

The STAR

Scrooby, Torworth And Ranskill

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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.

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Editor Notes

Deadline: 16th of each month
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We no longer have an Editor. Luci has been with us for 4 years - she originally said she would take on the role for 2 years or until we found a replacement, so she has gone way above and beyond in her contribution. Luci has brought her professional expertise to the magazine and has made it something to be proud of. Thank you Luci for all you have done.

We are lucky to have a Parish Magazine as it is so useful for the distribution of all the information on activities which bind the community together. We also have a healthy set of advertisers promoting their local businesses, to everyone's benefit.

We need a new Editor. The job is not onerous - a few hours a month. We are happy to do a "taster session" if you want to find out what is involved, and we can supply software if needed.

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Bill



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The Annual General Meeting of the STAR magazine will take place at 7pm on Wednesday 16th April at Scrooby Village Hall.

We welcome all residents of Scrooby Torworth and Ranskill to come along and put forward their views about the magazine.

If you want to help in the magazine's production in any way, please come and find out what is involved (no obligation!)

Church Notices for April 2025

Sunday 6th

Scrooby – 9.30am CW HC

Sunday 13th Palm Sunday

Ranskill – 9.30am CW HC

Sunday 20th Easter Sunday

Blyth – 9.30am CW HC

Sunday 27th

Scrooby – 9.30 CW HC

Blyth – 10.30am Family Service

Key:

CW – Common Worship

HC – Holy Communion



BCP – Book of Common Prayer

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Scrooby Garden Club

Scrooby Garden Club have started 2025 with a very pleasant Hellibore afternoon with tea and cake.



Scrooby Litter Pickers

The garden club has worked hard to keep the village litter free over the last few years; we earn an income from the local council for undertaking this work.

We need more help to carry out this task in 2025. The idea is that you take on an area of the village, picking litter up whenever you see it. You can see from the list below that we need help on Gibbet Lane, Dog Lane, Manor Lane, Mayflower Avenue and Saracen's Lane.

Snowdrops in Scrooby



In 2025 the garden club would like to start the '**snowdropping**' of Scrooby.

The aim is to be able to walk around the village in January and February and see snowdrops throughout the village.

Members are being asked to lift and split clumps of snowdrops and plant them in smaller groups or two or three in the grass at the side of the village street, around road signs, trees, the telephone kiosk, bus shelters and other village features.

In no time at all we'll have snowdrops everywhere.

The next fixture is a **Spring Plant Swap** in the village hall on **April 26th 10:30 to 12 noon**, brunch will be served.

If you would like to join us or need help with the litter picking or guidance on splitting snowdrops please contact me Ann Robbins ann@bawtry.net 07710423108 or via the group WhatsApp



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Friday: 12-11.30pm

Saturday: 12-11.30pm

Sunday: 12-9pm

Food Times:

Tuesday to Saturday: 12-9pm
(light lunch menu available 12-5pm)

Sunday: 12-6pm

Quiz night every Wednesday 8.30pm onwards - winning team prize and cash snowball to be won.

Steak night every Thursday 5 - 9 pm alongside our main menu. Enjoy two 8oz sirloin steaks for £30, or two 8oz sirloin steaks + a bottle of house wine for £40.

Sunday - Delicious homecooked Sunday roasts between 12 - 6pm - booking advised to be safe.

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Christian Perspective—Friends



Some of us find it easier to meet people and make friends than others. If you have good friends you can tell them more about yourself and what goes on in your life, and how you

feel about things, than you might say to others. Having shared interests is a good place to start. Friendship assumes two parts. It needs to be a relationship which works with 'give and take' on both sides.

As much as we need people in our lives, to be our friends, human beings can let us down. They may not be there just when we need them, even talk about us behind our backs. It's good to have people who are our friends, but even better is knowing God as your friend.

When Jesus was talking to his disciples, as we read it in John's Gospel, he had some interesting things to say to them about friendship with him.

You are my friends if you do what I command. It is still a two-way relationship. Friendship with Jesus requires obedience on our part. Last month I wrote about Jesus telling them to love one another as he had loved them. This is his new commandment to them and to us which he calls us to obey.

