



# Sculthorpe Parish Council

## Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2020, at 7.15pm, Village Hall, Moor Lane

---

Parish Councillors present: Brian Watkin (Chairman), Tony Walters (Vice Chairman), Gillian White, Penny Ramm, Roger London, Simon Read. Also in attendance: Jodie Bond (Parish Clerk), Marie Strong (County Councillor) until item 7, there were 2 members of the public.

### 1. **Apologies for absence**

Chairman opened the meeting at 7.15pm and welcomed those present. Apologies received from Tom FitzPatrick (District Councillor) and Lynne Johnson. Apologies accepted.

### 2. **Co-option**

Applicants for the role of Parish Councillor had been considered and it was AGREED that Simon Read would be Co-opted onto the Council. Proposed by Cllr Watkin, Seconded by Cllr Walters. The declaration of office and register of interest were duly completed and signed. The remaining applications will be considered further. There are now 2 vacant seats.

### 3. **Members' declarations of interest in items on the agenda**

There were none.

### 4. **Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

The minutes of the meeting were approved and were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

### 5. **To note any matters arising from the minutes of last meeting for information only.**

Mole hills appear to be an issue. Clerk to get a report from the contractor.

### 6. **Receive reports from local PC, NCC and NNDC Councillors if present**

#### **NCC Cllr Marie Strong Report**

Parking on pavements – this is a Police matter and Cllr Strong has been in discussions with them for some years and will continue to do so. The Police will intervene if the parking causes a complete obstruction. Cllr Strong recommended speaking to our local PC, PC Dawson.

Following the recent flooding issues Cllr Strong agreed that having a site meeting with Steve White at Highways would be beneficial.

There is an overflow pipe that needs clearing on the side of Moor Lane with the junction of Creak Road to reduce the standing water on the road.

Speeding Issues – NCC do not fit speed bumps, largely due to the noise issues as people slow and speed up as they go over them.

A SAM2 would be a good option but cost somewhere in the region of £4000 each. Planning permission is not required as they must be moved between agreed locations. The SAM2's are reportedly effective in helping to slow traffic. We may be able to use this to flash up 20mph near the school, similarly to Wells Town Council.

Village Gateways may also be considered for traffic calming – they have a psychological effect on drivers to slow down when approaching gateways as they visually notify drivers that they are approaching a built-up area. Available from Glasdon and cost between £500 and £1000 each.

The NCC PPS is available which offers 50% of price match funding for both the SAM2 and Gateways.

Free fire safety checks are available from fire brigade and they will fit free smoke alarms for the elderly and venerable.

The Boundary Commission – NNDC have submitted their proposal – and NCC have produced a plan which will all be discussed at a meeting next week. The deadline for consultation and or comments is 11<sup>th</sup> February 2020. Cllr Strong suggests that we take a look at the proposed plans before 11<sup>th</sup> February. The decision will be made available online on 5<sup>th</sup> May when it is expected that there will be a further opportunity for consultation. It is recommended that the information is viewed and checked for any errors etc.

#### **NNDC Cllr Tom FitzPatrick Report**

(Not present)

#### **PC Report**

Police newsletters are published on our website [www.sculthorpevillage.wordpress.com](http://www.sculthorpevillage.wordpress.com)

### **7. Open forum for Public Participation: an opportunity to hear from the public**

Cllr Walters suggested that we consider arranging a meeting that Jerome Mayhew MP could attend. It was discussed and agreed that the Clerk would invite Mr Mayhew to the AGM in May.

### **8. Speed Watch Report**

The Speed Watch team had agreed to start up earlier than anticipated and went out last week, they plan to go out again next week.

### **9. Village Hall Committee report**

Update on the deed's situation. It had been clarified that the costs involved with registering the land for the village hall and the bowling green would in fact be cheaper with Butcher Andrews. It was AGREED that Butcher Andrews would therefore be used to register the land for the Parish Council for a total cost of £590.

### **10. Open Spaces**

#### **10.1 Pond Area**

Cllr Watkin had met with Simon Case (NNDC Arboriculturist) to discuss proposed plans for the Blacketts pond area.

He agreed there were no objections to removing the existing willows but the ash trees should remain as he believes they are resistant to ash die back.

He felt the grading of the edge would be beneficial to wildlife and create biodiversity. He suggested speaking to the Hawk & Owl trust for further advice. He suggested planting a live willow screen instead of weaved willow fence panels and planting indigenous trees on the grassy area. Also, if we planted a sedge bed this may help prevent mud and silt washing into the pond from the fields and roads – eventually the silt may clear so that only clear water runs out through the overflow pipe.

It was agreed that the Clerk would obtain new quotes based on this information and submit an application for funding for this project.

The owners of the houses that have the overflow ponds in their gardens should be made aware (if they are not already) of the importance of their function to help drain away excess water. If there was a problem with any of the overflow ponds this would be the responsibility of the Environmental Agency.

Clerk had received confirmation from NNDC that the Blackett pond area does fall within the Parish Councils land, and responsibility.

10.2 Dog Fouling

Cllr White presented the Council with a letter from a resident and a copy of a 'Pick up your Dog Mess' poster produced by some school children (from another village). The issue with dog fouling was discussed at length. There are 2 dog bins located in the village.

Chairman will make contact with the School and ask whether the local school children would like to produce a poster that could be put up around the village as this may be more empowering.

It was also agreed that a separate letter should be delivered to all residents in the village making them aware of the disease that could be caused from dog mess and the penalty fines that will be implemented on people that do not clean up after their dogs. Also, to remind people to take photos of any culprits and forward them to the Police.

Cllr Strong suggested asking for 'Dog Fouling Fine' signage to put up around the village.

Cameras were also suggested, Clerk to enquire whether NNDC could lend us or provide us with any cameras.

11. **Planning Matters**

PF/19/1722 - Dells Nursery – Replacement of poly tunnels – Permitted  
The Aviator - Cllr Watkin will make contact with the owners to enquire whether planning permission was required for the works that have been carried out including the replacement of a window with French doors.

12. **Correspondence**

The correspondence was available for Councillors to read.

13. **Financial Matters**

13.1 Clerk advised the Financial Statement for the period Dec 2019 to Jan 2020 which was AGREED.

**Bank** - Comm Acc. £2433.73. Play Equip. Acc. £0. Bus. Acc. £5301.26. Blakett Acc £1768.55  
**Cashbook** - £2433.73. Play Equip. Acc. £0. Bus. Acc. £5301.26. Blakett Acc £1768.55

13.2 The Council RESOLVED to approve the payments list (below)

Payment to	Description	Amount
T Walters	Electrician expenses	£19.50
J Bond	Salary	£355.28
Hempton PC	Clerk Mobile	£26.11
Brian Watkin	Notice board repairs	£65.34
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£466.23</b>
Receipts from	Description	Amount
Barclays	Interest	£3.76
	<b>Total</b>	<b>£3.76</b>

14. **To confirm eligibility to adopt the general power of competence**

Following the Clerk's successful completion of CiLCA the Parish Council are eligible to adopt the General Power of Competence (GPC). It was therefore AGREED to adopt GPC. Proposed by Cllr Watkin and Seconded by Cllr Walters.

15. **Receive items for next agenda**

There were none.

16. **Date of meetings for next year**

Dates agreed for 2020 are: - Wednesday's 4<sup>th</sup> Mar, 1<sup>st</sup> May (Friday) TBC, 1<sup>st</sup> Jul, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sep, 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50pm.

Signed by Chairman: ..... Date: .....