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## **Scrooby, Torworth And Ranskill**

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 16<sup>th</sup> of the month.

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Dear Readers

I'm glad to see that 'spring has sprung'! I do love this time of year when the nights get lighter, we can finally turn the clocks forward and nature starts to come to life again.

On page 9 there is a great opportunity to learn about planting for wildlife at the North Notts Wildlife Trust talk by Ed Cooke. This will be held at the Idle Valley Centre on 13th March. Be sure to book yourself a ticket.

Peter Parkin has kindly gifted us with some more of his Ranskill and family memories. If you know of any interesting local history, perhaps you too would like to share it in The Star?

Don't forget the deadline for articles and adverts is 16th of each month—we would love to hear from you!

Luci



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# FREDERICK THOMAS PARKIN 1851-1929

**Frederick Thomas Parkin was the fifth of seven children born to William and Mary Parkin of Howbrook Nr Wortley, Yorkshire. William manufactured and exported nails and also farmed 164 acres.**

Frederick Thomas came to Serlby in 1876 and was steward to Viscount Galway from 1881 to 1919, farming 1450 acres. In 1882 he married Lucy Bingley from Scaftworth Grange at Bawtry and had five children:-

John Bingley born 1883

Margaret Elsie born 1885

Francis Mary born 1887

Frederick William born 1896

Charles Edward born 1899 (my father)

The following is taken from his obituary in the Retford Times on 27th December 1929

"He came to Serlby on the 10th of March 1876, as assistant to his predecessor Mr Masterman with whom he served for 5 years. On the retirement of Mr Masterman he was appointed steward and held the position up to the time of his retirement on 1st January 1919.

He discharged the duties in a manner which won for him the esteem and confidence of all with whom he came in contact. He was a thoroughly practical man and was always ready and willing to give advice and assistance to the tenants on the estate and to his neighbours.

Following in the footsteps of his father, who for 50 years took an active part in public affairs at Wortley, he had held a number of public appointments. He served on several Parish Councils and was Chairman of Styrrup and Oldcotes Parish Council since its formation and had for forty years represented Viscount Galway on The River Idle Drainage Commission.

It was in farming and in all matters appertaining to agriculture that Mr Parkin was seen at his best. He loved the land and everything connected with it and had always kept thoroughly in touch with the latest and most up to date methods of farming.

Many years ago he was a regular exhibitor at local shows, and the entries from Serlby always figured prominently among the prize winners. He did remarkably well at the Doncaster Show and for many years carried off some of the best prizes. On one occasion Mr Parkin won as many as thirteen prizes in

one day at Doncaster, a very remarkable achievement of which he was naturally proud.

The funeral took place at Scrooby Church in bitterly cold and wet weather. The oak coffin was placed on a farm dray and drawn by two horses, was covered by a velvet violet pall with the family wreaths laid around.

After an active and full life, during which he had gained the respect of everyone with whom he came into contact, Mr Parkin was visited with blindness, which perhaps was the most dreadful of all afflictions, but he had borne it with great patience and endurance."

After he went blind and could no longer work, the family moved to Lodge Farm at Scrooby Top, which in those days still belonged to the Estate. Viscount Galway built an extra room on to the farmhouse with a toilet and washbasin.

In the old days he was a Sergeant in the Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry Cavalry. I gather from the above that my grandfather was very well known and respected over a wide area. In 1929 he passed away in his sleep.

*Peter Parkin*

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# Christian Perspective—Stress



Whoever we are, we all come, in our lives, to times of stress and trouble. How we deal with this varies according to personality, character and those around you and many other things. Some people just become overwhelmed and fall apart. Other people can put on a stoical front, somehow grinding their way through. I've discovered from doing this in my life that it usually leads to sickness in some form or other.

However, if we have faith in God, we can pray and trust things will improve. Paul writes to the church in Philippi: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:6-7.*

This is a sure and certain promise that everything that happens in our lives and in the lives of our loved ones can be handled in this way. As we bring everything to God, through Jesus, with thanksgiving, it brings the promise of peace. It doesn't necessarily mean that the problems will go away or become less, but because we are trusting in the goodness of God, our way of handling ourselves in the midst of them will be different.