Jesus continues by saying: *I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his*

master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. John 15:14-15. Doing this opens the door to a close relationship with him, from servants to friends, ones who he could now talk to in a more intimate way.

We also read about Abraham being called 'a friend of God'. This highlights the second condition of friendship with Almighty God. We find it in James 2:21-23: *Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness. And he was called the friend of God.* Here we see that believing what God says to us and acting on it counts us as righteous in his sight.

When we believe the truths of the Gospel, that Jesus Christ is the Son of God, came to earth to reveal God to us, died for our sins and rose again, we can enter in to this very precious friendship with him. We can expect to enjoy two-way conversations with him in prayer, to hear him speaking to us through the truths of the Bible, to know the comfort and peace of his presence and to be assured of the way he wants us to go.

God bless you as you walk in these things with obedience and faith.



Brenda Critchley

Puzzle for April

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. The shaded cells must only contain even numbers and the unshaded cells only odd numbers. The solution is included elsewhere in the **STAR**.

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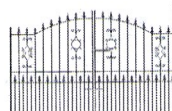
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1. Who did Dexy's Midnight Runners tell to come on?
2. Which band sang about Hotel California?
3. Which band had the same name as the first book in the Bible?
4. Debbie Harry sang with which group?
5. Where was Billy Joel's Girl in 1983?
6. Who just Called to Say I Love You in 1984?
7. What sort of feet did Mud sing about?
8. Which group was led by Noddy Holder?
9. Who sang with Elton John on Don't Go Breaking My Heart?
10. Which law enforcers sent a Message in a Bottle?
11. Who was a Jealous Guy with Roxy Music in 1981?
12. Which Harry was Without You in 1972?
13. Who was the lead singer of The Who?
14. Who were Staying Alive with Night Fever in 1978?
15. Where were David Bowie and Mick Jagger dancing in 1985?
16. Jukebox Jive was a hit for which group?
17. Who had a hit with Going Underground?
18. Which band, headed by Mark Knopfler, had a hit with Money for Nothing?
19. What did Gloria Gaynor say she would do in 1979?
20. What day did the Boomtown Rats not like?



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David says, 'The voyage of HMS Beagle marked the beginning of Charles Darwin's ideas about evolution. It was during this voyage that he found the bones of extinct animals and saw fossil marine molluscs high in the Andes. Then he explored the Galapagos Islands with its unique fauna of birds, iguanas and tortoises. The talk will show how these all came together into his theory of evolution by natural selection, presented in Britain to widespread commotion. And yet, it so nearly didn't happen!'

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2 medium eggs

Method:-

Heat the oven to 190 degrees C. Line a 1kg loaf tin with baking parchment.

Roughly mash the bananas with the sugar and beat together until fluffy.

Add the butter and beat until evenly combined.

Beat in the eggs, one at a time, adding a spoonful of flour with each.

Then sift the remaining flour and baking powder over the mixture and carefully fold in.

Finally, fold in the walnut pieces.

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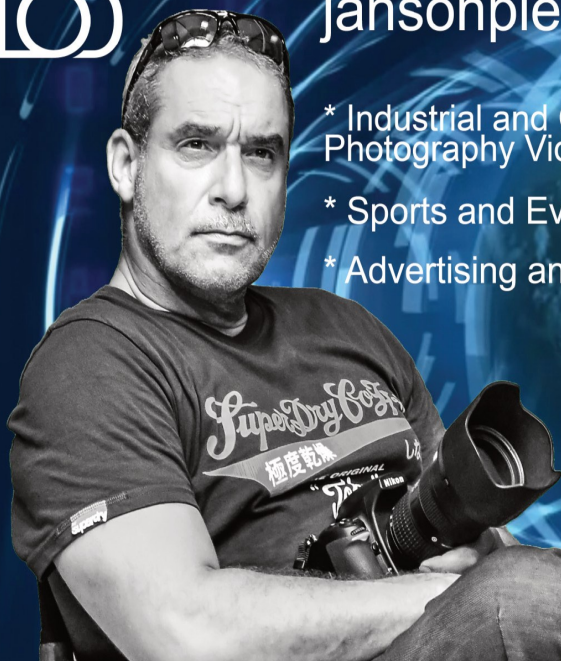


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Still that large beady eye never blinks.

