

# Scamblesby with Cawkwell Parish Council

## Notes Parish Council 20<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Chair: Steve Hunt (SH)

Present: Councillors: Garrard (MG), Duncumb (JD), Myers (PM), Jervis (FJ), Simpson (DS), District Councillor David Andrews (DA)

Absent: Councillor Turbin (WT)

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**Public Forum:** 2 members of the public present. An issue was raised regarding signposts which have been positioned on the verge outside the resident's house – one for Mill Lane and one for South St. None of the Councillors were aware the signposts were going to be installed and suggested the resident contact LCC to take the matter up with them.

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**16. Chairman's remarks** – SH welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**17. Apologies for absence and reasons given** – WT absent due to work commitments. Reason accepted.

**18. Declaration of interests and requests for dispensations** - To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and to consider granting dispensation(s), as per written requests received by the proper officer, to councillors under section 22 of the Act – None declared.

**19. To receive an update on the progress made to install superfast broadband into the village – Steve Brooks (SB) attending** – SB started by apologising for the ongoing delay in bringing superfast broadband to Scamblesby. He advised there had been issues with BT struggling to meet their commitments, for which there have been several reasons: BT used Carillion as a subcontractor and the company went into liquidation; BT are finding it difficult to replace the sub-contractors at the same cost; they are struggling to find a sub-contractor willing to deploy 'fibre to the premises' (FTTP) for the right price. Unfortunately the BT contract had no financial penalties, so there was limited redress available. The government and MP's have been involved and there now seems to be some movement again and a remedial plan has been put in place. SB advised that the solution for Scamblesby had been changed from that previously detailed. Instead of several hubs placed around the village, a new cabinet was being built in the village, cabinet 5, which would be fibre fed from Stenigot and be in place by the end of 2018. This cabinet would serve majority of the village with fibre by end of the 2018. There is also an ongoing programme of FTTP for postcodes ending XF, XG, XJ, XL, XQ – This work is planned to be completed between Jan and Mar 2018. SB advised that there may be the odd property in the Wolds which was so remote that it would not be covered by either of the above solutions, so there is also a contract being negotiated to pick up the remaining properties. The proposed solution for these properties is currently 5G technology – fixed wireless, encompassing fixed mobile broadband. The added benefit with this is that any company which purchases the 5G 'space' will need to improve 3G and 4G coverage, so the area should also start to see better mobile reception. Timescales for this are 12-18 months.

**20. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018** – Unanimously approved with no changes.

**21. To receive reports from District and County Councillors, and Police (if available)** – DA was present and advised that ELDC have made £500k available to upgrade/refurbish some of the public toilets in the district – 7 along the coast and the toilets at Louth bus station. He also noted that ELDC were embarking on two feasibility studies: to investigate moving from Manby, a grade II listed building which is single glazed and becoming difficult to maintain; and to purchase a property company which would buy and build houses to rent. The initiatives would either reduce costs or raise income, both of which would reduce the need to increase ELDC portion of the Council Tax. DA also noted that ELDC were completing a planning policy review as the new local plan had been in place for 2 months now.

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- 22. To receive reports from the Clerk and Councillors on matters outstanding** – PM volunteered to ensure the lane is swept of mud once drilling was completed, around November time. SH action to get costs for contractor to clear the mud from the road was carried forward.

During the Annual Parish Meeting in May, some residents had raised the possibility of getting decorative village signs, benches or refurbishing the kiosk. MM advised the cost of purchasing and erecting a bench for Asterby End, had just cost approx. £900 incl.VAT.

DS provided detailed costs for refurbishing the telephone kiosk. The door is too damaged to repair and would need replacing. If volunteers from the village complete the refurbishment, there would be no labour costs and the parts would cost in the region of £850 incl VAT. If the refurbishment is completed by external company, including the door, the cost would be iro £1450 incl VAT.

