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All the news and views from our three villages

IN MY OPINION

Would you like to contribute something that you feel strongly about and want to tell our readers? If so, please email it or let your village representative have your copy (around 350 words) in good time for next month.

All advertising copy and alterations to advertisements must be submitted by the 16th of the month.

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Dear Readers

It's great to see that the Mayflower Rock Sculpture has now been installed on the Croft at its forever home in Scrooby. Congratulations to all the team involved to make it happen, in particular sculptor Michael Johnson who has spent many hours fabricating the final artwork. I am looking forward to the official unveiling on Scrooby Show weekend on Saturday 7th September. See page 13 for more information.

You can read all about the Torworth Festival weekend on pages 4 - 7. The weather stayed fine to welcome lots of visitors who looked to be enjoying all the entertainment and hospitality. This months cover photo is taken from the festival showing the Hathersage Brass Band in full force.

Don't forgot, if you would like to have your say about the type of articles which are published each month in The STAR then please come along to the AGM on Monday 29th July at 7pm in Scrooby Village Hall. We would like to hear your ideas and are ALWAYS on the look out for more volunteers to help with the production and distribution of the magazine.

Thank you

Luci





The Torworth Festival and 10th Annual Dog Show!

The Torworth Festival and 10th annual Dog Show was a great success this year! With performances by the Phoenix Ukelele Duo, the Retford Gymnastics Club and the 25-piece Hathersage Brass Band, free activities for children including a tall climbing wall, face painter and bouncy castle, plus numerous stalls, food vendors and a mobile bar. The park was packed with people and dogs alike making it an absolutely fantastic day out!

Special thanks to our performers, our sponsors and donors, the judges for the dog

show, our festival photographer, and of course, all our wonderful volunteers.

The Festival weekend got off to a grand start on Saturday 8th June with a mobile bar and pizzas for sale on the park for those who chose not to bring their own picnic.

The fine weather meant a large crowd soon gathered and Gail Footitt started things off by organising games for the children whilst their parents relaxed with friends. A large marquee with a stage was set for the band and the “Storm

Trees” provided the music which soon got people up and dancing. Everyone had a great time and had it not been for licencing regulations many “COULD HAVE DANCED ALL NIGHT”

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SPORTS UK QUIZ

1. Where did England finish in the 2018 World Cup?
2. Duncan Goodhew held British records in which sport?
3. Which Steve was 6 times World Snooker Champion in the 1980s?
4. Rachel Heyhoe-Flint is famous in which sport?
5. Who was the first player to score 100 goals in the Premier League?
6. What was Greg Rutherford's athletic discipline?
7. Which boxer's catchphrase was "know what I mean 'Arry"?
8. Who is England's most capped football player?
9. In which event did Jessica Ennis-Hill win gold at the London 2012 Olympics?
10. Which snooker player was unkindly nicknamed Dracula?
11. In which Paralympic sport did Tanni Grey-Thompson win medals?
12. How many Olympic gold medals did rower Steve Redgrave win?
13. Which cricket club plays at The Oval?
14. Which double world champion was the first to win his home Grand Prix on 5 occasions?
15. In what year was Wimbledon first televised?
16. Which is the oldest club in the Football League founded in 1862?
17. When was the Rugby Calcutta Cup first played between England and Scotland?
18. In which track & field discipline did Fatima Whitbread gain fame in the 1980s?
19. Which Yorkshire football team was the first to win the FA Cup?
20. Who was the last British person to win Wimbledon before Andy Murray in 2013?



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Scrooby Community Cinema Presents



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Sunday 14th July 8:00pm (doors open 7:30)

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Christian Perspective—Trials



I recently had trouble with a wisdom tooth that had an abscess under it. First I had to fight infection, then take antibiotics, then have the tooth extracted, before recovery could begin. In the light of what many people experience it was a small problem, though

it felt bad enough at the time! None of us enjoys going through problems and difficulties. And sometimes people ask, 'if God is a good and loving God, why do so many bad things happen?' I often don't have an answer. But there are some insights in the Bible that help us get some understanding into this.