Silk tablecloth waits for his dinner,
Resplendent in silvery pearls.
Fine woven, it's covered in dewdrops
That flash as his rocking chair whirls.

Who am I to deny him his dinner
Spoil his web? It would cause him much sorrow.
No! The cobweb lives on till the spider is gone
And the laundry! There's always tomorrow.

Joy T

QUOTE for the MONTH

*"Don't judge success by worldly
standards but by what you have
achieved each day"*

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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 for the latest on what we are doing and current availability. Unfortunately, we have a short waiting list at present but It's worth contacting the group; you never know when a vacancy might arise. It's £10 per session which includes lunch, and, your first visit is free!

RANSKILL and TORWORTH WI

The Speaker for the above organisation's next meeting will be Mrs B. Merricks. who will be giving an account of her Father's experience in the war.

Our meetings are held in St Barnabas Church. Great North Road. Ranskill.

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The venue is Scrooby Village Hall.

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Scrooby Parish Council (SPC) needs a minimum of 4 councillors, in attendance, to be able to vote on decisions and issues relating to the village and its environment.

We would like to have a full compliment and are therefore recruiting once again.

The roles of the councillors vary depending on how involved each member wants to become and which issues/topics interest them.

The requirement is a monthly meeting, held in the village hall on the 2nd Monday of each month, lasting approximately 90minutes. The meetings are usually attended by the district and county councillors.

We currently have representation from all corners of the village and would like this to continue. Without the SPC we would be left in the hands of the local authority regarding grass cutting, hedge trimming and general maintenance/upkeep of the village. All of these and many more we currently take for granted. We can only speculate on where the future of these services leaves us if left to the local authority.

Recent projects and achievements that SPC have been involved in include: the development of the Whinze and Gibbet Hill common, the new lamp posts and road signs and the Christmas lights for the village hall. We are also currently waiting on 5 grit bins that have been requested.

If you think you have something to offer and would like a chance to be involved then why not come along to the next SPC meeting (14th April) just to get a feel for things. Alternatively you can speak to one of the current councillors who will happily answer any questions you may have. If you then decide you wish to take this opportunity and feel you have something to offer please contact the Clerk or Chairman at

parishcouncil@scrooby.net

ABRIDGED DRAFT MINUTES OF SCROOBY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Monday 10 March 2025 in the Scrooby Village Hall

Present : Chair Stephen Cordery, Elaine Gargett, Terry Goldsmith, Dan Blount, Tony Smith (Clerk & Treasurer), County Cllr Tracey Taylor, Parishioners / Public present: Ann Robbins, Ed Marshall (Part).

Apologies Lindsey Buxton, District Cllr Jack Bowker (Part).

Minutes of the Last Meeting: Minutes were accepted, No corrections - Proposed by Terry Goldsmith, Seconded by Blount.

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, Tesco funding application, Repairs to the Telephone box and Village Hall eaves, Parking from the Toddlers Group, Casual Vacancy Process for new councillor, and Trimming of the hedge around the Village Hall.

Agenda

Confirmation of Agenda Items – Warning sign placed at the side of the Mayflower Memorial (See below).

Public Discussion – Centered around the Mayflower Memorial which is reported below under item 12.5.

Parish Councillor Vacancies – The resignation of Ceri Smith has been noted with Electoral Services and they have started a new Casual Vacancy procedure. We now have 2 vacancies and so the search is on to find future Parish Councillors. A full page advertisement is to be placed in The STAR.

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: Notts County Show and the Boundary Commission review suspension.

5.3 Elaine Gargett is to attend the next Central Bassetlaw Forum to see if it is worth Scrooby attending.

District and County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Tracey Taylor – The County Council budget has been set at 4.84% a balanced budget with no cuts or job losses even though a £30m additional payroll bill is set for 2025/26.

Tracey Taylor then clarified matters about the Government's Local Government Reorganisation and the difficulties it presented to remove the District councils and have only two "Unitary" councils in Nottinghamshire. Initial proposals were due by 26th March and there would be a full resident's consultation before anything was decided on the proposals put forward. It was noted the D2N2 Mayoral devolved authority will still be in place and local elections will still happen this year.

