

Scriven Parish Council

Annual Parish Council meeting

On Thursday May 23rd 2013 8pm

In Park Grove Methodist Church Rooms

To be followed by a Parish Council Meeting

Present Cllr Sarah Patterson, Cllr Jim Sykes, Cllr Ken Barnes, Cllr Rod Adams,
Cllr Stuart Bell and Jenny Bradley (Clerk), Borough Cllr Anne Jones and
PCSO John Smith

Minutes for the Annual Parish Council Meeting.

1. Election of Chairman - Cllr Bell proposed Cllr Patterson for Chairman and Cllr Adams seconded. Election of Vice Chairman - Cllr Adams proposed Cllr Sykes for Vice Chairman and Cllr Bell seconded.
2. Apologies - Mr and Mrs Armitage and PC Sue Brookes
3. Minutes of the 2012 Annual Meeting - **APPROVED**
4. Annual Financial Review - given by the Clerk - see attached

Minutes for the Parish Council Meeting

- 23/05/1 Acceptance of Office and Register of Members' Interests - Cllr Patterson accepted the position of Chairman - Clerk to provide acceptance of office declaration - there were no new members' interests to register
- 23/05/2 Apologies - Mr and Mrs Armitage and PC Sue Brookes
- 23/05/3 Councillors Declaration of Interest - None
- 23/05/4 Minutes of the last meeting March 21st - **APPROVED**

STANDING ORDERS SUSPENDED

Public participation

- PCSO John Smith updated the council on the latest reported crimes in Scriven Park Ward and recent operations in local villages aiming to reduce crime in specific rural areas. PCSO Smith reported that these operations have been successful. He wanted to remind residents in Scriven to check their home security and he informed the council that Mr David Blood is the Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator at the top end of Scriven, above the Green.
- Borough Councillor Anne Jones explained that Jacob Smith Park will be closed whilst the new pedestrian entrance is being installed.

- Cllr Jones updated the council on the following upcoming events:- A talk at Knaresborough Library on The Ancient Forest of Knaresborough Thurs 30th May, Bed Race Sat 8th June, FEVA 9th -18th Aug.

STANDING ORDERS REINSTATED

23/05/5 Banking and Finance

- Current financial position - Current Acct. £1179.10, Road Maintenance Acct. £1906.04, Savings Acct. £747.61
- Cheques signed since last meeting - Insurance £436.24, YLCA £107. Cheques to sign - Clerk's Salary + Working From Home allowance £295.43, Room Hire £24, Grass Cutting £79.20, Newsletter Printing £12
- 2012/2013 Tax return form - questions completed, signed and minuted for audit

23/05/6 Website - www.scriven-pc.co.uk has been relinquished by Alex Vass. Clerk to purchase and transfer domain name to Scriven Parish Council - **AGREED**

Cllr Patterson to create a new website once domain name is successfully transferred - **AGREED**.

23/05/7 Safer Neighbourhood - some parishioners received a letter from the Police re cold calling. The next SPC newsletter will let residents know who their local Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators are and give details of how to become a co-ordinator - **AGREED**

Cllr Sykes to contact Mr David Blood to determine the extent of the area he covers, enabling any 'gaps' in Neighbourhood Watch coverage of the village to be identified - **AGREED**

Cllr Bell to prepare the item for the newsletter - **AGREED**

23/05/8 Jacob Smith Park - Cllr Bell reported that it had been suggested that he had misled fellow Cllrs regarding the exact position of the new gate into Jacob Smith Park as detailed in SPC's March newsletter and he wished to apologise if this was the case. The meeting agreed that an apology was not necessary as all Cllrs were aware of the precise intended position of the new gate and had not been misled in any way. The newsletter article was written in good faith and any inaccuracy that had been made in the wording had just gone unnoticed. The article also indicated where the plans showing the precise position of the gates could be viewed by parishioners online.

Cllr Bell also reported the following -

The Park will close on the 1st July whilst the new pedestrian entrance is being installed - for safety reasons the gate being installed will be a self-closing gate

Winifred Jacob Smith is prominently featured in an exhibition of the work of the Land Army in WW2, currently being held at Pocklington. It is hoped that the exhibition will also be shown in Knaresborough Library later in the year.

The new Nature Trail - which is in line with the National Curriculum - is now available to download from the Friends of Jacob Smith Website

There is a plan to plant large trees around parts of the boundary of the park that currently don't have any

First Scriven Scouts have planted a commemorative oak tree in the park for their 45th anniversary

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Correspondence –

- SPC was copied in on a letter from Mr Burrell to HBC, regarding the poor condition of the area surrounding the Old Sawmill site and a possible breach of planning. A written response received from HBC states that planning permission has not been breached and the site has been tidied up.

Following recent building projects in Scriven, the council **AGREED** to communicate with owners regarding the private roads at the outset of any building work and encourage them to keep residents informed from the beginning.

Cllr Bell and Cllr Sykes to photograph private road - **AGREED**

- A letter was received from Mrs Barclay re overhanging branches on footpath. The council noted that the overhanging branches on the corner of Market Flat Lane had since been cutback. It was discussed that SPC should include a note in the next newsletter reminding residents to keep pathways clear and to inform that it is Harrogate Borough Council that should be contacted when public paths are covered by overhanging branches, HBC will then request that the branches in question are removed - **AGREED**

23/05/10

Newsletter – contents to be agreed at the next meeting - **AGREED**

23/05/11

Confirmation of future meeting dates July 22nd, 19th Sept

Jenny Bradley

Clerk to Scriven Parish Council