When Jesus was speaking to his disciples in John's Gospel chapter 15, he brings the picture of

branches on a vine. He speaks of believers abiding or remaining in Him and in his word. This word 'abiding' means to live or stay somewhere, for a long time—to make that our habitual place for living. It's worthwhile reading slowly and thoughtfully through the first 17 verses of this chapter and then asking the Holy Spirit's help us to put them into practice.

Jesus links this abiding to obedience to him. Abiding in him means abiding in his love for us. He gives believers a new commandment, *"Love one another as I have loved you". John 15:12.* This is a joyful place to live—receiving the love of Jesus and then giving it away to others. Paul explains in writing to the Romans: *God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. Romans 5:4.*

There are good outcomes when we bring our stresses and strains to God in this way. This abiding gives us a whole new way to live. First there's peace which is greater than anything we can know in any other way. Then there is answered prayer as Jesus explains in John 15:7: *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you desire, and it shall be done for you.* God bless you as you abide in Jesus.



Brenda Critchley

## Puzzle for March

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 9 shaded cells, one in each sub-grid. These shaded cells must also contain the numbers 1 to 9. The solution is included elsewhere in the **STAR**.

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## North Notts Local Group: Butterflies



March, and the gardeners among us are beginning to look forward to warmer weather and with that comes the prospect of sowing flower seeds to bring us joy through the summer months. If we're also keen to support wildlife we might be considering what sort of seeds to sow to help maintain our local insect population and this is where our March speaker, Ed Cooke of Meadowmakers, can be relied on to give us some inspiration.

Those who regularly attend our talks may remember Ed talking about Wildflower Gardening last March when he delighted us with his enthusiasm, his photographs and his vast knowledge of wildflowers. Not only that but he brought lots of wildflowers to sell and to say that they were going like the proverbial hot cakes would be no exaggeration.

His talk will be about Butterflies and his plant stall will include the appropriate butterfly food plants. Many of us remarked that there were fewer butterflies in our gardens last year and there is likely to be a knock-on effect this year so they will need all the help we can give them. It couldn't be more important to do your bit for butterflies this year, so come and find out how!

This meeting will be held at Idle Valley Centre starting at 7.15pm, 13 March; £3.00 entry includes tea and biscuits. All welcome; no need to book. If you haven't already, why not sign up for email updates to ensure you get all the information about the North Notts Local Group's talks and activities straight to your inbox? Don't miss any of the excitement!

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## The Wednesday (Memory) Group

### The Butterfly Effect

There is an idea that everything we do affects everything else. Everything else means other people, animals and the environment; everything! It's sometimes known as 'the butterfly effect' because it arose from the idea that the flapping of a butterfly's wings could, in theory, give rise to a typhoon weeks later and many miles away.

What we see at the Wednesday Group is the impact of people's actions on others close to them and in quite a short time. The, 'Ah, that's lovely,' when someone walks in to be handed a hot cup of tea or coffee just the way they like it; the welcoming smile of one of the other members or the steadying hand of a volunteer; these, and many other small acts of friendship,

make others feel welcomed and valued. It shows in their faces and their body language and in the fact that they keep coming back week after week. It's powerful stuff!

If you care for someone with dementia or you have a diagnosis yourself, or if you want to know more and you think the Wednesday Group might be helpful, do get in touch. Contact Jan on 01777 709974 or 07969180067 or email [janwilliamson133@gmail.com](mailto:janwilliamson133@gmail.com) for the latest on what we are doing and current availability.

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2. In the saying 'when March comes in like a lion' it leaves like a what?
3. The March Hare first features in which children's book?
4. What are the two birthstones for March?
5. Which sport is associated with 'March Madness'?
6. Which city became the capital of Australia on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1913?
7. Which US president had his inauguration on 4<sup>th</sup> March 1801?
8. Which Canadian singer was born on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1994?
9. March was the first month of the Roman calendar – true or false?
10. The Beatles first album was released in March 1963, what was it called?
11. In Roman times, what was the Ides of March?
12. Which magazine was first published on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1923?
13. Which drink was sold in glass bottles for the first time on 12<sup>th</sup> March 1894?
14. Which actor nicknamed the 'King of Cool' was born in March 1930?
15. Which inventor was born in Edinburgh on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1847?
16. What is the birth flower for March?
17. The 'Queen of Christmas' singer was born in March 1969, who is she?
18. Albert Einstein was born in March 1979, which theory is he best known for?