District Councillor Jack Bowker – None, absent.

Finance Report

7.1 The Treasurer presented his report, which included Village Hall costs and salaries, payment for The STAR and Gardening Club litter picking. Full details of the report can always be viewed at www.scrooby.net.

7.2.1 Other activities: NGOs 1 parish directory website, declined seems to be a duplicate of the Scrooby.net website.

7.2.3 The application for funding from Tesco's was sent in just in time and accepted, we await the outcome.

Police Report

Local PCSO. Tel: 07525 989445, [did not attend. PCSO continues to be requested to attend.](#)

Planning & Neighbourhood Plan

9.2 Planning issues: New Applications: Wildwood, Vicarage Lane – no objection as long as the original application is removed.

Existing Applications: Holmefield Farm Barn, ongoing.

9.3 Bassetlaw Design Code consultation noted. Scrooby Neighbourhood Plan (SNAP) to be actively progressed.

Play Area

Nothing to report

Village Hall

11.1 Village Hall Operations: The hall is in good use, operating well. Parking on the Croft (not allowed), discussed measures to stop this.

11.1.1 Request to decorate the Village Hall lobby, toilets and kitchen, under investigation.

Village Environment

12.0 Road works at Hawkes Nest still. Discussion of the footpaths narrowing (overgrowth) going up to Bawtry, etc., continues.

12.01.1 Sweeping of the village roads for leaves. Noted leaves is Bassetlaw, causing water blockages is Highways, being actioned.

12.1 Grass Cutting, is in place, and the Gardening Club is working on the Croft, Litter picking, and expanding the crocus population.

12.2 The development of The Whinze and Gibbet Hill Common – No report

12.5 The Pilgrim Fathers Memorial – A warning sign for the risk assessment issue had been placed and stolen the same day, including 2 from the Whinze. That sign led to comments about being against the rural character of the village. Following comments from a resident and further information regarding BSI and ISO standards being adhered to it was agreed the Memorial was covered for risk and a new warning sign was not required.

Items for Information Only / Next Agenda

None

All minutes from Scrooby Parish Council meetings are always published after acceptance at www.scrooby.net

Next meeting to be held on Monday, 14th April 2025, 7.30 pm, in the Village Hall.



**MINUTES OF THE TORWORTH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT LOUND VILLAGE HALL
Tuesday January 7th, 2024 at 7.00pm.**

PRESENT

Chair: C. Willis

Vice-Chair: J Helliwell

Councillors: R. Willis, D Lacey

County Councillor: T Taylor

District Councillor D Bamford

Members of the public: 0

01/0125

OPEN FORUM FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

02/0125

WELCOME AND APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The chair opens the meeting welcoming everyone.

03/0125

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Cllr C & R Willis in any matters pertaining to the local Scouts group.

04/0125

CRIME REPORT

1 reported Crime for October for violence on Low Street

05/0125

COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The District Councillor gives a report, updating on: the White paper relating to planned move to a unitary council.
The County Councillor gives a report, updating on: the New County leader elected, Budget 25/26, removal of trees at Daneshill.

Please contact your District or County councillor direct for further information on the issues reported or to raise issues direct with them.

06/0125

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting were signed as accurate and as a true record of proceedings.

07/0125

COUNCILLOR RAISED ITEMS, MATTERS ARISING DURING THE MONTH & ONGOING MATTERS

- It is determined to fund the installation of the Football Posts in the playing field. A budget of £100 is set for materials and labour. Proposed by Cllr R Willis. Power: Public Health Act 1875, s.164 Local Government Act 1972 s14 ss27; Public Health Acts Amendments Acts 1890 s44; Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19; Commons Act 1899
- It is determined to repair the Portaloo's following them being vandalised, a budget of £500 is set. Proposed by Cllr R Willis. Public Health Act 1875, s.164 Local Government Act 1972 s14 ss27; Public Health Acts Amendments Acts 1890 s44; Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19; Commons Act 1899
- Cllr C Willis gives a report on a possible option for a Village Hall/ building on the playing Field owned and built by the local scouts group. Some concerns are aired in terms of risks and liabilities. It is agreed that further information is needed in order to progress any decisions.

