

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SCOULTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 6th JULY 2016 AT 8.10 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Colin Spinks (Chair), Roy Potton, Zena Rowland, Middleton

In attendance: The Clerk, a representative of George Freemans office and 11 members of the public

OPEN FORUM

A resident explained that he opposes the crematorium in Scoulton and reiterated his concerns over the site.

A resident asked the role of the Parish Council within the planning process and the chair explained that the Parish Council are statutory consultees but have no decision making power.

A resident asked why a representative from a neighbouring Parish Council spoke at Planning Committee and the Clerk explained that the Councillor attended in a personal capacity and was not acting on behalf of their Parish Council.

A resident felt that the Parish Council comments after the January meeting were not representative of the views of the majority of residents and asked the Council to put comments to that effect. The Chair explained that the council were democratically elected and would represent the views of the residents to the best of their ability. There was discussion surrounding the interpretation of the Scoulton Code of Conduct.

A member of the public identified himself as being from George Freemans staff but refused to comment and wished to maintain neutral.

A member of the public felt that the crematorium is an opportunity to invest in the area.

There was a show of hands and 10 members of the public declared their desire for a planning refusal. There were two abstainers.

A resident complained about lorries driving down The Street. The Clerk suggested that the member of staff from George Freeman's office that they could assist in lobbying for Quiet Road Status as the Parish Council had not been successful in the past.

- 1. To accept apologies.** Cllrs Andrew Shingfield and Nigel Webster.
- 2. To declare any interests on items appearing on the agenda.** None
- 3. To Approve Minutes of meeting held in May 2016**
The minutes had been previously circulated and were agreed. It was noted that item 13 should be clarified to be a suggestion of donation to assist the Church after there was lead stolen from the roof and not general maintenance. Proposed: AM, seconded: ZR
- 4. Matters arising on minutes, for information only**
Item 13 – the Clerk and a Councillor has contacted the church to ask if they need any support but has not received a reply.

5. Planning:

- 3PL/2014/1204/F: Land at Norwich Road – erect new crematorium, car park, access roads, ancillary buildings and gardens of remembrance. ZR informed the meeting that she had been monitoring the planning responses both on line and at the committee meeting and informed the Council of the number of comments both for and against. There was discussion and the following response agreed: Scoulton Parish Council are aware that there have been public petitions and there are strong negative public views amongst a number of residents, ten of whom attended the Parish Council meeting. They note that the plans have not changed materially and remain concerned about road safety and the impact upon the street scene with proposed bus stops and urbanisation. They would like to ask whether all other sites have been fully explored. Proposed: AM, seconded: RP

All members of the public left the meeting at 9.12pm

- 3PL/2016/0754/LB: Scoulton Hall – No views or comments. Proposed: RP, seconded: ZR

6. Correspondence

- Crime Figures for May 2016. 1 x antisocial behaviour and 1 x criminal damage / arson on or near the parking area
- NCC – Parish Partnership Information. To be added to the next agenda. **Clerk to action**
- NALC – Total Transport Survey. Retained by the clerk
- Anglian Water – Private Pumping Stations. Information to be added to Scoulton News. **Clerk to action**
- NCC – Flyers regarding adult abuse. **CS and RP to display**

7. To agree to the site for 'no dog fouling' signs to be placed

It was agreed that they should be placed in Mere Lane and Back Lane.

8. Highways Issues

In response to the comments in Open Forum it was agreed that the Clerk should research 'quiet lane status' and inform the resident who raised the issue of her findings. **Clerk to action**

Village Benches – these are currently being cleaned and renovated by Roy and Jane Gutteridge. **To be added to Scoulton News.** It was agreed that two plaques be purchased, one to commemorate Jenny Potton and the other Donald Allcock. Proposed: CS, seconded: AM

The road sign on B1108 just past the chapel is twisted. **AM to investigate and Clerk to report to Highways if necessary.**

AM has researched signs saying 'It's 50 for a reason'. It was agreed that he should obtain costs for the next meeting to consider purchasing them for the village. **AM to action.**

9. War Memorial Update

The Clerk has obtained agreement from the War Memorial Trust that they will fund 50% of a structural survey for the War Memorial. She will report back to a future meeting.

10. Finance:

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

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| • Clerks reimbursements | chq 661 | £20.69 |
| • Dog Fouling Signs | chq 661 | £8.94 |

•	Village Hall Hire	chq 662	£50.00	
•	HMRC	chq 663	£87.40	
•	Donations	Watton CAB	chq 664	£55.00
		Wayland Partnership	chq 665	£100.00
		Hingham PCC	chq 666	£30.00
		First Response	chq 667	£75.00
•	J Allcock	chq 669	£60.00	

Proposed: ZR, seconded: CS

11. Future Business

The Clerk to confirm that our PCSO is still aware of the meetings as they have not attended for some time. **Clerk to action**

12. Dates of future meetings:

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

Meeting closed at 9.55pm

POST MEETING NOTE: Apologies also received from CC Jordan and DC Rogers