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# RANSKILL GARAGES

**My grandfather, Walter Herbert Choppin, was the son of Alfred and Ellen Chopping who were married in 1868 at Dunmow in Essex. They later moved to Upton in Yorkshire.**

Walter was born in Upton in 1880, the second eldest of six children.

Walter came to Ranskill in 1898 to work as a grinder at Skinner and Johnsons Forkworks on Station Road. He lodged with Richard and Caroline Maltkin. In 1903 he married Rose Ellen Winder, Richard's stepdaughter at Ranskill. Sometime between 1903 and 1911 the G was dropped from Chopping. They had four children – Ernest, Doris (my mother) Ron and Cecil.

At some point Rose lost about 50% of her hearing. Despite this she was no shrinking violet, she had a strong personality and could hold her own with anyone.

Walter and Rose were happily married but they did have the occasional row, which due to her deafness could be heard by half the village.

Exactly when Walter started repairing cycles and selling petrol in cans is not clear. An early photo

shows a hut on the sports field with a sign 'North Road Cycle Co'. I think this is probably where he started before moving across the road to the building beside the cottages. As traffic increased, two petrol pumps were installed.

In one corner was a set up where glass accumulator batteries could be recharged. I believe these were used in radios. In another corner was a large drum containing paraffin, which was used for lamps and stoves. The back of the place was filled up with bike wheels and frames.

At this time, when there was horse racing at Doncaster, crossing the road could take some time.

One day a lorry was filling up with petrol when it caught fire. Somehow they managed to get it into the middle of the road away from the pumps, and when its petrol tank went up in flames is something I will never forget.

During the war, petrol was rationed and could only be brought with coupons. About once a week the kitchen table would be covered in coupons as their value had to be reconciled with the petrol deliveries.

On a Sunday morning some of the locals would gather with my grandfather to discuss the previous week's events.

In the 1940s Walter was beginning to feel the pace. He was a Royal Marine in the first war, was wounded in France and lost part of a lung.

Ron sold his garage and Conisbrough and transformed Walter's place into a proper car garage. Ron was a brilliant motor engineer and could do anything with a car.

In the late 1940s the petrol pumps were replaced by electric ones.

In 1950 Ron's wife persuaded him to take a pub, the Three Horseshoes in Conisbrough, and the business was sold to Mr Wilkinson who lived in the village. Mr Wilkinson only kept it for a year and then sold it to Mr Blow.

Eventually Mr Blow bought the Blue Bell garden and built a new showroom and workshop. It became Rootes Group dealership, and in 1963 I bought my first car from him.

It was a Hillman Minx and cost £634, paid for in £1 notes. At that time I would go across on a Saturday afternoon for £1 worth of petrol and it would usually last me the week.

Mr Blow used to drive Allard cars which were sporty and quite rare. Allard cars ceased production in 1960.



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Towards the end of the 1960s Mr Blow decided to retire and the garage was bought by Mr Brackenbury. It then became a Volvo agency with the workshop at one end of the village and sales at the other. He then brought in general manager Mr Speed, who really got the business going. They were really busy and won several awards.

Over the years I had about five Volvo estate cars as they were ideal for my business and the family.

However, Volvo wanted the agency to be in an urban area and not in rural one so Mr Brackenbury built a new garage in Worksop in the 1990s.

They were then looking for a celebrity to open it. Morecambe and Wise wanted £1500 for 1 hour so they ended up with Brian Clough, football manager, who got rather well refreshed and used a lot of bad language.

At Worksop, to remain viable they had to sell at least one car a day. Unfortunately this proved impossible and they went under.

The sales section then became Doncaster Trade Autos, who were car wholesalers who only sold cars to the trade.

After some years they closed, the land was sold and five houses were built and became Bluebell Court.

*Peter Parkin*

## Church Notices for March

- Sunday 2nd: Blyth – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 9th: Ranskill – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 16th: Blyth – 9.30am CW HC
- Sunday 23rd: Blyth – 10.30am Family Service
- Sunday 30th: Ranskill – 9.30am Mothering Sunday Parade Service

*Key:*

*CW – Common Worship*

*HC – Holy Communion*

*BCP – Book of Common Prayer*

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# RECIPES to try ...

