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**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SPROTBOUGH & CUSWORTH PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON 16TH FEBRUARY 2023 AT SCAWSBY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present: Cllrs: T. Nicholson (Chair), F. Calladine, J. Rodgers, S. Swift,
T. Rawlings, C. Ransome, P. Haith, L. Chipp, A. Curtis,
D.Glover, L. Hempshall, G. Bluff, L. Bluff, M. Greenhalgh

In attendance: 1 member of the public

5042. **TO A) RECEIVE ANY APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE GIVEN IN
ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AND B) TO CONSIDER
APPROVAL IF REASONS GIVEN FOR ABSENCE (Item 1)**

Cllr. L. Hogg (personal).

5043. **DECLARATION OF INTEREST (item 2)**

Cllrs L. Chipp and C. Ransome declared an interest in item 12 of
the agenda.

5044. **SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS AND PAYMENTS DUE (item 3)**

Resolved: That items to be paid, as set out in the sum of
£22,693.55, be received.

5045. **MATTERS RAISED BY THE PUBLIC (item 4)**

The resident of 54 Park Drive, whose initial planning application
had been refused, was to submit a new application and spoke in
support of this which addressed the two main concerns with the
original application

The Parish Council would take these into consideration when
the new planning application was formally submitted.

A request had been received from a resident who lived adjacent
to the access point to Newlands Park on Fernlea Close and who

had requested the trees in a copse across from their house were cut back. The Clerk had responded stating that the Parish Council, in line with their adopted Tree Management Policy would not do this unless the trees were damaged, diseased or overhanging properties.

5046.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 19.1.23 (item 5)

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

5047.

PLANNING MATTERS (item 6)

New applications

23/0035/FUL : 73 Cusworth Lane, Scawsby
22/2684/FUL : 34 Cadeby Road, Sprotbrough
23/0079/FUL : 1 Folder Lane, Sprotbrough
23/0233/FUL : 53 Winchester Way, Scawsby
22/2657/FUL : 131 Melton Road, Sprotbrough
23/0107/FUL : 189 Melton Road, Sprotbrough

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

22/2635/FUL : Land off Barnsley Road, Scawsby

Ensure that appropriate screening was provided to the residential properties adjacent to the site.

23/0279/FUL : Telecommunications mast, Back Lane, Cusworth

Ask that the mast is camouflaged either green/blue.

A revised master plan had been submitted for the development at New Lane with changes to the access onto New Lane and the green space area. This would be going out for public consultation and the Clerk was hoping to have a meeting with the developer.

5048.

FINANCIAL MATTERS (item 7)

Section 137 donations

A request for financial assistance had been received from the Forget Me Not café run from the Stables in Sprotbrough for £900. It was agreed that a representative attend a meeting to discuss this.

A request from the Sprotbrough Music Society for financial assistance towards their 2023/24 programme had been made for £300-£500 with a view to holding a concert at the Goldsmith Centre. It was agreed that the RFO check when previous grants have been given to the group and the value of them before a decision is made.

It was agreed that the above applications would be agreed at the next meeting and a decision regarding the grant from the Parish Council to the poppy appeal.

5049.

PARISH COUNCIL EVENTS/ACTIVITIES (item 8)

It was agreed that the following charities be considered for Parish Council support in the 2023/24 year:-

Yokshire Air Ambulance
Mayflower Animal Sanctuary
Don Mentia
Sick Childrens Trust
Premature baby unit at Doncaster Royal Infirmary

The great spring clean week was to take place on 17 March and 2nd April.

The Easter pantomime was to take place on 1st April at 12 noon and 3.00pm and only a few tickets were still available.

A positive response from a number of local groups/organisations wanting to be involved with the Eco Fest on 10th June had been received.

A safety plan had been sent to Cusworth Hall and a response was awaited from Doncaster Council with regard to the soap box derby.

The summer festival at the Goldsmith Centre was to take place on the 19th August.

The ice rink had been booked for the Xmas festival on 9/10th December.

It was agreed that grants be given to local groups organising events for the Kings coronation (£1000). It was also agreed that book marks be purchased for school children in the parish at an approximate cost of £1,500.

5050. **RECREATION & GENERAL AMENITY MATTERS (item 9)**

The new blinds had now been fitted in the centre and new mats installed. It had been established that a new boiler was required for office and committee room and a quote of between £2,500 £3,000 had been received. This was agreed.

Copse clearance on Newlands Park was due to start in the following week.

All work had now been completed in the Anchorage pavilion following the burst pipe. Anti social behaviour was still occurring in the play area and this was communicated to the communities team and South Yorkshire Police.

The loose sign posts had been fixed at New Lane and the block at the slide repaired.

The revised grounds maintenance contract had been received for 2023/4 with an increase of approximately £3,000. In view of this increase and existing costs the Clerk was of the view that staff could now empty all waste bins on site into one commercial bin and have these collected by a private waste disposal company. Quotes had been obtained to do this and Remondis had been the cheapest making a substantial saving of approximately £7,000. This course of action was agreed with the relevant staff being paid an extra hour. Contracts would be changed accordingly.

The seed growing initiative at Scawsby C.C. had been well received and the next management committee meeting would be on 6th March.

5051. **UPDATE FROM WARD MEMBERS (item 10)**

Cllr. G. Bluff reported that the skip initiative at the Goldsmith Centre had gone very well.

Cllr. Ransome had attended a meeting with Nick Stopforth to discuss Cusworth Hall issues including opening more of the time.

5052. **ACTION PLAN (item 11)**

Nothing significant to note.

5053. **MEETINGS/CONFERENCES ATTENDED (item 12)**

The Clerk gave a verbal report on a meeting attended by herself and the Chair of Council on the campaign for a better bus service. It was agreed the Parish Council would host a meeting at the Goldsmith Centre in April/ May to gather the views of residents.

Cllr. G. Bluff gave a verbal report on the last meeting of the Don Gorge Community Group meeting held 12th February.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

Signed Chair of Council

Date