- It is resolved to purchase event chairing a budget is set of £150. Proposed by Cllr CWillis. Power: Public Health Act 1875, s.164 Local Government Act 1972 s14 ss27; Public Health Acts Amendments Acts 1890 s44; Open Spaces Act 1906 ss9 & 10; Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 s19; Commons Act 1899

08/0125 FINANCE

The Bank Reconciliation is passed for review.

Payments presented and approved for the period:

Yu Energy	£(17.80)
Website	£(11.99)
Green Mile Trees	£(240.00)
Clerk Stationery	£(67.70)
Itsagoal	£(13.60)
Website	£(11.99)
Yu Energy	£(18.40)
North Notts Landscape - Grass Cut	£(301.20)
Warden Duties	£(307.25)

Receipts

Cashback	£0.05
Sale of Asset	£100.00

The budget is set at £18.6k income, £17.9k expenditure and the precept set at £17.4k for the year, an increase of 5% or a 71p increase per month on a band D property.

9/0125 AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

None

10/0125 PLANNING ISSUES DECLARED BEFORE OR AT THE MEETING

Planning Applications on consultation:

24/01376/FUL Retrospective Consent for the Change of Use of Land for the Siting of 3 Portakbins and Timber Framed Sheds/Cabins for Operations within Use Class E and additional Portacabin Style Unit
Torworth Grange Farmshop And Lakes Great North Road Torworth Nottinghamshire: No comment.

Determinations from previous Applications:

- None

11/0125 CORRESPONDENCE FOR CONSIDERATION

- NALC Newsletter

12/0125 UPDATES FROM OTHER COMMITTEES AND GROUPS

- None

13/0125 INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING & ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

- VE DAY Event

14/0125: DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

17th March at 7.30pm, Location tbc

Signed as a true record: _____ Date: _____

Print name _____ Position: _____

For more information, or queries please contact the clerk on the below or a Parish Councillor direct.
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MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD
WEDNESDAY 15TH JANUARY 2025 at 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Chair: D. Simpson

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

D. Cllr: Absent

C. Cllr: C. Cllr T. Taylor

Clerk: B. Kinsey

Members of the public: None

01/0125: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs P. Brown, A. Garner, A. Bing, D. Cllr D. Bamford

02/0125: DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None

03/0125: TO ADJOURN TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public attending.

04/0125: MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21ST OCTOBER 2024

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 27th November 2024 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05/0125: COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a. District Councillor

Absent

b. County Councillor

The spending cap for the coming year has not been lifted, however the County Council believe that they can set a balanced budget. County elections for Nottinghamshire in May are not deferred. The government is continuing to consider devolving powers to unitary or mayoral devolved authorities. Parish Councils are not involved and therefore are not considered to be abolished in any reorganisations.

06/0125: CRIME AND POLICING

The crime figure for November in the parish are at a low level of 5, average for the year 8.4 crimes per month.

07/0125: 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 when the weather is improving.

08/0125: FINANCE

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

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

b. To consider the budget for 2025-26

The budget had previously been reviewed by the Chair and Vice Chair in detail. Cllrs had no further comments and the figures were approved with an increase in the precept of 9%. Proposed by Cllr Peel and seconded by Cllr Pryce. The Clerk will complete the application to BDC. **Carried.**

c. To consider an annual \$137 grant in favour of The Star

Cllrs agreed to grant an exceptional increase of 10% to £725 for the coming year. **Carried.**

09/0125: PLANNING

a. To consider new planning applications received as at 15th January 2025

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.

10/0125: AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

a. Consider the playground monthly safety report

The December BDC report found no issues.

b. To consider a renovation project for the playground.

