

SCOTTER PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at Scotter Village Hall
on Monday 15th June 2015, commencing at 7.40pm.

Present -

Councillors: C. Day (Chairman) M. Armstrong, D. Bond, M. Brown, J. Bullivent, D. Capes, R. Day, District Councillor Mewis and N. Altoft (Clerk).

Mr C. Torrisi addressed the meeting regarding the movement of the 30 mph limit on the A159 leading out towards Messingham. He handed all Councillors copies of correspondence that he had been sent and informed the Council that he was still awaiting a response to his latest letter.

The meeting commenced at 7.35pm

37 2015/16 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors Billam, Fillingham and Hinman.

RESOLVED : to accept the apologies from Councillors Billam, Fillingham and Hinman.

38 2015/16 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

No declarations were received at this time.

39 2015/16 To approve the notes of the Council Meeting held on 18th May 2015 as the Minutes of that meeting.

RESOLVED : To approve the notes of the Council Meeting of the 18th May 2015, as circulated, as the Minutes of that meeting. These were signed by the Chairman.

40 2015/16 To receive a report from the Chairman on his recent inspection of Parson's Field.

The Chairman reported that there were no current issues with Parsons Field and that the village person is keeping the paths clear.

41 2015/16 To agree which Councillors will be responsible for safety inspections of the cemetery and the playgrounds for the next month.

Cllr Day and Cllr Bullivent were happy to continue.

42 2015/16 To approve the annual return for the financial year ended 31st March 2015.

The Council considered the paper prior circulated in relation to this item and was pleased to note that an unqualified report on the return had been received from the Council's internal auditor, RNS Chartered Accountants. It was :

RESOLVED : (a) To approve the statement of accounts for the year ended 31st March 2015 and the explanations of the significant variances year-on year, as circulated, for submission to the external auditor.

(b) To approve the valuations of the Council's assets as at 31st March 2015, as circulated and as contained in the statement of accounts.

(c) In relation to the annual governance statement within the return, to answer points 1 to 8 in the affirmative, point 9 not being applicable to the Council.

(d) To approve the Council's current arrangements for the management of its risk.

The Chairman and Clerk/RFO signed the annual return accordingly, which will be submitted to the external auditor (Grant Thornton) at the conclusion of the period allowed for the inspection of the records by parishioners under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003.

43 2015/16 To consider recent correspondence regarding the changes in the ward boundaries and decide whether to make comments at this stage. Also to decide if any particular Councillor wishes to take the lead on this issue.

Councillor Brown is happy to take the lead on this topic and will keep the Council informed.

44 2015/16 To consider the investment of £20k into a 6-month guaranteed investment bond, and closing the instant access savings account.

The Clerk explained that, with precept monies now received, the Council has an opportunity to make a short-term guaranteed investment to maximise interest generation. The Council

RESOLVED : To invest £20k into a 6-month guaranteed investment bond.

The Clerk will prepare the necessary paperwork for the signature of the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

45 2015/16 To make a decision concerning the complaints received regarding the trees lining the cemetery drive.

The Council considered the information and

RESOLVED : To instruct Aspen Tree services to reduce the height of 4 of the concerning conifers and fell the other completely at a cost of £250.

46 2015/16 To retrospectively approve the donation to Scotter Forward for the car event insurance.

RESOLVED : To approve the donation of £250.

47 2015/16 To receive a report from the Clerk.

The Clerk had no further comments to make at this time.

48 2015/16 Planning Applications

The Council considered the minutes of the Planning Committee meetings of 20th April 2015 and

RESOLVED : To concur with the actions taken by the Planning Committee and to adopt the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 20th April 2015.

49 2015/16 To receive new correspondence not already included above, to be circulated at the meeting.

Nothing at this time.

50 2015/16 To note income received during May 2015 and to approve its reconciliation to the bank statements.

The Council noted the following income received during April 2015.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYER</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
		Opening balance	<u>151,592.52</u>
02.04.15	Co-operative Bank	Interest - current account& deposit	8.24
		RECEIPTS, 2015-16 year to date	<u>151,600.76</u>

51 2015/16 To approve payments to be made.

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</u>	<u>TO WHOM</u>	<u>PARTICULARS OF</u>	<u>NET</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>NO.</u>	<u>PAID</u>	<u>PAYMENT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>
402772	J Lyon	Wages & Expenses			
402773	N Altoft	(N.Altoft&J.Lyon total)	1666.21		1666.21
402774	HMRC	PAYE & NI Month 2	300.05		300.05
402775	Spencers Garage	Fuel	219.66	43.94	263.60
402776	Scotter Bowl Club	Precept Donation	2500.00		2500.00
		Totals	4,685.92	-	4,729.86

52 2015/16 To take any points from members, identify items for the next agenda and to note urgent items of interest.

Councillor Armstrong informed the meeting that there was still a big problem with the pot holes in Susworth. The Clerk will discuss this at the meeting with LCC Highways next week. Councillor Bullivent informed the Council that he is currently writing a funding bid, and asked for confirmation that it can go under the Parish Council.

53 2015/16 To consider correspondence regarding the move to a Unitary Council - Also to decide if any particular Councillor wishes to take the lead on this issue.

Councillor R. Day is happy to take the lead on this topic and will keep the Council informed.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.58pm.

Clerk:

Chairman:

Date: