

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF SCOULTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 AT 8.10 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

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

### OPEN FORUM

Rev Colin Reed updated about the church lead theft explaining actions taken to date and plans for the future. The total cost will be in the region of £10,000 and about £2,500 has already been raised. Applications for funding are pending and general fundraising is ongoing for a lead style replacement. Any information received by the Clerk to be added to Scoulton News.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

1. **To accept apologies.** CC Jordan

2. **To declare any interests on items appearing on the agenda.** None

3. **To Approve Minutes of meeting held in September 2016**  
The minutes had been previously circulated and were agreed.

4. **Matters arising on minutes, for information only**  
None

5. **Planning:**  
None

### 6. Correspondence

- Crime Figures for July – one antisocial behaviour, one drug offence and one violence / sexual offence. August - none and September none.
- CPRE – Request to sign a pledge against increased housing development in rural areas. It was agreed to sign. Proposed: CS, seconded: ZR. **Clerk to action**
- Letter sent to Mr Freeman from NCC regarding speeding in the parish. Clerk to contact Highways and ask if we can apply for a VAS through the Parish Partnership scheme as it has previously been refused. **Clerk to action**

### 7. Highways Issues

- Parish Partnership Bid – Highways would support village entry gates at a cost of £500 per gate however would not support non standard speed limit signs. The Clerk to submit a bid for four gates, two at each end of the 50mph zone. AM has received quotes for a 'slow down' standard signs at a cost of £144 each. Clerk to contact Highways and submit a second Parish Partnership bid for these. Proposed: AM, seconded: MB **Clerk to action.**
- The Street weight limit – Highways reported that they are no longer funding traffic management projects and would not be able to support this, nor would they support double white lines in the Parish. **The clerk to suggest no overtaking signs instead.**
- Repairs on the 50mph sign and PROW signs have been ordered. **Clerk to chase**
- The offlets along the Norwich Road jetting has been ordered. **Clerk to chase**
- There has been flytipping of a sofa and chairs along Ellingham Road over the bridge just past Melsop Farm on right hand side. **Clerk to report to Breckland Council.**

### 8. Finance:

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

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| • Barford Parish Council (share of Clerks Chair) | chq 676 | £22.22 |
| • No dog fouling signs                           | chq 677 | £12.48 |
| • Mazars (audit fee)                             | chq 678 | £30.00 |

• Clerks Reimbursements	chq 679	£35.37
• Village Hall Hire	chq 680	£20.00
• HMRC	chq 681	£87.40
• Gary Lake (Grass cutting)	chq 682	£171.00
Proposed: MB, seconded: ZR		

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had received a grant of £190 to purchase software for the Parish Council computer.

'The Council resolves under Regulation 3(1) of the Local Government Pension Scheme Regulations 2013 that Scoulton Parish council should be designated as being eligible for membership of the LGPS with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2016'. Proposed: AS seconded: AM

**9. To begin the process of agreeing the precept for 2017/18**

The Clerk circulated draft documents and they were discussed. To be agreed at the January meeting.

**10. Future Business**

Church roof fund

**11. Dates of future meetings:**

11 January, 8 March, 10 May, 12 July, 13 September and 8 November 2017

Meeting closed at 9.25pm