

SCOTTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on 17th October 2011

PRESENT: Councillor C. Day (Chairman), Councillors M. Armstrong, C Baker, B. Billam, J. Bullivent D. Capes, S Hinman, and A Sheardown. Mrs N. Altoft (Clerk).

With no members of the public present, the meeting commenced at 7.34pm

104 2011/12 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors Fillingham and Rayner.

RESOLVED : To accept and approve the apologies from Councillors Fillingham and Rayner.

105 2011/12 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

Councillor Capes declared an interest in relation to item 14 on the agenda (minute reference 117 2011/12) and stated his intention to abstain. No other declarations were made at this point.

106 2011/12 To approve the notes of the Council Meetings held on 19th September 2011 as the Minutes of that meeting.

RESOLVED : To approve the notes of the Council Meeting held on 19th September 2011, as circulated, as the Minutes of that meeting. These were signed by the Chairman.

107 2011/12 To receive a report from the Chairman on his recent inspection of Parson's Field.

The chairman asked the Council to note that a fallen branch had been reported to the Clerk. After inspecting it the Chairman felt that it needed removing, therefore the Clerk instructed Countryside and Conservation to do this at a cost of £60. The Council

RESOLVED: To ratify the actions taken by the Clerk.

108 2011/12 To agree which Councillors will be responsible for safety inspections of the cemetery and the playgrounds for the next month.

Councillor Day stated his willingness to continue with the cemetery inspections and Councillor Rayner will also continue with the playground inspections.

109 2011/12 To discuss the situation with the trees behind no. 5 Revills Close.

Although not at the meeting, Councillor Rayner has viewed the deeds of no. 5 Revills Close and visited the Cemetery. He states that he is firmly of the opinion that this tree belongs to the owner of no 5 and not the Parish Council. The map attached to the deeds for the property confirms the Parish Council's position that the boundary with Revills Close properties is the responsibility of the owners of those properties, and the tree is without question on the original boundary. The boundary issue has become a little confused because the owner (or past owner) of no 5 has erected his fence well inside the original hedge line. However it is easy to trace the original line of the hedge by observing the location of pollarded hawthorn shrubs that are the remnants of the ancient hedge. The tree in question is exactly in line with these shrubs.

RESOLVED: To accept the opinion of Councillor Rayner, and write to the owners of no. 5 Revills Close to inform them of this.

110 2011/12 To discuss a request from the Playing Fields Committee

After reading the paper circulated the Council

RESOLVED: to write to the Playing Fields Committee telling them the estimated usage of the hut by the Friday Nite Project, and bearing this in mind ask them for costs for electricity etc, and also what income they are expecting the hut to generate.

111 2011/12 To approve the sale of exclusive rights to burial in Scotter Cemetery in grave no Y5 and Y6.

Initialled Chairman

The Council considered application for the purchase of the exclusive rights to burial in grave space Y5 and Y6, and with all agreed, it was :

RESOLVED: To approve the issue of the grants. This were signed by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

112 2011/12 To discuss the possibility of planting flowers around the village.

After a short discussion the Council,

RESOLVED: to ask the Scotter Forward Group to include the possibility of planting flowers around the village in there next questionnaire with a request for volunteers. When the results are in from the questionnaire we will take it forward from there.

113 2011/12 To decide who will represent the Parish Council on memorial Sunday.

Councillor Sheardown stated his willingness to lay the Wreath on Memorial Sunday. The Clerk will take this to him as soon as it arrives.

114 2011/12 To approve the renewal of the six month licence for the grazing of Constable land.

RESOLVED : To renew the six month licence for the grazing of Constable land.

115 2011/12 To agree a date for the 2012/13 Precept meeting.

RESOLVED : That the 2011/12 Precept meeting will be held on Monday 5th December 2011, commencing at 7.30pm.

116 2011/12 To discuss the purchase of a new computer for the Parish Council office.