The apostle Paul went through many trials and times of persecution as he served God. When writing to the church in Corinth he starts in verse 6 of 2 Corinthians 4, by saying that God who created the light, *made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ.* How wonderful to experience God's presence in such a way. However he goes on to point out in verse 7: *But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.*

We are still human beings living in a fallen world with an enemy of our souls who is always out to kill, steal and destroy.

But God is on our case. He knows what we are made of; he knows our limitations, but also he knows how to take us through trails that will prove and grow our faith.

Life is tough as a Christian, but God has purpose in it all. Jesus has promised never to leave or forsake the ones who trust in him. So when things look bad and life feels tough, when we feel, as Paul did, hard-pressed, perplexed, struck down, persecuted even, along with this comes: not crushed, not in despair, not abandoned, not destroyed. See verses 8, 9. He could see that though the troubles came, God never left him without comfort.

Peter explains that even though we can rejoice in the salvation we have in Christ, there will still be trials which will also cause us grief. The trials come to prove the genuineness of our faith, and the final outcome will be *praise, glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.* 1 Peter 1:6, 7.

Faith that is never tested is no faith at all, but when we continue to trust God through the struggles and difficulties that come to us, our faith will grow and be proved genuine. Never give up on trusting in the Lord Jesus Christ; faith will grow and the outcomes will be glorious. God is with us.



Brenda Critchley

Puzzle for July

Sudoku is a number placement puzzle. The aim of Sudoku is to complete the grid by entering numbers from 1 to 9 in each empty cell of the 9x9 grid which comprises 9 sub-grids each with 9 cells in a 3x3 pattern. Each row, column and sub-grid must contain only one instance of each number.

There are variants of Sudoku. In this puzzle there are shaded cells in each main diagonal. These shaded diagonals must each contain the numbers 1 to 9. The solution is included elsewhere in the **STAR**.

	6		1	8		3		9
1		3			6	7	2	8
		5	7					4
	1	9	3		7			5
	3						8	
	7	2		6			4	
		4				8		
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This seems like a good opportunity to say a huge 'Thank you' to everyone who comes to the Café Hub and makes it such a lovely occasion each month- your support and generosity is much appreciated by the Café Hub Team. We have been going for almost 2 years now and together we have raised £1,625 for local and national Charities in addition to supporting Bassetlaw Foodbank (Retford branch) with donations of food and toiletries. Thank you so much.

So, please keep coming and we look forward to seeing you at the next Café Hub on Saturday September 14th at 10.30.

Scrooby Mayflower Art Installation

The Rock has Landed

The Rock now stands on the Croft. Many thanks to James Thomson of Oak House Farm, Ranskill who provided transportation for the sculpture from the studio in Styrrup and then the required expert lifting services.



The Rock in place on the Croft



Mike Johnson Sculptor directs the landing of the Rock

The inscriptions, the border with all 102 Pilgrim Names and the interpretation board are still to be completed but all is on target for the grand unveiling on Scrooby Show Day – Saturday 7th September. Don't miss this historic occasion.

Ed Marshall

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- Sunday 14th: Ranskill – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 21st: Scrooby – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 28th: Blyth– 9.30am CW HC

Key:

CW – Common Worship

HC – Holy Communion

BCP – Book of Common Prayer

Our churches are open, and all are welcome to our services, please wear a mask if you feel safer.

If you would like to arrange a baptism, wedding, funeral or other function at one of our churches please contact one of the churchwardens.

Useful Contacts:

Church Warden - Ranskill, David Stacey 01777 818303, Scrooby, Gordon Ashworth 01777 818322



THE STAR AGM

The Annual General Meeting of The STAR magazine will take place at 7pm on Monday 29th July 2024 at Scrooby Village Hall.

We welcome all residents of Scrooby, Torworth and Ranskill to come along and put forward their views about the magazine. Any offers of help with distribution or the production each month would be very much appreciated. If you have any thoughts about articles you would like to see included, then please come along – your ideas will be very much appreciated.