I use my large frying pan with a close fitting lid for both recipes. Otherwise, finish off in a casserole in the oven

## PORK CHOPS WITH PAPRIKA SAUCE - serves 4-6

4-6 chops or shoulder steaks

Dip in seasoned flour and fry golden in 1oz butter

Mix and pour over:-

¼ pint sour cream                      1 tablsop lemon juice (or to taste)

2 level teasp sugar                      1 level teasp paprika

1 level teasp onion salt (or to taste)

5 tablsop chicken stock  
chopped parsley (plenty)

Cover and cook to tender (OR put in covered casserole and bake 350°F 180°C Mark 4 till tender)

## STANLEYS CHICKEN - serves 4-6

4 large portions chicken (leg or breast) or 6 lesser

½ lb sliced onions                      2oz butter

½ pint single cream                      juice of ½ small lemon (or to taste)

6 sliced mushrooms                      1 level teasp curry powder or paste

Pinch of cayenne pepper and salt

Cook chicken and onions in the butter for 10-15 mins

Mix in curry powder or paste and cook for another 2-3 mins

Add mushrooms and cook for further few mins then add cream, lemon juice, salt and cayenne

Cover and cook still tender (OR put in covered casserole and bake till tender as above)



*Joy T*

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### Sponge

100g soft margarine

175g self-raising flour

175g caster sugar

1 level teasp baking powder

2 eggs

4 tblsp milk

Finely grated rind of 1 lemon

### Crunchy Icing

Juice of 1 lemon

100g caster granulated sugar

Heat the oven to 180° / 160° fan / Gas mark 4

Grease and line 2 x 1lb (450g) loaf tins

Put all the ingredients for the sponge into a large bowl and beat well for about 2 minutes

Divide the mixture between the 2 loaf tins and level out evenly

Bake for about 30 minutes until the cakes have slightly shrunk from the sides

Mix the lemon juice and sugar together until blended

When the cakes come out of the oven pour the lemon paste on to both cakes and spread evenly whilst they are still warm

Leave in the tins until cold and then remove and take off the lining paper

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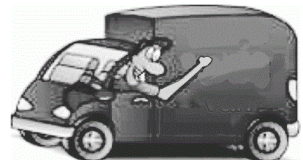
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Mad March winds and icy blasts,  
Arctic freeze that lasts — and lasts!  
Gloves and scarves and clothes abundant  
Render thoughts of Spring redundant.

All this talk of sunnier weather  
Leaves me speechless altogether,  
Is the heat of winters shrinking  
Just a glitch in someone's thinking?  
Snow and ice and wind and rain,

Could it be that yet again  
We're victims of much mis-informing  
Ever to speak of global warming?

*Joy T*

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## MILE OF PENNIES

as of February 2nd:-

**£2,624 = 3 miles 696 yards**

That 3½ mile signpost is getting ever  
nearer — keep them coming, and thank  
you one and all

*Joy T*



## MARCH QUIZ ANSWERS

1. War 2. Lamb 3. Alice's Adventures in Wonderland 4. Aquamarine & Bloodstone
5. Basketball 6. Canberra 7. Thomas Jefferson
8. Justin Bieber 9. True 10. Please Please Me
11. A deadline for settling debts 12. Time
13. Coca Cola 14. Steve McQueen 15. Alexander Graham Bell 16. Daffodil 17. Mariah Carey
18. Relativity

## QUOTE for the MONTH

"Fear is loud, imposing and  
commanding but you don't have  
to do what it says?"

ANON

## Ranskill and Torworth W.I

Ranskill and Torworth W.I. have been able to move back  
into Ranskill for their monthly meetings.

We will be meeting in St Barnabas Church. Meetings are  
held on the 4th Tuesday of the month and commence at  
2pm.

On Tuesday 25th March the Speaker will be Dianne Fox  
her talk "Queen of the Road".

This will be followed by refreshments.

Visitors are always welcome. For further information  
please ring 01777 818519. Pat Blatchford.

