Damage to bridges, potholes on Vicarage Lane and signs on the B1188 have all been reported to Lincolnshire County Council Highways and are pending action.

### **25/2018 Correspondence**

A list of correspondence received by the Clerk up to the 26<sup>th</sup> March 2018 was circulated.

### **26/2018 Matters considered**

**(1) The Annual Parish Meeting.** As in previous years this meeting will be held on the same night as the Annual Parish Council Meeting. It is a statutory meeting intended to provide an opportunity for residents to raise issues with the Parish Council and to inform the Parish Council in their work in the year ahead. The Councilors considered that an invitation should be made to the local MP to attend the meeting.

**(2) Donation request from Scopwick and Kirkby Green Village Hall Committee.** The Committee contacted the Clerk asking for the agreed donation for 2018/2019 to be paid at the beginning of the next Financial Year. The Parish Council resolved to approve the payment of the full donation of £1000 on or after the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018.

**(3) Planning applications.** Following the resolution at the Parish Council meeting on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 to amend the Standing Orders as suggested by the Clerk to reflect the new online planning regime, it was agreed that those changes should take immediate effect.

**(4) Review of land owned/maintained by the Parish Council.** The Parish Council own the following freehold property:

**(i)** Playing field on Vicarage Lane. Registered title number LL186676 (land certificate with Clerk).

**(ii)** Four parcels of land along the beck in the centre of Scopwick. All unregistered, deeds with Sills and Betteridge Solicitors in Sleaford.

The Parish Council hold the following leasehold property:

**(i)** Village Meadow Scopwick. This property is leased from Blankney Estates and the 30 year lease expires in 2026.

The Parish Council hold the following property as Custodian Trustees:

**(i)** The Village Hall Scopwick. The beneficial owners of this property are the Scopwick and Kirkby Green Village Hall Committee. The role of the Parish Council is to hold the title deeds for the Committee. The property is unregistered and the deeds are held by Sills and Betteridge.

The Parish Council considered possible future courses of action and resolved to register title to the land owned by the Parish Council in the centre of Scopwick. Title will then be a matter of public record. It was also agreed that the Clerk should look into the possibility of further securing the future of the village green area with an application to the commons registration department at Lincolnshire County Council to register the area as Village Green under the Commons Registration Act 2006.

**(5) Village Maintenance.**

**(i) Dog Bins.** A large (50 Litre) green metal dog waste had been installed on Vicarage Lane replacing the 25 litre bin which had been relocated at the end of the green lane next to the Limes. The Chair thanked Cllr Nelson for carrying out this work. It is hoped that the larger bin on Vicarage Lane will encourage people to use it and not to throw their full dog bags into the hedge and ditch along Vicarage Lane.

**(ii) Litter Picking.** The litter picking event on Saturday 24 March went well with 10 large bags of litter collected. The Parish Council wish to thank the volunteers who took part.

**(iii) Wall Outside Holy Cross Church.** The poor state of repair of the wall outside the Church was discussed. The Clerk will contact the parochial church council and report back to the Parish Council in May.

**(iv) Best Kept Village Competition.** It was resolved to enter the competition this year. The Clerk is to complete the application and publicise the event to encourage residents to tidy up in front of their properties prior to the first round of judging in late May.

## **27/2018 Finance**

The Council resolved to pay the following:

• J Moran, clerk's salary February 2018	£410.94
• J Moran, account for clerk's expenses for Feb/Mar 2018	£31.63
• J Moran, clerk's salary March 2018	£410.94
• Joe Kennard Scopwick Parish website donation	£29.95
• LALC Annual membership of LALC and NALC	£263.33
• CPRE Annual Membership	£36.00
• CPRE Best kept village entrance fee	£9.00
• SKGVHC Hall Hire January 2018	£45.00
• SKGVHC Annual donation 2018/2019	£1000.00
• Playdales Engineer site inspection	£105.00

## **28/2018 Items for agenda of next Parish Council meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

- Village meadow car park.
- Village maintenance – church wall.
- SID and road safety issues.
- Community bid for Royal Oak pub.

## **29/2018 Dates for meetings in April/May 2018**

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2018 Neighbourhood Planning first meeting.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Annual Parish Meeting followed by Annual Parish Council Meeting.

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2018 Parish Council meeting.

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