Cllrs wish to replace the monkey bars which were removed as being unsafe. Cllr Pryce has made an application to the LCF Capital Programme grant scheme to support playground renovation. A decision is due early this 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 to hold a site meeting.

d. To consider solar path lighting on Oaks Close green and Jubilee Way

The Clerk has established budget costing to be about £1.8k per column plus £500 installation. With at least 10 columns being required, the budget project cost is about £25k. Cllrs gave initial approval pending two more quotations being sought, with a preference to UK manufactured equipment.

e. Update on the new benches

Four new benches sourced from Glasdon are now in the yard of North Notts. The PC is waiting for NCC Highways approval for one new site prior to installation.

f. Complaint received regarding the ramp from the first car park into the playground.

Councillors agreed that the gradient of the ramp is a little steep. The land is however owned by BDC, which means the PC cannot replace the ramp. The Clerk will establish if the DC will replace or give permission for the PC to carry this out as the clapping post for the gate also needs replacing.

11/0125: CO-OPTION OF ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS

Some interest has been shown, discussions continue.

12/0125: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

None.

13/0125: INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING

None.

14/0125: AGREE A DATE FOR THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

12th February 2025.

Signed as a true record: -

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MINUTES of the RANSKILL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
held at the BOWLS CLUB, STATION ROAD
WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2025 at 7:30pm

PRESENT:

Chair: D. Simpson

Councillors: L. Shaw, P. Brown

D. Cllr: D. Cllr D. Bamford

C. Cllr: C. Cllr T. Taylor (part)

Clerk: B. Kinsey

Members of the public: None

01/0225: APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Cllrs A. Garner, A. Bing, M. Pryce, J. Peel

02/0225: DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' INTERESTS: None

03/0225: TO ADJOURN TO ALLOW PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public attending.

04/0225: MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 21ST OCTOBER 2024

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th January 2025 were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chair.

05/0225: COUNTY COUNCILLOR AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORTS

a. District Councillor

The District Council has set a balanced budget with an increase of 2.99% and no cuts in services. Progress continues to be made towards a unitary authority, expected to be implemented in 2027-28. Hired in contractors are fulfilling vacancies.

b. County Councillor

County elections for Nottinghamshire in May are not deferred. Progress continues towards a mayoral devolved authority. PWC have been appointed to prepare an options paper on the local government reorganisation. Parish Councils are not involved and therefore are not considered to be abolished in any reorganisations. An increase in the council tax of 4.84% has been agreed for next year.

06/0225: CRIME AND POLICING

The crime figure for December were at a higher level of 16, increasing the average for the year 9.0 crimes per month.

07/0225: 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 when the weather is improving.

08/0225: FINANCE

a. To approve the bank reconciliation and accounts as at 31st January 2025

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

09/0225: PLANNING

a. To consider new planning applications received as at 12th February 2025

No new applications have been received.

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

Nothing to report.

c. To consider a resident's complaint regarding development at the Book Aid site

The Clerk was requested to write to BDC Building Control to draw their attention to potential breaches of regulations.

10/0225: AMENITIES AND FACILITIES

a. Consider the playground monthly safety report

The January BDC report found a couple of minor issues.

b. To consider a renovation project for the playground.

Cllrs wish to replace the monkey bars which were removed as being unsafe. Cllr Pryce has made an application to the LCF Capital Programme grant scheme to support playground renovation. A decision is due early this year.

c. Update on the access across PC land at the rear of Station Cottage

A parcel of land to the rear of Station Cottage has been fenced off and a gate opens onto PC land and without permission creating a new access. Attempted discussions have not yet reached a conclusion.

d. To consider solar path lighting on Oaks Close green and Jubilee Way

The Clerk presented a report detailing 5 quotations for this project to install 10 columns over the 2 sites. Since the meeting was only just quorate it was decided to delay the decision to the following month. In the meantime, the Clerk will short list the 3 most suitable suppliers and ask them to reconsider their quotation.

e. To consider the ramp from the first car park into the playground

The Clerk has contacted BDC Planning to enquire if they will consider bringing the ramp up to modern regulations with a less steep access. The PC awaits a response.

11/0225: CO-OPTION OF ADDITIONAL COUNCILLORS

Some interest has been shown, discussions continue.

12/0225: CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

None.

13/0225: INFORMATION TO BE FORWARDED TO THE NEXT MEETING

Solar path lighting.

14/0225: AGREE A DATE FOR THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

12th March 2025.

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