## Solution to March puzzle

2	6	3	5	9	7	4	1	8
9	1	4	2	8	3	7	5	6
8	7	5	1	6	4	9	2	3
3	5	6	4	1	8	2	7	9
7	4	8	3	2	9	5	6	1
1	9	2	6	7	5	8	3	4
6	3	7	9	4	2	1	8	5
5	8	9	7	3	1	6	4	2
4	2	1	8	5	6	3	9	7



## RANSKILL BOWLS CLUB (Station Road, DN22 8LE)

We are still enjoying our indoor bowling at our pavilion, and looking forward to the outdoor season. We have our AGM at the pavilion on Friday 7th March. All are welcome.



We love to encourage a younger talent into our sport, so why not come and give some ideas. It's a really interesting game and we would love to meet new players. We also have a wonderful craft and chat club on a Friday.

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Dates for the first few months of Warm Spaces are:

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March 18<sup>th</sup>

April 1<sup>st</sup>

April 15<sup>th</sup>

April 29<sup>th</sup>

May 6<sup>th</sup>

May 20<sup>th</sup>

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## ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING Monday 10 February 2025 in the Scrooby Village Hall

1. **Present** : Chair Stephen Cordery, Ceri Smith, Terry Goldsmith, Lindsey Buxton, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), District Cllr Jack Bowker (Part), Parishioners / Public present: Mr D Blount.
2. **Apologies** Elaine Gargett, County Cllr Tracey Taylor.
3. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**: Minutes were accepted, No corrections - Proposed by Terry Goldsmith, 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, Assess work to trees around The Croft, Mayflower team views on the Memorial Risk Assessment, Flood Warden contact points and Repairs to the Telephone box.
4. **Agenda**
  - 4.1. Confirmation of Agenda Items – Add, Defra Consultation and Footpaths (See below).
  - 4.2. Public Discussion – None.
  - 4.3. Parish Councillor Vacancies – The co-option process of Dan Blount to a voting councillor was made, no requests for a public vote. However, Ceri Smith has to resign due to personal reasons and so the Casual Vacancy procedure starts over again. We now have 2 vacancies and so the search is on to find future Parish Councillors. Ceri was soundly thanked for all her past work on the Council.
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: The DEFRA Consultation on the future of land use in GB.
- 5.1 Notts Waste Local Plan amendments consultation was noted, not actioned.
- 5.2 Noted also the NALC consultation on Standards and Conduct of Parish Councils.
6. **District and County Councillor's Report**

County Councillor Tracey Taylor – None, apologies.  
District Councillor Jack Bowker – Reported a Statutory Notice to consult on the closure of all County, City and District councils and make instead one or two Unitary Councils serving all of Nottinghamshire. Local proposals to be made by 25<sup>th</sup> March and then public consultations. Local elections in this are for 2025 will still go ahead.
7. **Finance Report**
  - 7.1 The Treasurer presented his report, which included Village Hall costs and salaries, the Village Hall lights, PPL/PRS and NALC subs and the work on the Manor Road beech hedge. Full details of the report can always be viewed at [www.scrooby.net](http://www.scrooby.net).
  - 7.2 Other activities: Annual donation to The STAR of £300 agreed, NALC Subs, and an application to Tesco for funds for village children activities about the heritage of Scrooby.
  - 7.3 Scrooby Precept was debated and set for 2025/26 at £8,980 or £67.35 pa on a Band D property.
8. **Police Report**

Local PCSO. Tel: 07525 989445, did not attend. PCSO continues to be requested to attend.
9. **Planning & Neighbourhood Plan**
  - 9.2 Planning issues: New Applications: Holmefield Farm Barn conversion – no objections.  
Existing Applications: The Old Vicarage, new Kitchen Door, allowed.
10. **Play Area**

Nothing to report
11. **Village Hall**
  - 11.1 Village Hall Operations: The hall is in good use, operating well. Repair work on the far roof eave is progressing. Also any parking issues caused by the trial Toddlers Group is being addressed as well as reminding there is no parking on the Croft.
  - 11.1.1 & 2 The PPL/PRS fee was agreed and a Risk Management course offer noted.
  - 11.2 Village Hall permanent Christmas Lights – Were installed and in operation for the Xmas period.
12. **Village Environment**
  - 12.0 Road works at Hawkes Nest again. Report to be made of the footpaths narrowing (overgrowth) going up to Bawtry, etc.
  - 12.01.1 Elston PC are asking for support to make their village a 20mph zone. Scrooby supports that aim and will learn from them.
  - 12.1 Grass Cutting, is in place and the overgrown hedges surrounding the Village Hall are to be investigated.
  - 12.2 The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – Winter maintenance has been completed. But please STOP taking the tree base guards from the new trees, they are vital.
  - 12.5 The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial – The risk assessment issue continues.
  - 12.8 Dog Fouling has had an open letter in The STAR to promote how to report such incidents to the Dog Warden..
14. **Items for Information Only / Next Agenda**
  - 14.1. How to educate / 'sell' the role of the Parish Councillor to fill vacancies..

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Next meeting to be held on Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.*

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

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**SLOW DOWN** on Chapel Lane and all the Village Roads.

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Mobile Community Shop on Mondays.

*Report incidents of dangerous or inconsiderate driving in Scrooby to the Police.*

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Dogs and cars 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!!!**

Look out on the Scrooby.net website for information from Notts CC and Bassetlaw DC

**There is a new demand for Parish Councillors – is that you??? If so contact the Parish Clerk**

**MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**  
**held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD**  
**WEDNESDAY 27TH NOVEMBER 2024 at 7:30pm**

**PRESENT:**

**Chair:** D. Simpson

**Councillors:** J. Peel, A. Garner, M. Pryce, L. Shaw

**D. Cllr:** Absent

**C. Cllr:** Absent

**Clerk:** B. Kinsey

**Members of the public:** None

**01/1124: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Cllr P. Brown, C. Cllr T. Taylor, D. Cllr D. Bamford

**02/1124: DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS:** None

**03/1124: TO ADJOURN TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public attending.

**04/1124: MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21ST OCTOBER 2024**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 21st October 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

**05/1124: COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS**

Both the District and County Councillors did not attend.

**06/1124: CRIME AND POLICING**

The crime figure for September was at a low level of 4, average for the year 9.0 crimes per month.

**07/1124: HIGHWAYS AND TRAFFIC**

a. Update on the Community Speed Watch local group formation.

The next action is to confirm the list of volunteers is still current and arrange training by our PCSO.

**08/1124: FINANCE**

a. To approve the bank reconciliation and accounts as at 31st October 2024

Summary accounts and bank reconciliation were approved, proposed by Cllr. Shaw and seconded by Cllr. Peel. **Carried.**

To note that no CIL funds are due to be paid by BDC to the PC this financial year. The funds expected from the Hughes McLaughlin site are due in the next financial year.

b. To consider the offer from North Notts Landscapes for 2025-26 season

The PC agreed to the price proposal by NN for next season.

**09/1124: PLANNING**

a. To consider new planning applications received as at 27th November

No new applications have been received.

b. Updates on existing planning applications and other planning issues.

It was noted that the previously refused application 24/00764/FUL Lakeland House Farm development has now gone to appeal. The Clerk will lodge a further email to enhance the objections of Councillors.

#### **10/1124: AMENITIES AND FACILITIES**

**a.** Consider the playground monthly safety report

The October BDC report found no issues. There is some graffiti inside the ship, the Clerk will ask NN to remove.

**b.** To consider a renovation project for the playground.

Since our application for funds from the FCC Communities Foundation was unsuccessful, Cllr Pryce has made an application to the LCF Capital Programme grant scheme to support playground renovation. A decision is due early next year.

**c.** To consider access across PC land at the rear of Station Cottage

A resident has bought this land and fenced off the area. Our issue is that the gate opens onto PC land and without permission creates a new access. The PC will approach the residents prior to a formal letter being issued.

**d.** To consider repairing the bench next to the bus stop on Station Road.

Due to the high price of hardwood, the repair cost is rather high. The Clerk will ascertain the cost of new benches as an alternative.

**e.** To consider path lighting on Oaks Close green and Jubilee Way

Councillors agreed that off grid solar lighting would be a useful investment for both sites. The Clerk will arrange for a site visit by a potential supplier.

#### **11/1124: TO REVIEW ALL POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

The review of all policies and procedures for 2024 was agreed by Councillors. Proposed Cllr Shaw and seconded Cllr Garner. **Carried.**

#### **12/1124: CO-OPTION OF ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS**

Some interest has been shown, discussions continue.

#### **13/1124: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST**

None.

#### **14/1124: INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING**

None.

#### **15/1124: AGREE A DATE FOR THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING**

15th January 2025.

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