

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SCOULTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 14th SEPTEMBER 2016 AT 8.10 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Colin Spinks (Chair), Mark Brown, Al Middleton, Roy Potton, Zena Rowland, Andrew Shingfield and Nigel Webster

In attendance: The Clerk, CC Jordan, DC Rogers and 2 members of the public

OPEN FORUM

A resident wished to speak about planning application 3PL/2014/0986/F. He noted that the planned position of the telegraph pole impedes the vision of vehicles exiting the site. He also noted that the vision is limited in the opposite direction. He showed pictures to the Council.

Ian Reilley, agent for the applicant spoke in response and noted that Highways have formally objected to the visibility and he is looking at various options to address this. He accepted that it was very difficult to increase the visibility but noted that two dwellings already use the substandard access. He added that the positive reuse of the brown field site outweighs the negative highways issues.

A second resident read a letter to the Council which is available on the Breckland Planning Website.

1. **To accept apologies.** None.
2. **To declare any interests on items appearing on the agenda.** Cllr Rowland – Related Pecuniary Interest in Item 5a.
3. **To Approve Minutes of meeting held in July 2016**
The minutes had been previously circulated and were agreed.
4. **Matters arising on minutes, for information only**
Open Forum: The Clerk contacted Highways and was informed that 'Quiet Lanes' status is not an option. She responded to the member of the public who raised this issue. It was suggested that a weight limit on the road may be useful. **Clerk to contact Highways.**
Item 11: PCSO Winsley is still the contact for our area and will attend meetings and coffee mornings where possible.
5. **Planning:**
 - 3PL/2014/0986/F: Land to the west of Walnut Shade, Norwich Road - Closed vehicular access to Norwich Road and erection of a two bedroom bungalow with vehicular access to the rear of the plot via an existing shared driveway. The Councillors discussed the application and felt that it should be refused on the basis of vehicular access onto the plot. If permission is granted they would like a condition to be placed that drainage issues are considered before any building work commences. Proposed: MB, seconded: AM

One member of the public left the meeting at 8.42pm

- 3PL/2016/0064/UC: Meadowcroft, Back Lane – Convert existing agricultural buildings to a single dwelling. No views or comments. Proposed: ZR, seconded: AS

6. Correspondence

- Crime Figures for June 2016 – 1 x antisocial behaviour and 1 x criminal damage at or near the parking area
- NCC – Parish Partnership Information. Discussed under item 7.
- Breckland Council – Outdoor Sport funding opportunities. It was suggested that the Clerk should apply for a table tennis table to be installed outside the village hall. Clerk to contact Ed Buscall for permission and then apply. **Clerk to action.** Proposed: ZR, seconded: AS

- Resident – speeding through Scoulton. The clerk read a letter she had received from a member of the public complaining about speed along the B1108. The Council agreed that it was an issue but there was no action they had the power to take.
- CPRE – Request to sign a pledge against increased development in rural areas. Taken by CS and Clerk to scan and send to all Councillors. To add to the next agenda. **Clerk to action**

7. Highways Issues

- The 50mph sign on the corner of Ellingham Road has been knocked down and needs replacing. **Clerk to report to Highways.**
- The verge along the B1108 between The Old Bakehouse and the layby needs cutting back and offlets rodding. **Clerk to report.**
- AM has requested a quote for a road sign with 50mph and speed kills. It was agreed that this would be a suitable Parish Partnership project. AM to provide quotes and the Clerk to apply. CS suggested village entry gates. **Clerk and AM to action.** Proposed: AM, seconded: RP.
- Clerk to request single white lines along the B1108. **Clerk to action**
- The footpath sign along Back Lane towards Warners Lane is missing, Clerk to request it being replaced but on the opposite side of the road where it would be more visible. **Clerk to action**
- It was agreed that the clerk should purchase four more no dog fouling signs. Proposed: CS, seconded: ZR. **Clerk to action**

8. Finance:

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

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| • Clerks Reimbursements | £18.69 |
| • Village Hall Hire | £20.00 |
| • Data Protection Registration (Standing order) | £35.00 |
| • First plaques for memorial benches | £7.50 |
| • The Morton Partnership (War Memorial inspection) | £450.00 |
| • Gary Lake (Grass cutting) | £627.00 |
| • Second Plaque for memorial bench | £7.50 |
| • Payment to R Gutteridge for materials to recondition the bench to be made outside the meeting | |
- Proposed: MB, seconded: ZR

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received the Annual Return from the external auditor and there were no comments which caused concern. It has been displayed on the website in accordance with legislation.

Clerk to forward war memorial inspection report to Councillors. **Clerk to action**

9. Future Business

ZR reported that David Capps Photography have visited the area watching Red Kites. **Clerk to add to Group News.**

10. Dates of future meetings:

9 November 2016. All at 8.10pm Scoulton Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.25pm