

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF SCOULTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 12th JULY 2017 AT 8.10 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Cllrs Zena Rowland (Chair), Al Middleton, Andrew Shingfield, Colin Spinks and Nigel Webster.

In attendance: Heidi Frary (Clerk), DC Hewett and DC Rogers

Absent: Cllr Mark Brown

OPEN FORUM

DC Hewett updated the Council about current issues under debate at district level. She will provide an email listing questions and answers surrounding the reasons for the delay in the Local Plan and how this relates to five year housing supply needs

DC Roger explained that Breckland Council will be starting a new lottery and money raised will be used for good causes in the district.

1. **Apologies** were received from Cllr Roy Potton
2. **Register of interests** – to declare personal or prejudicial interests in items on the agenda – None.
3. **Minutes** of the meetings held in May 2017 had been circulated and were **approved**.
4. **Matters arising.**
 - CCTV on the highways. The Clerk has researched and there is much legislation around installing cameras. There was discussion and it was agreed that the clerk should reinvestigate and report to the next meeting. **Clerk to action.** DC Hewett agreed to contact Breckland Council for advice **DC Hewett to research and update the Clerk.**
 - It was noted that there is currently a foul smell in the layby in Ellingham Road and it is feared that food waste has been dumped there. **Clerk to report to Environmental Health.**
 - There are two black bin bags of rubbish either side of the bus shelter. **Clerk to ask Breckland to remove them.**
- 5 **Planning:**
 - Planning inspectorate update. The Clerk has received notification that an appeal has been made regarding the refusal for permission for land to the west of Walnut Shade. The original comments will be automatically submitted to the Planning Inspectorate and the Council have no additional comments to make.
6. **Correspondence:**
 - SNC – Consultation on draft guidelines for recreation provision in new residential developments. Retained by the Clerk
 - British Merchant Navy – Fly the red ensign in September. Retained by the Clerk
 - Norfolk Constabulary – ‘Slow down in our village’ bin stickers. All councils in Breckland received a request to join together to purchase stickers at a reduced rate. The price has not been advertised. It was agreed that there may be interest depending on the price. **Clerk to report to next meeting if more information is available.**

- Parish Partnership update. – Highways are offering match funding for potential Highways projects. It was suggested that a bus shelter may be feasible depending on the price. **Clerk to investigate and add to next agenda.**

7. Highways

The offlets along the B1108 are still in need of cleaning both within the parish and at Hackford. The installation date for village gates is unknown.

Items for the Highway Rangers: cleaning signs, clearing mud from the edge of the B1108 where it is encroaching on the white lines and rodding the drains.

Clerk to chase and report

8. War Memorial Update

The Clerk has chased for quotes from Bretts for restoring the War Memorial but has not received a price. It was agreed that she should proceed if the quote is under £1,200 + VAT.

Proposed: AS, seconded: AM **Clerk to action**

9. To consider donations toward the village hall door

Quotes were shared for replacing the back door of the Village Hall. It was agreed to donate £200 towards the project. Proposed: CS, seconded: AM

10. Finance:

- To approve payments now due:

• Clerks Reimbursements	chq 703	£23.19
• Village Hall Hire	chq 704	£10.00
• HMRC	chq 705	£83.40
• Norfolk Pension Fund (July)	chq 706	£39.74
• Norfolk Pension Fund (August)	chq 707	£39.74
• Loan to Scoulton PCC	chq 708	£1,270.00
• J Allcock (grass cutting)	chq 709	£60.00
• Scoulton Village Hall (donation)	chq 710	£200.00

Proposed: AS, seconded: AM

17. Future Business

Update on the planning permission for the crematorium

18. Dates of future meetings:

14th September and 9th November 2016 at 8.10pm Scoulton Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.10pm