

SCOTTER PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 12th April 2017

Present : 6 Parish Councillors, 1 District Councillor, 9 Members of the Public, Mrs N. Altoft (Clerk).

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Bond, Capes, C. Day and Fillingham. Mrs. L. Pitcher, Mr. R. Proctor, Reverend Simpson, and Ms. M. Wright.

2. WELCOME BY THE CHAIRMAN

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that items on the agenda are intended to cover topics of interest to the community, as raised by parishioners with the Parish Council. The various parish-based organisations have, as usual, provided reports on their current activities and future aspirations. These will not be formally presented but will be available for attendees to take away in hard copy and will also be accessible via the Council's website. The Chairman thanked the organisations for taking the time to prepare the documents.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

These minutes were approved.

4. To receive an update form the local policing team.

PCSO Sam Evans addressed the meeting. PCSO Bill Thomas and PC Ian Shaw are now covering two beat areas. The impact of this is that whilst response levels will stay the same, visibility in the community will be lower. There has been a slight increase in crime over the last year. Anti social behaviour incidents have risen from 3 to 5, and there has been a significant increase in burglaries. The community are encouraged to report all non emergencies by ringing 101.

5. To receive an update from Scotter Forward.

Mrs Mumby addressed the meeting with her report which was made available to take away and via the Parish Councils website. The main points as follows-

- Scotter Volunteer Car Scheme - The Scotter Volunteer Car Scheme goes from strength to strength, driving over 50 different people to hospital, surgery and community groups, and we now need more volunteer drivers and administrators .
- Heritage Trail - The Heritage Trail is launched and leaflets are in the Church or library. The Heritage boards will be completed in due course.
- EAU Valley Advertiser - The Eau Valley Advertiser under a new name of Eau Community Magazine has had 4 publications. The Editor is Rachael Woods.
- Scotter Facilities Meeting - In May an Annual General Meeting took place of Scotter Forward to look at the reshaping and status of the group. We encouraged all interested parties to come to this group and the decisions made were to have 2 Community events each year a GALA 6TH May 2017 on the playing fields and in June a Classic Car Event on the green .This year funds will be going to Scotter Lives, and Lincolnshire and Nottingham Air Ambulance for a defibrillator.

6. To receive an update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan

- As many people will already know the Parish Council have been preparing a Neighbourhood Development Plan.

- Although we have encountered a few delays for various reasons we are now ready to submit the plan - which will be put out to consultation by West Lindsey District Council for 6 weeks, before going on to be inspected and eventually to a referendum.
- A large amount of consultation has already taken place whilst preparing the plan, and all of the comments made throughout this process have been addressed the consultation statement section of the Plan.
- The Scotter NDP has been prepared in line with the latest draft of the Central Lincs Local plan - whilst we appreciate not all resident agree with the sites allocated in the Central Lincolnshire Local Plan - the NDP cannot go against these allocations, but this does give us an opportunity to have some control over the development of these sites.
- Without a Neighbourhood Development Plan, these sights would still be allocated and developed in Scotter - but the community would have little say as to what type of housing/ layout went on the sites. For example residents have voiced concerns about the types of new properties that will be built near their existing dwellings, and have stressed that they should have as minimal impact on local residents as possible - one of our policies is that 'the height of new properties should reflect that of the surrounding area' which means that any existing single storey buildings would only have new single storey buildings bordering them
- A Neighbourhood Plan attains the same legal status as the Local Plan once it has been agreed at a referendum and is made by the local planning authority. At this point it becomes part of the statutory development plan. So any policies set out in it will be enforceable. Without getting the NDP passed, we would not be able to be specific about these sites and further development in Scotter would go ahead with very limited input from the community.
- The Parish Council would like to encourage residents to support the Neighbourhood Development Plan as it is the only way for a community to shape the growth of our Parish. We would ask that you please take the time to look at it once published, and turn out to vote on the day of the referendum

7. Points from attendees

Councillor Brown thanked the Clerk for all of her time and effort on preparing the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

Councillor Brown also thanked Mrs Mumby for her continued support for Scotter, and many of the facilities which are provided in the Parish.

With no other business to conduct, the Chairman thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.05pm.

Chairman

Clerk

Dated: