

Minutes of Scriven Parish Council meeting on

Monday 22nd July 2013 8pm

Park Grove Methodist Church Rooms

In attendance:- Cllr Sarah Patterson (Chairman), Cllr Jim Sykes, Cllr Ken Barnes, Cllr Rod Adams, Cllr Stuart Bell and Jenny Bradley (Clerk), County and District Cllr Anne Jones and District Cllr Ivor Fox plus 18 members of the public

22/7/1 Apologies - None

22/7/2 Councillors Declaration of Interest - None

22/7/3 Minutes of the last meeting May 23rd **APPROVED**

Public participation

The public attending the meeting came specifically to comment and listen to the discussion on agenda item 27/7/7 the development of land off Boroughbridge Road behind Piccadilly Motors, application number 13/02074/OUTMAJ.

The overall feeling was that those attending were opposed to the application citing that there is no infrastructure for a new estate, it would put too much pressure on an already congested road and be a waste of first class agricultural land. There were several questions arising about whether these properties were in the 5 year or indeed 25 year plan? Cllr Fox said the 5 year plan should be met and that there should be no need for this development. Cllr Fox also mentioned that the area around this potential development is an area of scientific interest and home to the Greater Crested Newt. Part of the plot falls in Scriven parish and part into Knaresborough. Knaresborough Town Council have objected to the application already. Cllr Anne Jones will request that the Planning Committee visit the site before considering the application.

A resident from Boroughbridge Road suggested starting up an action group, a resident on Greengate Lane responded by saying there already was one and they could work together.

On a separate note Cllr Anne Jones announced that an exhibition of Winifred Jacob Smith (Women's Land Army) would be on show at Knaresborough library from Mon 30th September.

Following the public participation session, the Chairman proposed that the order of business be changed to bring agenda item 27/7/7 forward to allow those present to hear the item discussion and then leave if they wished to do so. **AGREED**

22/7/4 Banking and Finance:-

- Current financial position :- Current Account £786.22, Savings account £747.70 and Road Maintenance £1906.28
- Cheques to be signed:- Clerks salary for 9 weeks £245.43, Quarterly working from home expenses clerk £50, Clerk expense Nominet web domain name transfer £12, Mileage expenses to auditor, York £27 (30 miles x .45p x 2 journeys), Room hire £24, Internal Auditor £80, Printing of March newsletter £12 plus Grass Cutting Farm and Land Services £79.20
- Clerk to check if the council is eligible for YLCA insurance discount

Item 27/7/7 was discussed at this point

22/7/7 Planning:- Potential Residential Development – the land off Boroughbridge Road behind Piccadilly Motors, application number 13/02074/OUTMAJ. Cllr Patterson proposed that Scriven Parish Council object to this planning application based on a number of criteria including, impact on traffic, lack of infrastructure, the damage to green corridors next to areas of scientific interest, the rural landscape and approach to the town. **AGREED**
Cllr Barnes reminded the council members that they can also respond individually to the planning application as well as submitting a corporate council response.

22/7/5 Proposal for a Temporary Vehicle Activated Sign for Scriven – Although currently the council has no funds available for this project, traffic speed has been a concern through the village for some time. Previously when a potential site was surveyed on Market Flat Lane it was rejected due to the bend in the road making the location unsuitable. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would look into any potential costs for a survey and if free of charge to make arrangements to have a survey of the area done as soon as possible.

22/7/6 Scriven Parish Council have launched their new website – Cllr Patterson was pleased to be able to report that despite only being live for 10 days prior to the meeting and only being publicised on the notice board there had been an encouraging number of hits on the site - averaging about 20 a day.

22/7/8 Maintenance update – Scriven Parish Council would like to express their sincere gratitude to a local resident for refurbishing the bench on the green and the notice board completely free of charge. This kind of gesture is what keeps our village looking its best.

22/7/9 Private Roads – update on current condition – Clerk to report poor gully drainage on Market Flat Lane to NYCC. Cllr Bell and Cllr Sykes to inspect and report on the road condition in the autumn when Old Saw Mill building work is complete. – **AGREED**

22/7/10 Findings of notable trees from tree walk – Cllr Bell and the Clerk have done half of the ‘Tree Walk’ noting and photographing important trees in the village on the outside of the conservation area and will complete the walk and report in time for the next meeting

22/7/11 Jacob Smith Park –

- The new pedestrian gateway has been cut and the gate itself is due to be fitted shortly along with some matting to protect the grass.
- A fire was reported in the park and thankfully dealt with swiftly by the Fire Brigade.
- There is a concern for safety as someone has been taking garden waste into the park for children to make dens out of.
- Tree planting continues.

22/7/12 Neighbourhood Watch – David Blood is the co-ordinator for the top end of the village above the green and Rod Adams for Market Flat Lane and along the bottom of the green. There are gaps throughout the village. The Parish Council will appeal to residents to fill those co-ordinator gaps in the next newsletter – **AGREED**.

Cllr Bell reported that the Community Safety Partnership website is very informative and it would be a useful link to have on the new Parish Council website.

22/7/13 Newsletter – Neighbourhood Watch, New Website, Claro Archaeology, Boroughbridge Road planning application response, Park Corner Farm, FEVA and JSP. All articles to Cllr Patterson by the end of the week - **AGREED**

22/7/14 Confirmation of future meeting dates – 19th September and 7th November.

Public participation

There was further discussion by the public about the Boroughbridge Road planning application and the action to take.

Meeting closed 9.30pm

Jenny Bradley, Clerk, Scriven Parish Council
