

Scriven Parish Council

Minutes

Parish Council meeting on

Tuesday June 26th 2012 8pm

Park Grove Methodist Church Rooms

Present Chairman Cllr Sarah Patterson, Cllr Ken Barnes, Cllr Rod Adams,
Cllr Stuart Bell and Jenny Bradley (Clerk), Borough Cllr Anne Jones
plus Steve McBurney – Commercial Estates Group

26/06/1 Apologies – Borough Cllr Ivor Fox

26/06/2 Councillors Declaration of Interest - None

26/06/3 Minutes of the last meeting May 3rd 2012 approved

Public participation

Members of the public are very welcome to attend this meeting. We aim to allow approximately 15 minutes for public comment and questions before the meeting. Standing Orders need to be suspended by law, in order to do this. The public are entitled to attend the meeting in full but cannot take part in proceedings until Standing Orders have been suspended.

Steve McBurney from Commercial Estates Group (representing the developer of Manse Farm) spoke at length about the alleged possible implications to Scriven PC if they join Knaresborough Town Council on their Neighbourhood plan.

26/06/4 Banking and Finance

- Current financial position –
Current Account £845.02, Savings Acct £626.24,
Road Maintenance £1905.33, Available Commuted Sums £700.
Clerk to speak to HBC re use of commuted sums for permanent
installation of electricity cable across the Green - **AGREED**
- Cheques signed:- Clerks salary and working from home expenses
£318.16, Room Hire £16

26/06/5 Annual Return approved and signed - **APPROVED**

26/06/6 SPC to adopt Harrogate Borough Council's Code of Conduct. The Clerk advised that HBC would be amending their code of conduct slightly in the near future and that councillors would be informed of any changes in due course. Current Code to be distributed and signed with new register of member's interests which is also to be signed by all councillors and returned to Clerk - **DECIDED**.

26/06/7 Road Maintenance

- Road Maintenance Fund Voting Results:-
Option 1 - to keep annual collection scheme = 34 out of 43

Option 2 - to only collect when road needs repairing = 3 out of 43
Option 3 - to abandon scheme altogether = 2 out of 43
Outstanding votes = 4 out of 43

- Road Maintenance Fund Policy decision - After considerable discussion regarding the implications, it was **DECIDED** that SPC would send a letter to all the residents concerned, detailing the outcome of the vote and that due to more than the agreed 10% of respondents wishing to opt out or abandon the scheme, the scheme would indeed, have to be abandoned.
- SPC to talk to owners of Old Sawmill development regarding potential road maintenance needs caused due to building works. Cllr Bell to organise meeting- **AGREED**
- Wood Owner Correspondence – Wood Owner currently communicating with the Armitages over road use and ownership. The Armitages support all the SPC correspondence that has been sent to the owner of the woods.

26/06/8 The Jubilee Picnic was a great success with over 100 in attendance.

26/06/9 KTC Neighbourhood Planning Meeting – Cllr Adams updated the council on this meeting explaining that the plans were still in their infancy as that was only the second meeting KTC has had on the subject of a Neighbourhood Plan. Other neighbouring parish councils had been invited along too such as Goldsborough and Flaxby and they were keen for all to become involved.

Chairman suspended Standing orders to allow Mr McBurney to speak again.

Mr McBurney expressed that KTC's only interest in involving SPC and any other outlying parish, was to enable and force housing expansion outside the Knaresborough boundary. He also stated that SPC would not have any voting powers in the decision making process to control any development. It was acknowledged that this is of course the opinion of the developer who has a vested interest in keeping development within the Manse Farm area.

The Chairman reinstated standing orders and resumed the meeting.

It was **AGREED** that SPC should seek further information from KTC and HBC in an attempt to obtain a balanced view and also to attend further KTC meetings before deciding whether to be involved in their Neighbourhood Plan.

26/06/10 Update on Christmas Lights letter and Drains – Clerk to chase Nigel Avison at HBC for a response to SPC's matched funding request for the Christmas Lights. Clerk to also check with NYCC on what action they have taken with the blocked drains in the area that SPC previously reported - **AGREED**

26/06/11 Park Corner Farm – the planning application for the 4 houses in addition to the 2 barn conversions (separate application) has been approved. There are now a total of 26 conditions attached and it was made clear that HBC were not in favour of any development on the paddock which was outside of the Village building line. Problems over drainage were also raised. The owners of Park Corner Farmhouse are aware of the revised building line at the rear of their property but there will still not be a fully unobstructed sight line to Jacob

Smith Park. It was noted that SPC were disappointed that it appeared that all their concerns, comments and objections had been largely ignored by HBC particularly in relation to the scheme design features, within the Conservation Area.

26/06/12 All items for the Newsletter to be sent to Cllr Patterson as a matter of urgency. Possible items to include – Road maintenance Voting update, Jacob Smith Park, Big Lunch, Jubilee Picnic, Scriven Exhibition and Walk, FEVA dates.

Next Meeting – September 13th 2012
Meeting closed 10.35pm

Jenny Bradley
Clerk
Scriven Parish Council