

## **SCOTTER PARISH COUNCIL**

Scotter Village Hall, Scotton Road, Scotter, Gainsborough, Lincs DN21 3SA  
01724 764599

Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at Scotter Village Hall  
on Monday 17th April 2017, commencing at 7.40pm.

### **Present -**

Councillors: R. Day (Chair) M. Armstrong, M. Brown, J. Bullivent, S. Hinman and N. Altoft (Clerk).

The meeting commenced at 7.47pm

### **1 2017/18 To receive and approve apologies for absence.**

Apologies were received from Councillors C. Day, Billam, Bond, Capes, Fillingham and Hinman.

**RESOLVED : to accept the apologies from Councillors C. Day, Billam, Bond, Capes, Fillingham and Hinman.**

### **2 2017/18 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.**

No declarations made.

### **3 2017/18 To approve the notes of the Council Meeting held on the 20th March 2017 as the Minutes of that meeting.**

**RESOLVED : To approve the notes of the Council Meeting held on the 20th March 2017 as the minutes of that meeting. These were signed by the Chairman.**

### **4 2017/18 To receive a report from the Chairman on his recent inspection of Parson's Field.**

Nothing to report.

### **5 2017/18 To agree which Councillors will be responsible for safety inspections of the cemetery and the playgrounds for the next month.**

Councillors Bullivent is happy to continue, the Clerk will step in if required.

### **6 2017/18 To discuss the response received from Aspen Tree Services regarding the trees on Southcliffe Road.**

The Council discussed the response from Aspen Tree services and

**RESOLVED : That following the advice given, the Parish Council have no powers to take further action on the trees as there is no requirement to do so. If the resident wishes to carry out work on branches that over hang his property he may do so. If as mentioned the resident requires to use our land for this work, we will need notice and also a report of the works which will be carried out**

### **7 2017/18 To discuss our response to the WLDC Public Space Protection Order consultation.**

As Councillor Bond was not present at the meeting this item will be deferred to April.

### **8 2017/18 To discuss an email from Charles Winnett at WLDC regarding the open space at the Rookery.**

The Council discussed this item and

**RESOLVED : that the Clerk should contact Mr Winnett with the following.**

- 1. The Parish Council have previously stated that they would be happy to consider an S106 agreement for the open space on the Rookery estate, and would still be prepared to do that. The Parish Council have not heard from the owner since October 2015, when he stated that he would come back to us with an offer.**

2. **The Parish Council has concerns regarding the current lack of maintenance of the open space. Despite informing the owner of the standard the park would need to be in before the Parish Council could take it on, no work has been carried out to our knowledge. The Council would like the District Council to enforce the maintenance of this area.**

**9 2017/18 To approve the appointment of R.N. Store to carry out the internal audit for 2016/17.**

The Council reviewed the effectiveness of its system of internal audit. Its scope is clearly and comprehensively laid down in the agreed audit plan and the independence and competence of its auditor is guaranteed by the utilisation of an external professional firm of accountants. A suitable relationship exists between the parties to ensure that the audit can be properly carried out and the audit itself is properly planned and recorded. Against this background, it was:

**RESOLVED : To appoint R.N. Store to carry out the internal audit for the financial year 2016/17.**

**10 2017/18 To receive a report from the Clerk.**

The Clerk reported that the land transfer for the Southcliffe Road verge has now taken place. A letter has been received regarding this, and also ask what the land will be valued at. Due to the fact that we only place a nominal value on community land as it would never be sold, it will be valued at £1.

**11 2017/18 To note income received during March 2017 and to approve its reconciliation to the bank statements.**

The Council noted the following income received.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYER</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
		Opening balance	<b>144,809.44</b>
05.10.16	Co-Op Bank	Interest	17.15
03.03.17	Lottery Grant	NDP Grant	9,900.00
10.03.17	Groundwroks Grant	NDP Grant	3,500.00
		<b>RECEIPTS, 2016-17 year to date</b>	<b><u>158,226.59</u></b>

**12 2017/18 To approve payments to be made to complete the 2016/17 financial year**

The Council examined the accounts to be paid for supplies and services received since the last meeting and,

**RESOLVED : That the following payments should be approved.**

<u>CHEQUE NO.</u>	<u>TO WHOM PAID</u>	<u>PARTICULARS OF PAYMENT</u>	<u>NET VALUE</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>
902980	J Lyon				
902981	N Altoft Scun&Gains Water	Wages & Expenses (N.Altoft&J.Lyon total)	1833.55		1833.55
902982	Bd	Drainage Rates	6.82		6.82
902983	Greenstripe	New Mower	5700.00	1140.00	6840.00
902984	Anglian Water	Water Rates	14.86		14.86
903985	Spencers Garage	Fuel	77.74	15.55	93.29
		<b>Totals</b>	<b>7,632.97</b>	<b>1,155.55</b>	<b>8,788.52</b>

**13 2017/18 To take any points from members, identify items for the next agenda and to note urgent items of interest.**

Following the Annual Parish Meeting, Councillor Brown voiced concerns regarding the loss in police resource from our area. The amount paid to the Police through Council tax from Scotter

Parish alone is c£280,000. The Clerk will write to the police with these concerns and ask for support from the district Councillors.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.02pm.

Clerk: .....

Chairman: .....

Date: .....