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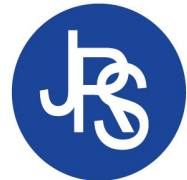
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North Notts Local Group: Summer Programme



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For adults (members only) there is the possibility of a guided walk in a beautiful, private woodland that is managed entirely for wildlife. The owner will tell us about his aims for the wood and explain the techniques he uses to achieve them. There will be an opportunity to do some pond dipping and, finally, if the weather's good, we'll finish with a picnic and the chance to chat or ask any further questions about the wood and its inhabitants.

Gary Hobson, of the Local Group will be leading one of his exciting nature walks on the Idle Valley reserve. The next one will be on Wednesday 31st July, 9.00am-midday. Meet at Chainbridge Lane. General birdwatching from Chainbridge Scrape East and West viewing screens.

Please wear suitable clothing and footwear for the weather on the day plus food and water as required. Toilets and cafe facilities are available during usual opening times.

All walks are free of charge but cash donations to Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust are very much welcomed. Donations can be given at the visitor centre or paid online via their website. For more information contact:

Gary Hobson. 07464964879 ghlbc@hotmail.co.uk
Get the Local Group's Update by emailing Jan at janwilliamson133@gmail.com

The Wednesday (Memory) Group Conspiracy Theories!

A few years ago, Anita, one of our members began to tell me that her family were keeping her away from her lifetime friends and were planning to 'get rid of her'.

From what I knew of her family, that seemed very unlikely but she was clearly distressed and regularly told me variations of this story. Chatting to her son one day, when he came to collect her, I told him about her concerns. "I don't know where she gets the idea we're trying to get rid of her from," he said, "but it's true her friends stay away. I just think they don't know what to say to her. She comes out with such silly things."

We talked about her inability to understand what people were saying to her; how frightening and confusing that must be and how, in those circumstances, it would be easy to think information was being deliberately kept from you. Some kind of

plot was being hatched, Anita was convinced. What could it be but her worst nightmare: "They are planning to get rid of me?" Seen from the person with dementia's point of view, strange behaviour is often easier to understand and the better we understand it, the easier it is to accept and sympathise.

If you care for someone with dementia or you yourself have a diagnosis or if you want to know more and you think the Wednesday Group might be helpful, do get in touch.

For more information, contact Jan on 01777 709974 or 07969180067 or email janwilliamson133@gmail.com for the latest on what we are doing and current availability. We sometimes have to operate a waiting list but not very often and although we charge £10 per session to cover our costs, that includes lunch, and, your first visit is free!



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Brush surface very lightly with water

Sprinkle with little extra sugar tossed with pinch of cinnamon

Using the paper, roll up as for a swiss roll then cut into ¾" slices

Place on a baking sheet, well apart

Bake at 200°C 400°F Mark 6 gas for 10-15mins till lightly browned



CARROT GINGER CAKE

Cream together: 4oz butter 3oz light muscovado sugar *

Fold in: 2 beaten eggs 4oz SR flour 1 teasp baking powder

Add: 4oz grated carrot 2oz ground almonds 3 pieces stem ginger, sliced thinly
 2 tabbsp of its syrup

Spoon into 1lb loaf tin and bake at 180°C 350°F Mark 4 gas for 55mins

Make icing using more syrup – freezes well

* I use mix of granulated and ordinary muscovado or all golden granulated

Joy T

Ranskill and Torworth W.I

The meeting of the above organisation will be on Tuesday 23rd July commencing 2pm. This will be a Social Afternoon (there will not be a speaker).

New to the villages, why not come along and meet other residents? We have a programme of speakers on various subjects, come along as a visitor and meet our members, you would be made very welcome.

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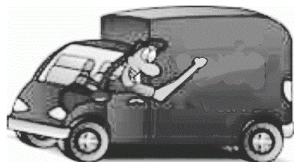
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8	1	9	3	4	7	2	6	5
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November 19th

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ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 13 May 2024 in the Scrooby Village Hall

1. **Present** : Chair Stephen Cordery, Lindsey Buxton, Michaela Blount, Ellaina Sammut (Brazier), Nadine Croft, Ceri Smith, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), County Cllr Tracey Taylor. Parishioners / Public present: None
2. **Apologies** Elaine Gargett, District Cllr Jack Bowker.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**: Minutes were accepted, No corrections - Proposed by Ellaina Summat, Seconded by Michaela Blount.
- 3.1. **Confirmation of last meeting's action points** Completed or ongoing listed, but: Procurement Thresholds updates are carried forward, as are the Parish Key Register, Network Rail Biodiversity Program, Visitors to Scrooby, Bassetlaw Food Bank and the Co-option for a new councillor.
4. **Agenda**
 - 4.1. Confirmation of Agenda Items – Add, Village Noise nuisance report.
 - 4.2. Public Discussion – None.
5. **Correspondence**: The usual number of notices, e-mails and letters had been received over the last month and were listed before the meeting. Those of note: a survey on how the parish conducts their village hall as a business.
- 5.2. Central Bassetlaw Forum continues, using deputies if cannot attend.
- 5.4. Bassetlaw Food Bank Request – Stephen Cordery is to investigate a local food collection bin.
6. **District and County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Tracey Taylor – Noted: The HIVE proposal is due to be discussed at the July Notts CC meeting. The Scrooby pC will discuss and agree their position at the June meeting.

District Councillor Jack Bowker – Bassetlaw Electoral Review of Boundaries – The review proposes a change to move Scrooby to a ward more akin to Scrooby, the PC agrees. Mandatory use of .gov.uk email addresses is to be challenged.
7. **Finance Report**
 - 7.1. The Treasurer presented his report, which included basic Village Hall costs, the Whinze/Gibbet Hill picnic, two grass cuts and printer ink. Full details of the report can always be viewed at www.scrooby.net.
 - 7.2. Other activities included the renewal of the Parish Insurance (will increase next year) and a review of the new Model Financial Regulations just published. The Annual Accounts and Audit process was signed off at the AGM.
8. **Police Report**

Local PCSO. Tel: 07525 989445, did not attend.

The Notts Police Crime Statistics map, the Scrooby allocation continues to be challenged.
9. **Planning & Neighbourhood Plan**
 - 9.2. Planning issues: New Applications: 24/000374/HSE Ponderosa, Chapel Lane, objected to. Existing Applications: 0 ongoing, Pear Tree Cottage and Barn Cottage (Trees) granted, 23/01275/OUT Home Farm withdrawn: 5 more static caravans down Saracens Lane and the Car Sales Plot request are still in appeal.
 - 9.3. HIVE: is now in Phase II, a target for a July council meeting (see above). Planning Enforcement: No cases open.
10. **Play Area**

Nothing to report.
11. **Village Hall**
 - 11.1. Village Hall Operations: The hall is in good use, operating well.
 - 11.2. Village permanent Christmas Lights – Carried forward to next meeting.
12. **Village Environment**
 - 12.0. Noted – Noise nuisance incident – this is unfortunately not a PC matter but the PC will ask neighbours to be mindful through their usual publicity channels (see below).
 - 12.1. Grass Cutting agreed the first cut of the season to be a 'collection' cut.
 - 12.2. The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – The inaugural picnic was a success. Visitors are reminded NOT to remove the new tree root guards please. A tool store and register is to be investigated. Final work to be completed.
 - 12.5. The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial – The memorial plan remains as installation in May and inauguration at the Scrooby Show. The artwork is ready to be put together.
 - 12.6. Biodiversity Programs – Carried forward to next meeting.
 - 12.8. The path alongside the river on Mill Lane has been blocked by the farmer. This is reported to be due to possible loss of a grant by farmers. However, to make it a right of way will take many years work in the meantime. Carried forward to next meeting.
14. **Items for Information Only / Next Agenda**

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Next meeting to be held on Monday, 10th June, 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

This Month's Issues for you to note or muse:

SLOW DOWN on Chapel Lane and all the Village Roads.

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summer evenings.

