

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF SCOULTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2016 AT 8.10 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Colin Spinks (Chair), Al Middleton Roy Potton, Zena Rowland and Andrew Shingfield

**In attendance:** The Clerk and DC Rogers

### OPEN FORUM

DC Rogers reminded the Council that there is a consultation in Watton about the Breckland Local Plan.

A resident has complained outside a meeting about dog mess along Back Lane. A reminder to be put in the next edition of Scoulton News. **Clerk to action.**

The paper bin needs emptying **CS to check and if full Clerk to report.**

RP informed the meeting that Mr Allcock has passed away. The Councillors were invited to attend his funeral.

**1. To accept apologies.** Cllr Nigel Webster

**2. To declare any interests on items appearing on the agenda.** AS – item 5a.

**3. To Approve Minutes of meeting held in November 2015**

The minutes had been previously circulated and were agreed. Proposed: AM, seconded: CS

**4. Matters arising on minutes, for information only**

Item 7: The Parish Partnership bid has been submitted. The Clerk will hear in April / May if the Council has been successful.

Item 8: The Clerk has received confirmation that CS has been added as a signatory.

Highways: The sign for the village hall on B1108 just past the layby towards Norwich on left hand side of the road has fallen down. The grubs and offlets along the main road need clearing. The road offlets along Ellingham Road are blocked and need rodding. **Clerk to report**

**5. Planning:**

- 3PL/2014/1204/F: Erect new crematorium, car park, access roads, ancillary buildings & gardens of remembrance – update on planning committee meeting of 11 January 2016. The planning application was approved by the Planning Committee. The Council expressed disappointment that the speed limit is unlikely to be reduced.
- 3PL/2015/1450/F: Demolish agricultural building and erect replacement building – Hall Farm, Scoulton. No views or comments. Proposed: ZR, seconded: AS

**6. Correspondence**

- Update from War Memorial Trust. The Clerk reported that she has begun the process of re-applying.
- Crime Figures for October and November 2015. None.
- Breckland – Local Plan Documents. Retained by the Clerk. Clerk to find the venue for the 18<sup>th</sup> January Parish Council briefing. **Clerk to action.**
- South Norfolk Council – Long Stratton Area Action Plan Retained by the Clerk.
- Norfolk Fire and Rescue Services Draft Integrated Risk Management Plan consultation. Taken by AM
- NALC – sector led body for audit procurement. It was agreed to remain with NALC. Proposed: AM, seconded: ZR
- Breckland – Rocklands Parish Council designation of Neighbourhood Area to begin a Neighbourhood Plan Retained by the Clerk.

- British Red Cross – Collection request. To be added to Scoulton News. **Clerk to action**
- Queens Birthday Beacon information. Retained by the Clerk.

#### 7. To confirm and agree the precept for 2016/17

The Clerk led the Council through the budget. The council agreed that there should be no increase for Band D households, resulting in a precept request of £4121. Proposed: AS, seconded: ZR

#### 8. Finance:

The Clerk distributed a precept update and the following cheques were agreed:

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| • HMRC   | chq 648 | £86.60  |
| • Clerks reimbursements  | chq 649 | £28.09  |
| • Purchase of laptop and scanner (grant received for this purpose) | chq 650 | £489.94 |
| • Gary Lake (grasscutting)   | chq 651 | £513.00 |

Proposed: ZR, seconded: AS

#### 9. Future Business

Highways

Bus Shelter

#### 10. Dates of future meetings:

9 March, 11 May, 6 July, 14 September and 9 November 2016. All at 8.10pm Scoulton Village Hall **New date for July to be added to Scoulton News**

Meeting closed at 9.05pm