

Scarcliffe Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on Monday 4th January 2024 6.30 pm In Palterton Village Hall.

Present: Councillors J Young (Chairman), R Clarke, S Barnicoat, M Crane,
C Wood, J Fletcher-Swindlehurst

Apologies: Councillor G Freeland, J Rigg
BDC Councillors J Ritchie, C Jeffrey, T Kirkham

Also In attendance: B Smyth (Clerk)
County Councillor J Dixon
BDC Councillor C Tite

Non-Confidential Items

FC001/24 **Confidential Business - To consider the extent to which the public/press should be excluded from the meeting.**

It was **resolved** that in view of the confidential nature of this item the press and public be excluded from the meeting in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, s1, in order to discuss the items, 11 Play area, 15 Members Allowance, 16 Precept.

FC002/24 **Variation of Business.**

It was resolved to move the confidential items to the end of the meeting.

FC003/24 **Declaration of Members Interests and Requests for Granting of Dispensations.**

Councillor Wood declared an interest in agenda item "planning".

FC004/24 **Public Speaking Session.**

County Councillor Dixon commented:

There will be a declared deficit in the budget of possibly £40 million leading to possible cuts in Adult Social Care and Health Services.

The County Council is looking to re-locate away from County Hall as it is costing £3.3 million pa to run.

Accepts that the roads are in a very poor condition regarding pot-holes.

A request was made by the public that DCC make it easier to find the relevant information to claim for compensation if their car is damaged by a pot-hole.

District Councillor Tite commented:

Junction Arts are to carry out a project at Houghton Community Centre.

FC005/24 **Minutes of the Council Meetings.**

Resolved that the minutes the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held on the 11th December 2023 be approved as a true and accurate record.

FC006/24 **To consider the Chairs Announcements:**

Thanked the staff, volunteers and User Groups who have helped organise the various Christmas Events.

FC007/24 **To consider and approve expenditure.**

It was resolved to note and approve the expenditure presented.

- FC008/24 To consider a Parish Newsletter**
It was resolved that Councillors Barnicoat, Fletcher-Swindlehurst and Young would work on this.
- FC009/24 To consider Councillor and staff photo opportunities.**
It was agreed that the Councillors and Staff be included in photos for publicity of projects that they are interested in or have been involved with to be shared on Social Media and our web page if they wish.
- FC010/24 Planning.**
2 Castle View, Palterton: Ref: 23/00599/FUL
It was resolved that Councillor Barnicoat represent the Parish Council in it's objections to this application at the Planning Committee Meeting to be held on the 14th February 2024
- FC011/24 Palterton Village Hall:**
The Hall is being well used and a new "Tai Chi" class has been set up.
- FC012/24 To consider Section 137 Grant requests.**
None received. It was agreed to set up a separate page on our web page for the grant forms.
- FC013/24 To consider the proposed play area at Hillstown**
A meeting has been proposed by the trustees and it was resolved that Councillors Young and Wood attend with the Clerk.
- FC014/24 To consider the Chairs and member's allowance**
It was resolved that the allowances would not be paid this year and that they be removed from the budget for next year. 5 voted for this motion 1 against.
- FC015/24 To consider the budget for 2024/2025 and set the precept.**
The Budget presented by the RFO was considered and it was agreed to set the precept request at £82,743. Band D properties will remain at £148.20 per annum, a zero % increase. 5 voted for this motion 1 against.
In view of the budget set it was agreed to move the maximum sum possible into our bank's higher interest, instant access account.
- FC016/24 To consider Correspondence.**
Various noted.
- FC017/24** It was **resolved** that the dates of the next meeting be held:
1st February 2024

Signed.....Date.....