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ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Monday 10 JUNE 2024 in the Scrooby Village Hall

1. **Present** : Chair Stephen Cordery, Lindsey Buxton, Ellaina Sammut (Brazier), Ceri Smith, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), County Cllr Tracey Taylor. Parishioners / Public present: Ed Marshall (Part)
2. **Apologies** Elaine Gargett, Michaela Blount, District Cllr Jack Bowker.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**: Minutes were accepted, No corrections - Proposed by Ellaina Summat, Seconded by Ceri Smith.
- 3.1. **Confirmation of last meeting's action points** Completed or ongoing listed, but: Procurement Thresholds updates are carried forward, as are the Parish Key Register, New Model Financial Regulations review, Local Crime statistics and reports, The Whinze tools storage.
4. **Agenda**
 - 4.1. Confirmation of Agenda Items – Add, Report of sewage on Station Road.
 - 4.2. Public Discussion – None.
5. **Correspondence**: The usual number of notices, e-mails and letters had been received over the last month and were listed before the meeting. Those of note: Request for support on the safety of lithium batteries and the Notts CC Civic service.
- 5.2 Central Bassetlaw Forum continues, using deputies if cannot attend.
- 5.5 Offer of a talk on Wills, Trusts, and Power of Attorney – deferred until demand is determined.
6. **District and County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Tracey Taylor – Noted: Business is quiet due to the Election. The HIVE proposal is scheduled for the July Notts CC meeting.

District Councillor Jack Bowker – Absent, no report Mandatory use of .gov.uk email addresses is advised, not mandatory.
7. **Finance Report**
 - 7.1 The Treasurer presented his report, which included basic Village Hall costs, Parish Insurance, one grass cut and Cinema Club fee. Full details of the report can always be viewed at www.scrooby.net.
 - 7.2 Other activities were a presentation on the new Model Financial Regulations just published. The Annual Accounts and Audit Has been sent to the External Auditors. The period for public inspection is open until July.
8. **Police Report**

Local PCSO. Tel: 07525 989445, did not attend.

The Notts Police Crime Statistics map, the Scrooby allocation continues to be challenged. A crime occurred on the Great North Road, so the PCSO is requested attend and discuss including past history of Scrooby crime records.
9. **Planning & Neighbourhood Plan**
 - 9.2 Planning issues: New Applications: None.
 - Existing Applications: 0 ongoing: 5 more static caravans down Saracens Lane and the Car Sales Plot request are still in appeal.
 - 9.3 HIVE: is now in Phase II, a target for a July council meeting (see above). Parish Councillors are to collate their thoughts and agree a response at the July PC meeting. The Bassetlaw Local Plan 202-2038 is now accepted.
 - Planning Enforcement: No cases open.
10. **Play Area**

Nothing to report.
11. **Village Hall**
 - 11.1 Village Hall Operations: The hall is in good use, operating well.
 - 11.2 Village permanent Christmas Lights – Carried forward to next meeting.
12. **Village Environment**
 - 12.0 Noted – 4 Road Works notices: Report of a sewage leak in Station Road, fixed within 24 hours and our thanks to Derick Evans for his quick reporting to Highways.
 - 12.1 Grass Cutting the first cut of the season to be a 'collection' cut is confirmed, a change to our schedule.
 - 12.2 The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – The final report to our major sponsor Severn Trent is nearly complete which will release the final part of the grant. The final 'clearing up' actions in progress. A tool store and register investigate is continuing.
 - 12.5 The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial – The memorial is assembled and to be installed on 12th June, apologies for any short term traffic issues. The memorial will be officially unveiled at the Scrooby Show. Discussions are started about security and safety, particular children (via the Playground inspection).
 - 12.6 Biodiversity Programs – No further action until the railways start a discussion again..
 - 12.8 **Items for Information Only / Next Agenda**

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Next meeting to be held on Monday, 8th July, 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.

This Month's Issues for you to note or muse:

Criminal activity? If life threatening call 999, else 101 **Stay Safe, Stay Well**

SLOW DOWN on Chapel Lane and all the Village Roads. Have you seen the Mayflower Memorial on the Croft??? **Look at the Noticeboard / Information Hub (Chapel Lane) / Scrooby.net website for all the latest information and consultations.** **Street Lights**

OUT or Leaves on the Pavement, then please call Notts County or Bassetlaw Council The Village Hall sessions on Tuesdays continue, as do the Bassetlaw Mobile Community Shop on Mondays. *Report incidents of dangerous or inconsiderate driving in Scrooby to the Police.* **Please be**

mindful of your neighbours when outside during these long summer evenings. Dogs are **NOT** allowed on the Croft or in the Village Hall, unless an organised dog event. **Please clear your dog 'poo', including the Whinze !** The guards around the new trees on the Whinze / Gibbet Hill are vital, please do not remove them!!! The Parish Accounts are open for Public View until July. **A break-in occurred on the main road, PLEASE be mindful of your open doors especially in the summer heat.**

*Look out for County wide Consultations like The HIVE PFA project or Lound Soil Treatment, have **YOU** any comments!! Let your councillor know.*

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ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday, 13 May 2024, a Physical meeting

Present : Chair: Stephen Cordery, Nadine Croft, Lindsey Buxton, Michaela Blount, Ellaina Sammut, Ceri Smith, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer) , District Councillor Jack Bowker. There were no Parishioners present.

Apologies: Elaine Gargett, County Councillor Tracey Taylor

- 1. Minutes of the Last Meeting** The minutes for May 2023 were accepted - Proposed by Michaela Blount, seconded by Nadine Croft.
- 2. Election of Chairperson** The Chair Stephen Cordery signified his willingness to continue as Chair. That was proposed by Lindsey Buxton, seconded by Ceri Smith and agreed by all. Stephen Cordery then took the Chair for the rest of the meeting.
- 3. Election of Vice Chairperson** The Vice Chair Elaine Gargett in absence had agreed to remain as Vice Chair as well. That was proposed by Lindsey Buxton, seconded by Ceri Smith and agreed by all.
- 4. Chairperson's Allowance** All members agreed that the allowance rate remain as has been for a number of years at zero. It was also agreed that the current bank mandate signatories therefore remained the same.
- 5. Chairpersons' Report** The previous year Chair, Stephen Cordery, presented his report which had been previously circulated. That was accepted and of note were: The loss of councillor Nadine Croft due to work pressures: The Whinze / Gibbet Hill Common project: The Mayflower Memorial: Stephen Cordery closed with his thanks to all councillors, parishioners and officers for their interest and hard work in the last year. Stephen was thanked for his report.
- 6. Treasurer's Report** Was presented by Tony Smith after previously being circulated and accepted by all. The Annual Accounts were also presented, accepted and agreed to be signed off as required by the Annual Governance and Accountability procedures. It was noted that our total Expenditure and Income was still above the £25,000 external audit threshold and so we would again be externally audited this year. All reports will be available shortly on the Scrooby.net website. Tracy Crowe was thanked for being our Internal Auditor again this year.
- 7. County and District Councillor's Reports** In her absence the County Councillor Tracey Taylor could not present a report. However, District Councillor Jack Bowker did present a short report to say not a lot had happened due to the recent elections. But also that a cross party team had reviewed the Bassetlaw District Council election wards and were to recommend that Scrooby Parish be moved to Ranskill ward not Blyth (would not occur until 2027 though). The Scrooby Parish Council did not disagree with this news and thought Ranskill was a better 'rural' fit than Blyth.
- 8. Any Other Business**
 - 8.1. Before closing the meeting the Chair, Stephen Cordery, recorded his and the Parish Council's good byes and thanks to Nadine Croft, expressing his deep thanks for the last 19 months and her work on the Whinze / Gibbet Hill Common project.
 - 8.2. There was no other business after that.

The meeting closed at 19:56pm

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SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL CASUAL VACANCY

A Casual Vacancy on the Scrooby Parish Council is now available owing to the resignation at the beginning of the year of Nadine Croft. Nadine has served the council for over a year, both as a co-opting volunteer and later as a full serving council member and we offer her our sincere thanks.

The Vacancy will be filled by co-opting a volunteer from Scrooby Parish who fulfils the following criteria:

- Be a UK or Commonwealth citizen, a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or a citizen of another Member State of the European Union.
- Be at least 18 years old.
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If you are interested in helping with the future development of Scrooby and would like to offer your services on the council, please contact the clerk at parishcouncil@scrooby.net as soon as possible.