After a short discussion Council

RESOLVED: to purchase a new computer. The timing of the purchase will be confirmed at the November meeting.

117 2011/12 To discuss a request from Scotter Bowls Club

After considering the paper circulated Council

RESOLVED: to write to the Bowls Club and ask for clarification as to whether they are requesting that money be allocated for them in the next precept, or whether the request is urgent and they are asking for funding now.

118 2011/12 To discuss the purchase of a salt bin for Johnson Drive.

After putting this on the agenda, the Clerk has contacted LCC to find out if they would be willing to provide and service a salt bin for Johnson Drive, as the road is not yet adopted.

119 2011/12 To receive a report from the Clerk

84 2011/12 Village Signs

The Clerk informed the Council that she now has a list of all of the road name signs that need attention. The Council

RESOLVED: to pass this information onto the Highways Agency.

119a 2011/12 Land at Susworth Road

The Clerk informed the Council that she had received a letter from Mrs S Marris informing us that they were unable to purchase the land at Susworth Road, and are therefore unable to proceed with their proposal.

119b 2011/12 Scotter Post Office

The Clerk informed the Council that she has had notification that the Post Office will be moving into the new Co-Operative upon its completion.

Initialed Chairman

120 2011/12 To receive new correspondence not already included above, to be circulated at the meeting.

There was nothing to be circulated at this time.

121 2011/12 To note income received during September 2011 and to approve the cash book as at the end of September 2011 and its reconciliation to the bank statements.

The Council noted the following income received during September 2011.

RECEIPTS

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYER</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
01.09.11	Lincolnshire Co-op	Money for SUFC	2500.00
01.09.11	Scotterthorpe Allots	Allotment rental	7.00
05.09.11	Co-operative Bank	Interest - current account	3.68
			<u>2510.68</u>

122 2011/12 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 NO.</u>	<u>TO WHOM PAID</u>	<u>PARTICULARS OF PAYMENT</u>	<u>NET VALUE</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>
Direct Debit	Multidata	Phone calls, Aug 2011	5.06	1.01	6.07
Direct Debit	Multidata	Broadband & phone line rental, Sept 2011	33.43	6.69	40.12
402272	HM Rev and Customs	PAYE & NI month 6	239.93		239.93
402273	N Altoft	Wages	660.32		
		Postage	6.00		666.32
402274	J Lyon	Wages	680.28		680.28
402275	WLDC	Litter Picking	136.44	27.29	163.73
402276	Spencer's Garage	Fuel	94.20	18.84	113.04
402277	Clement Keys	2011 Audit	550.00	110.00	660.00
402278	Eau Centre	Room Hire - Friday Night Youth Grp	88.00		88.00
402279	SMP Playgrounds Jas Martin	New chains for swings	113.30	22.66	135.96
402280	Diocesan Trust	Access and rental of Parsons Field	5.50		5.50
402281	SUFC	Money received from Co-op grant	2500.00		2500.00
402282	Green Stripe	Belt for mower	51.62	10.32	61.94
402283	Britcon	Installation of new fencing-Tennis Cts	400.00	80.00	480.00
402284	Britcon	Spraying and Line Marking-Tennis Cts	1319.97	263.99	1583.96
			<u>6884.05</u>	<u>540.80</u>	<u>7424.85</u>

123 2011/12 To take any points from members, identify items for the next agenda and to note urgent items of interest.

Initialled Chairman

Councillor Day informed the Council that Mrs M. Brown has now begun the Cemetery database. Although the work is going well it appears that the time estimated to complete this work falls quite a lot short of the reality. Mrs Brown is going to see how far she gets with the allotted 25 hours then report back to Council.

Councillor Armstrong reported that the East Butterwick Road path is covered in debris. The Clerk will report this.

Councillor Billam asked if the Council had any plans to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee. The Clerk informed the Council that she had received a booklet regarding this, and will put it on the agenda at the November meeting.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.20pm.

Clerk:

Chairman:

Date: