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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SPOTBROUGH &
CUSWORTH PARISH COUNCIL HELD 19 SEPTEMBER,
2024 AT SCAWSBY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Cllrs: T. Nicholson (Chair), J. Rodgers, T. Rawlings, P. Haith, A. Curtis, L. Chipp, S. Swift, C. Ransome, D. Glover, (Cllrs G. Bluff, L. Bluff and L. Hempshall joined the meeting at 7.20pm)

In attendance: Clerk, Deputy Clerk, R.F.O.

5125. **TO A) RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE GIVEN IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AND B) TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF REASONS GIVEN FOR ABSENCE (item 1)**

None.

5126. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST (item 2)**

Cllrs. L. Chipp declared an interest if item 15 of the agenda (library).

5127. **MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC (item 3)**

None.

5128. **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18.7.24 (item 4)**

Resolved: That the Minutes of the above meeting be confirmed as a true record.

5129. **PLANNING MATTERS (item 5)**

New applications

24/1494/FUL : 3 St Chads Way, Sprotbrough

24/1196/FUL : 31 Cusworth Lane, Scawsby

24/1569/FUL : 1 Kempton Park Road, Cusworth

Resolved: That no observations be made in respect of the above

applications.

24/1276/TPO : 135 Melton Road, Sprotbrough

24/1402/TPO : Kilgariff House, Pak Drive, Sprotbrough

Resolved: Comment made to ask that replacement trees are planted.

5130. **FINANCIAL MATTERS (item 6)**

Grants

Ridgeway School of Dance had requested financial assistance of £500 due to support the operations of the group.

Resolved: That a grant of £500 be made.

Bank reconciliation figures to August 2024

These were received and approved.

Bank reconciliation verification to August 2024

This was received and approved.

Budgetary Control Statement ending August 2024

This was received and approved.

5131 **PARISH COUNCIL POLICIES (item 7)**

All Parish Council policies were received and approved.

5132. **PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES (item 8)**

The summer fair had been held on 10th August and had gone well. It was proposed to have the event in 2025 on the first weekend of August to avoid Doncaster Pride and the summer fair at Barnsley Road playing field. The Eco Fest had been provisionally booked for the 4th June in 2025. All tickets for the Halloween pantomime had been sold quickly.

The Christmas fair would be run in conjunction with Aurora, the Parish

Councils charity for 2024, but they had indicated that they only wanted this on the Sunday. As the Saturday would clash with other local events and the ice skating rink company could only hire the rink for two days it was proposed that this year's event be on the Sunday only and the ice skating rink cancelled. This course of action was agreed with a donation made to Aurora in lieu of this.

A bid to the National Lottery had been made for the cost of equipment and set up for the community cinema. The result was expected in October/November. It was proposed to run the 'Stay Warm at Home' service in the winter with a pop up at the Goldsmith Centre and Scawsby CC.

Poppies would again be fitted on lamp posts at the end of October.

5133. **FUN FAIR – GOLDSMITH CENTRE 2025 (item 9)**

The request to again have the fun fair at the Goldsmith Centre from 15th – 18th May 2025 was agreed.

5134. **RECREATION & GENERAL AMENITY MATTERS (item 10)**

ROSPA had completed their inspections of all sites - the reports were awaited.

Goldsmith Centre

All external painting had been completed by Community Pay Back and new signage installed. Quotes were being obtained to clean the solar panels, guttering and replacement of rotten fascias.

New Lane

The zip wire had been removed for safety reasons due to the wooden support being compromised. It was proposed to leave it until new equipment was installed which was agreed.

Anchorage Lane

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The community orchard would be planted early next year and bulb planting would take place in October. The new picnic table/bird houses/bug boxes would be installed before the winter.

Benches for the Goldsmith Centre and Anchorage Lane to commemorate the D Day landings anniversary this year were being purchased. This would be in addition to the two benches installed at the river side as part of a joint bid with the Don Gorge Community Group.

With regard to the concern raised by a parishioner at the loss of light into his and other neighbours properties due to the height of trees in the nearby copse at Newlands Park advice had been received from Doncaster Council trees manager and the company who undertook copse clearance on the site that healthy trees should not be moved or thinned without damaging the trees further. The trees in the copse had not been identified in the Councils risk assessment as requiring work and therefore nothing further needed to be done.

5135. **UPDATE FROM CLERK TO THE COUNCIL (item 11)**

With regard to the New Lane access the Clerk had spoken with the owner of the property who was going to confer with his solicitor that they could act for them before taking things further with the easement over the footpath. A response was awaited.

Doncaster Council had confirmed that Yorkshire Wildlife Trust would pay the Councils legal fees relating to land at Nursery Lane. A site visit was being arranged to progress matters.

YLCA had confirmed that the Parish Council had been awarded the Local Council Award Scheme Quality Level. Members expressed their thanks and congratulations to the Clerk for her efforts in achieving this award.

The next edition of the parish newsletter was currently being drafted.

The Clerk had been approached by a local resident, who also worked for a memorial stone masons, indicating that he was willing to clean free of charge the millennium cross at Boat Lane. Doncaster Council had been contacted regarding permission to do this as the cross was on their land.

The website had been upgraded to ensure compliance with updated accessibility guidance.

5136 **VILLAGE ROAD SIGNS IN SPROTBROUGH & CUSWORTH
(item 12)**

The provision of village road signs in Sprotbrough and Cusworth was discussed at length and it was agreed that the Clerk look into options for such signs to be discussed at the next meeting.

5137. **ACTION PLAN 2024/25 (item 13)**

There was nothing significant to note and work was progressing as per the actions listed.

5138. **UPDATE FROM WARD MEMBERS (item 14)**

Cllr. Hempshall had attended the PC/JCC meeting in August and a meeting with Nick Stopforth at Cusworth Hall.

Cllr. G. Bluff reported on the Scarecrow festival at which himself and Cllr. Ransome had been judges.

Cllr. Ransome had attended the police meeting and also the Cusworth Hall walled garden meeting.

5139. **MEETINGS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED (item 15)**

Cllr. Nicholson had attended the PC/JCC meeting in August and had circulated a report to members.

5140. **SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS DUE (item 16)**

Resolved: That items to be paid for August/September, as set out in the sum of £37,016.14, be received and approved.

5141. **PROPOSAL TO GO INTO PRIVATE SESSION (item 17)**

This was agreed.

5142. **NEW LANE ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND & GOLDSMITH
CENTRE PLAY AREA (item 18)**

The Clerk had met with Doncaster Council regarding Section 106 monies from the development on Melton Road. It had been established that half would be paid when 30 houses were occupied and half when 60 were occupied. The matter would be progressed once the first payment has been made. With regard to the Goldsmith Centre play area examples have been received and would be discussed at the next meeting.

5143. **BANKING ARRANGEMENTS (item 19)**

The Clerk and RFO provided an update on the current banking arrangements. The complaint had been concluded and it was agreed that the payment received would be given to Aurora as part of the charity donation for this year.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed Chair of Council

Date