You will be asked to attend our next council meeting on July 8th with a brief resume of how you would benefit the council. If there is more than one applicant current councillors will decide on the successful person by a simple show of hands.



MINUTES of the ANNUAL RANSKILL PARISH MEETING
held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD
WEDNESDAY 15th MAY 2024 at 7:00pm

PRESENT:

Chair: D. Simpson

Councillors: L. Shaw, M. Pryce, P. Brown, J. Peel

Clerk: B. Kinsey

Members of the public: There were no members of the public attending.

01/0524: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs A, Bing, A. Garner, D.Cllr D. Bamford, C.Cllr T. Taylor

02/0524: DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None

03/0524: CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

It has been a slightly quieter year for the Parish Council since our last annual meeting but with a number of ongoing events and projects continuing.

There was another excellent village festival with extremely busy days in both Ranskill and Torworth parks, with the addition of classic cars and bike displays being particularly welcome to some of us! Whilst it is a shame that there will not be an event this year, the new members of the organising committee are already planning for 2025. My thanks to all the volunteers and particularly Councillors Peel and Pryce for their contributions.

An expanded and extremely cold event was held for the switch on of the Christmas tree lights in December, including a poetry competition for the pupils of Ranskill Primary School that I was very pleased to judge. I'm sure everyone enjoyed the live recitals on the night. Again my thanks to Councillor Pryce for organising this.

Work to update the equipment in the play park continues and an application for grant funding was submitted, unfortunately unsuccessfully on this occasion despite the hard work by Councillor Bing. An updated application is now ready to be submitted for the latest round of funding very shortly. Once the outcome is known then a design can be finalised with further input from the pupils of Ranskill Primary School and residents in general.

There have been a couple of contentious planning application that, whilst not directly in the village, will have an impact on the community, particularly with potential traffic volumes. The Parish Council has strenuously objected to these and will continue to do so throughout the planning process.

We now have sufficient volunteers to re-commence the Speedwatch initiative and the group will hopefully begin to deploy shortly, under Councillor Shaw's guidance.

I am pleased to be able to say that the Parish Council finds itself in probably its best financial position in recent times, once the park refurbishment is finalised, we will need to decide how to allocate the funds, particularly the time limited CIL monies, in consultation with the village. It may even involve revisiting a long standing and dreaded question!

Unfortunately, we have, so far, been unsuccessfully in securing more significant resurfacing works in the village, particularly Blyth Road. This is something that the Parish Council will continue to lobby for at every opportunity with the county council.

My thanks once again to all my fellow councillors for their hard work over the past year and I hope that we will welcome some new members shortly. Thanks also to our County and District Councillors for their help this year.

04/0524: FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

The year to March 2024 saw the Parish Council increasing its total reserves by £64,467 to £117,210.

A breakdown of Parish Council reserves shows that it is made up of: -

Restricted CIL: £69,417

Ringfenced Defibrillator reserve: £137

General reserve: £47,656

In addition, the PC's share of the Joint Burial funds amounts to £5,024 (at 70% of cash funds).

Regarding the budget for 2023-24, expenditure was overall below target by £165 and income was £1,147 above the budget. Major expenditure during the year:-

Grants

£660 The Star

£200 Allotments

£150 First Responders

£581 Ranskill Festival

Capital

£981 Legal charges for land registration

£117 PA system for Christmas Lights dedication

£781 Via EM school crossing patrol

We also spent £5,025 of CIL funds, on various maintenance tasks in the playground, repairing the noticeboards and a new electrical enclosure for the Christmas lighting.

CIL funding of £66,986 was received during the year, closing at £69,417. It is intended to replace older playground equipment in the near future. Pending further grant applications these funds are placed on attractive terms on bank deposit.

Due to pressure from heavily increasing costs, the precept was increased by 8% for the 2024-25 financial year.

05/0524: PUBLIC FORUM FOR QUESTIONS FROM RESIDENTS

No residents or members of the public attended the meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed.

