

PARISH OF NEWBY AND SCALBY

Minutes of the **ANNUAL PARISH ASSEMBLY**
held in the Rickinson Hall, St. Laurence's Church Rooms, Church Beck, Scalby on
WEDNESDAY, 9th MAY 2018
commencing at 6.45 pm.

PRESENT:

Councillor R. Towse (Chairman of the Parish Council) in the chair, parishioners D. Bastiman, Mrs E Black (from 6.52pm), S Foote, Mrs R. Holliday, K Martin, R Pickersgill, Mrs C Snow, T Cathcart & Mrs M Wild (Scalby Toilet Trust), PC277 Lyth, 1 member of public, Mrs Marley (Clerk to Parish Council).

1/18 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF MEETING

Not necessary as the Chairman of the Parish Council was present.

2/18 APOLOGIES: Parishioners G Edmunds, Ms K Newton (In Bloom), D Sutton, R Thompson, Mrs D Wiles.

3/18 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th May 2017

It was **RESOLVED** that the Chairman sign the minutes as an accurate record of the meeting.

4/18 REPORT FROM CHAIRMAN OF THE PARISH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 2017/2018

On 12th December 2017 Brian Watson sadly died, Brian had been a member of the Parish Council for over 30 years. Two applications for Discretionary Grants totalling £850 were successful. Due to the healthy state of our finances Newby and Scalby Parish Council decided to reduce its precept for 2018/19 (the Parish Council's part of Council Tax) by over 27%, this equates to a reduction of over £8 annually for a band D property. During the last year Councillors have scrutinised 70 planning applications. While Council had no objections to the majority, concerns were submitted on 6 applications and objections were submitted on a further 5 applications. 5 applications were refused by the planning authority. Councillors also submitted over 57 reports concerning highways and footpaths. Council replaced a set of Christmas lights on the Christmas tree at Newlands shops, the improvement has been positively commented on by Parishioners. Recently new sets of Christmas lights were purchased to replace the lights at Victoria Fountain and the cherry tree at Newlands. Newby and Scalby In Bloom Group celebrated their tenth anniversary at the Best Kept Garden competition which Council continues to support and provide prizes for. We are fortunate to have such an active group, and grateful to them for the work they do in our Parish. In the course of its review of Scarborough Borough Council ward boundaries, the Boundary Commission proposed to create a parish ward of 89 houses in and around Hackness Road - this was successfully challenged by Newby & Scalby Parish Council. In 2018 we face a new challenge with the introduction of the General Data Protection Regulations. In one way or another these regulations will affect many aspects of how Council conducts aspects of its business and, although yet to be finalised, are something all Councillors need to be aware of. The Tour de Yorkshire passed through the parish at the weekend. For several weeks beforehand individuals, community groups and businesses were busy erecting bunting and placing blue and yellow bicycles in and around Scalby. Once again I am grateful to Councillor Thompson for his support as Vice Chairman and to my fellow Councillors for their commitment, diligence and support over the last 12 months, without which little would have been achieved. I thank our Borough and County Councillors for their continued help and support. Most importantly I am grateful to our Clerk

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and Responsible Financial Officer Jools Marley, for once again safeguarding our finances and keeping us all in order, it has been my pleasure to work through this with her.

5/18 REPORTS FROM GROUPS OR ORGANISATIONS WITHIN THE PARISH: Reports were received from several organisations and a précis of each report follows:-

- 5/18.1 Scalby & Newby Twinning Association (SANTA) - 34 members went to Pornic in September. The 2018 visit by Pornic is planned for 14th-19th June. A drinks reception and formal dinner is to be held at the Hackness Grange Hotel. During the year various social events have been held.
- 5/18.2 Newby & Scalby In Bloom - We have been very busy with many events and collaborated with many local organisations and firms. Litter picking continues & we are currently growing many plants for sale at our annual plant sale later this month. More volunteers would be very welcome, especially between April and October.
- 5/18.3 Scalby Sports Association - The Association represents both the cricket and football clubs. We're trying to bring the pavilion up to modern standards - progress on the new pavilion has been very slow so we're going to renovate the current clubhouse. Between them, the clubs continue to field seven senior playing teams and five junior teams.
- 5/18.4 Newby & Scalby Library & Information Centre - Various community and fundraising events have been held during the year, culminating in the recent Spring Spectacular to celebrate our first year as a Community Library. We continue to build on our connections with local schools and community groups - the "Knit and Natter" and Scrabble groups are proving popular. We're active on social media and have launched a "Friends of the Library" group. We've just received a grant of £10,000 towards a range of projects including maintenance and new furniture, so our plans for the café area can now go ahead.
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- 5/18.8 FONSA - A busy and productive year on the allotments with some turnover of plots though most vacated plots have been let and the overall standard of plot maintenance is high. Routine inspections continue in order to maintain standards. The social year has been successful. In the last twelve months we have improved the Hackness road entrance by replacing the gate and moving back into the allotments by a car's length. The 2017 Sunflower Competition

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6/18 ELECTORS QUESTIONS/COMMENTS – No matters raised.

There being no further matters the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 6.58 pm

**Chairman of the Parish Assembly
8th May 2019**

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