

Scriven Parish Council

Minutes

Extraordinary Parish Council meeting on

Tuesday March 20th 2012 8pm

Park Grove Methodist Church Rooms

20/03/1 Apologies - None

20/03/2 Councillors Declaration of Interest - None

20/03/3 Minutes of the last meeting February 9th approved

Public participation - No public present

20/03/4 Banking and Finance

- Cheques signed:-
Room Hire £16, Clerks salary £163.62 (6 weeks),
Clerks Expenses £25.18 (ink) £30.60 (training – mileage),
YLCA Membership £107

20/03/5 Road Maintenance Fund – Legal advice – How to proceed – **RESOLVED**

After much discussion, there was a unanimous vote in favour of writing a letter to all parishioners involved in the road maintenance fund, explaining Scriven Parish Council's position and outlining three options. The residents will be asked to vote on how they wish to proceed. The letter will explain that due to one resident and one landowner refusing to pay the 2011 annual contribution, SPC have had to take legal advice which has revealed that although SPC may own the private roads, it has no obligation to organise repairs or maintain them. However, the Road Maintenance Fund was set up at the request of a number of parishioners who attended parish council meetings between July 2009 and May 2010. Scriven Parish Council feels that this is a valuable service to its residents and is willing to continue to facilitate the repairs to the roads as long as it has enough support from the users.

Option 1) Continue to collect annually as the parish council have done for the last 2 years. For those who decide not to contribute annually, to collect their share at the time of a road repair (including the necessary arrears equal to the sum of missed annual contributions). If 5 or more households decide to opt out of the annual collection scheme then the entire scheme will be abandoned.

Option 2) Only collect when major repairs need doing. This will mean that each property owner will have to contribute a significantly larger sum than the current monies collected on an annual basis as there will be no fund built up. Also there will be no fund in place to easily enable ongoing minor repairs.

Option 3) Abandon scheme altogether and leave the residents and users of the private roads to organise their own road repairs

NB The current fund will be used up when the next road repairs need doing whatever the outcome of the vote

20/03/6 Planning applications – Park Corner Farm – SPC are unhappy with the disjointed approach of planning applications from the builder - Cllr Bell to write letter requesting the site to be considered as a complete scheme, clerk to send with comments to HBC

20/03/7 Correspondence – Letter from Mr Wade re ring barked tree. TPO at the Old Sawmill. Letter from Borough Cllr Fox re land purchased by Piccadilly Motors.

Jenny Bradley
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Scriven Parish Council