Signed as a true record: -

Chair: D. Simpson

MINUTES of the RANSKILL ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD
WEDNESDAY 15th MAY 2024 at 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Chair: D. Simpson

Councillors: L. Shaw, M. Pryce, P. Brown, J. Peel

Clerk: B. Kinsey

Members of the public: There were no members of the public attending.

01/0524: ELECTION OF CHAIR

CLlr Shaw proposed CLlr Simpson as Chair. Seconded CLlr Peel. **Carried.**

02/0524: ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

CLlr Brown proposed CLlr Shaw as Vice Chair. Seconded CLlPeel. **Carried.**

03/0524: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs A. Bing and A. Garner, D,CLlr D. Bamford, C,CLlr T. Taylor

04/0524: DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None

05/0523: TO ADJOURN TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No residents attended the meeting.

06/0524: PARISH COUNCILLOR VACANCY

The Parish Council has 2 vacancies, Cllrs will try to find suitable volunteers who can be co-opted and the Clerk will publicise the vacancies on the website.

07/0524: ELECTION OF MEMBERS TO SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

a) Joint Burial Committee

Cllrs Simpson, Pryce, Brown were appointed.

b) Bassetlaw Forum

CLlr Simpson agreed to continue as our representative.

08/0524: ELECTION OF MEMBERS WITH SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITY

a) Planning: CLlr Simpson

b) Finance: CLlr Shaw

c) Playground: CLlr Bing

d) Floral displays: CLlr Peel

09/0524: MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 17th April 2024

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

10/0524: COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a) District Councillor: not available.

b) County Councillor

C,CLlr Taylor submitted a written report.

HIVE planning application: tentatively scheduled for NCC planning committee meeting 23 July. No officer report this early, so still not clear if it will be recommended for "grant" or "refuse". I'll keep you updated after the June planning committee with a clearer indication re July.

Station Rd drainage: Resident has direct contact name/details for NCC/Via engineers following site meeting last week. report to me read:

"Our Drainage Maintenance Team were there to pinpoint the location of the damaged gully connection that is causing the issue. There is a possibility that we can excavate to expose and hopefully repair the damage before the

end of this month. That will be dependent on whether we have sufficient width to avoid the need for temporary traffic signals on the road. Due to the proximity of the level crossing, if we do need signals, then we'll need to consult with Network Rail. There is a minimum 15 working day lead in to even engage in discussion with Network Rail, so in that instance we'd be looking at late June for the works. I've given the resident my direct contact information."

Blyth Rd petition re road surface: suggest aiming for me to present to Full Council Thursday 18 July, otherwise we're stuck until 26 Sept.

11/0524: CRIME AND POLICING

The latest crime figures for March are reported as 15, of which 5 were violent crime. This is the largest monthly crime figure for 18 months.

12/0524: HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC

- a) A new team of volunteers is being assembled. The Clerk was asked to contact our local PC to ask for their support in terms of follow up of offenders.
- b) To consider a resident's petition regarding the condition of Blyth Road. Cllr Shaw will organise a hand petition of local residents and the Clerk will devise a table for residents to complete online or sign in person.

13/0524: FINANCE

- a) To approve the bank reconciliation and accounts as at 30th April. **Carried.**
- b) To receive the Internal Auditor's report. **Carried.**
- c) To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2023-24. **Carried** and signed by the Chair.
- d) To approve the Annual Accounting Statement 2023-24. **Carried** and signed by the Chair.
- e) To consider a funding request from the Torworth Festival and Events Committee. Cllrs did not feel able to support this event as there are no events being held in Ranskill and the request will be turned down.

14/0524: PLANNING

- a) To consider new planning applications. Two recent applications 24/00507/HSE Station Avenue and 24/00429/HSE Stonehill Close have been received and Cllrs did not raise any objections.
- b) Updates on existing applications, please the comments regarding Hive Energy by our C. Cllr above.

15/0524: AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

- a) Playground May Safety Report: no issues reported.
- b) FCC Grant funding update: the latest application has now been submitted together with supporting material from the school. A decision is expected in September. A new application is also being made to Notts CC for match funding.

16/0524: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

None.

17/0524: INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING

None

20/0523: DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

12th June 2024.

Signed as a true record: -

Chair: D. Simpson

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