DS had also obtained estimates for decorative village entry signs. Three signs were costed for, one at each side of the A153, and one at the top of Rowgate Hill. Planning permission would be required, approx. £1600 including associated costs, for all three; cost of installation was estimated at £1000 for all three; cost for each sign, between £500 per sign for a replacement of what we currently have and upwards of £5,500 for each decorative sign. So, approximately £4000 to replace the signs, like for like, or iro £16,500 to replace the signs with more decorative village signs.

All other actions were noted as complete, or to be covered by items on the agenda.

**23. To consider correspondence received since the last Council meeting:**

- a. ELDC - Refusal of outline planning permission – Land adjacent to Fairview Cottage - noted
- b. LALC – Copy of LALC annual report - noted
- c. Lincs Wolds Countryside services – Copy of annual report - noted
- d. LCC – Advice for residents on verge cutting – noted. It was agreed that the summary poster should be placed on the village notice board.
- e. LCC - Mill Lane Road Closure Notice – Noted – It was agreed that this should be placed on the notice board
- f. Office of Victoria Atkins – Poster containing Victoria Atkins contact details – Noted.

**24. Financial matters:**

- a) To receive an updated bank reconciliation from RFO – See appendix 1. Unanimously accepted.
- b) To consider and approve payments due including: Salaries - £272.22; Income: £180 field rent. It was noted that the field rent had not been received into the bank account yet, and so receipt of this payment was carried forward.

- 25. To discuss the need for an updated training sessions for the use of the defibrillator and agree actions** – FJ advised that one of the villagers, who is trained in first aid and resuscitation, had offered to lead a training sessions for the village. It was agreed that FJ would contact the person to agree a date and book the village hall. It was agreed that MM would complete a flyer to insert into the village newsletter advertising the event. PM would ensure the flyers are distributed. It was agreed the date should be a Saturday afternoon, mid-late October.

- 26. To review the water leak on Mill Lane and decide if any additional action is required** – SH noted that he had dug a hole in the field where the water was thought to have originated. The hole filled with water, so it can be concluded that the water is rising from the ground, i.e. a spring. It was agreed that LCC should be contacted and asked to clear the two drains close to the water spring.

- 27. To discuss the possibility of the PC funding the erection of two direction signs for St Martin's Church, positioned at the end of Church Lane and Watery Lane (PM)** – PM noted that during a recent open day, visitors had advised that the sign posting for the Church is not easy to spot, making the Church difficult to find. There are plans to have the Church open more during the day and so ideally two sign posts would be required to direct visitors. It was agreed that St Martins Church would apply for funding for the proposed signposts via ELDC Community Grants scheme. PM agreed to take this forward on behalf of the Church.

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**28. To resolve to complete a survey/poll of the residents to understand what level of interest there is in projects to obtain a village sign/ purchase village benches/ refurbish the telephone kiosk (from the APM) (detailed costs for repair of the kiosk and for a village sign to be provided by Cllr Simpson) –** It was noted that during the last Annual Parish Meeting, residents attending the meeting asked the Parish Council to consider several projects to make improvements to the village. The projects suggested were: to refurbish the old telephone kiosk and then use it as a community asset; to design, purchase and install decorative village entrance signs; to purchase and erect village benches. It was noted that DS had provided some high level cost estimates for the signs and refurbishing the telephone kiosk, and MM had provided an indicative cost for the bench. It was agreed that the Clerk would design a flyer to poll the village to understand the level of support for each of these projects and circulate it for comment prior to the next meeting.

**29. To agree date and agenda items for the next meeting – 13<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 8.00pm.**

Meeting closed 21.55pm

<b><u>Appendix 1</u></b>	<b><u>Financial Report 20<sup>th</sup> Sept 2018</u></b>		
<b>Balance 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018</b>			<b>£3982.80</b>
Payments:			
Salaries 1/7/18		-£272.22	
Insurance		-£190.81	
Office supplies		-£3.78	
	<b>Total:</b>	<b>£466.81</b>	
Receipts:			
None			
	<b>Balance</b>		<b>£3515.99</b>
Balance in bank account	<b>Total:</b>		<b>£3515.99</b>

## **Invoices/receipts before next meeting:**

Salaries -	£272.22;
Income:	
Field rent	£180.00