

SCOTTER PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at Scotter Village Hall
on Monday 5th December 2016, commencing at 7.40pm.

Present -

Councillors: C. Day (Chairman) M. Armstrong, B. Billam, J. Bullivent, S. Hinman, and N. Altoft (Clerk).

The meeting commenced at 7.31pm

115 2016/17 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors Bond, Brown, Capes, R. Day and Fillingham.

RESOLVED : to accept the apologies from Councillors Bond, Brown, Capes, R. Day and Fillingham.

116 2016/17 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Localism Act 2011.

Nothing declared.

117 2016/17 To examine proposals for income and expenditure during the financial year 2017/18.

The Council then considered the paper circulated with the agenda in relation to this item, which included an evaluation of payments expected for the rest of 2016/17 and an estimate of payments expected to be made in 2017/18 and an evaluation of the income expected for the rest of 2016/17 and an estimate of income expected in 2017/18 (excluding the Precept amount). With the exception of the proposed expenditure covered in other items on the agenda, the Council considered the draft payments and receipts on a line by line basis and made the following specific resolutions in support of or to amend the paper :

RESOLVED : To accept the figures on the paper, and that, in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Council intends to make a donation of £150 in 2017/18 for a poppy wreath which, in the opinion of the Council, is in the interests of the inhabitants of the Parish and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure.

118 2016/17 To consider a request from Scotter War Memorial Playing Fields Committee to include £800 in the Precept to cover employers liability and public liability insurance at the fields.

The Council has historically approved this annual request for recompense of insurance costs and included an amount of £800 in its Precept for 2016/17 to meet the expected request in March 2017 (currently estimated at £800). The Committee has requested the same amount to be included in the 2017/18 Precept for this purpose. It was

RESOLVED : To include an amount of £800 to cover the cost of employers liability and public liability insurance at the fields in the 2017/18 Precept.

119 2016/17 To consider a request from Scotter Junior Football Club to include £3000 in the Precept to cover the cost of grass cutting and bank strimming at the playing fields.

The Council discussed the request but felt that it could not authorise the grant to the Junior Football Club as the accounts had not been produced. The Council will consider the application again when they have been provided.

RESOLVED : To reconsider the request when the accounts have been produced.

120 2016/17 To consider a request from Scotter United Football Club to include an amount of £1200 in the Precept towards fertiliser, grass seed and general ground maintenance work.

The Council considered the letter from SUFC, which requested support during 2017/18 in relation to grounds maintenance costs. It also examined the financial position of the Club for the year ended 30th June 2016 and :

RESOLVED : To include £1200 in the 2017/18 Precept towards grounds maintenance costs, such monies to be released on receipt of invoices in substantiation.

121 2016/17 To consider a request from Scotter Pre School for £1300 to purchase IT resources.

The Council considered this request and

RESOLVED : To include £1000 in the 2017/18 Precept in favour of Scotter Pre School, such monies to be paid in April 2016.

122 2016/17 To consider an expected request from West Lindsey Citizens Advice Bureau to include an amount in the Precept in support of its work.

The Council considered the request for assistance against the background of the significantly increased debt-management workload faced by the local CAB due to the current economic downturn and

RESOLVED : To include £200 in the 2017/18 Precept in favour of West Lindsey Citizens Advice Bureau, such monies to be paid in April 2017.

123 2016/17 To consider a request from Scotter Tennis Club to include an amount of £500 in the precept to help with the monies towards re-spraying of the courts.

The Council considered the request, which requested support during 2017/18. It also examined the financial position and

RESOLVED : To include a £500 grant in the 2017/18 Precept.

124 2016/17 To consider a request from the Methodist Chapel to include an amount of £500 in the precept towards a new notice board.

The Council considered the letter from the Methodist Chapel, which requested support during 2017/18. It also examined the financial position and

RESOLVED : To include a £200 grant in the 2017/18 Precept.

125 2016/17 To consider a request from Scotter Forward to include an amount of £500 in the precept towards the start up costs of the new village magazine..

The Council considered the request from the Scotter Forward group. The Council

RESOLVED : To include a £500 in the 2017/18 Precept for this purpose, such monies to be paid in April 2017 when the matching invoices have been produced.

126 2016/17 To consider a request from Scotter School PTFA to include an amount of £500 in the precept. for sports jumpers for the school teams.

The Council considered the request from the Scotter School PTFA. The Council

RESOLVED : To grant £500 in the current year (2016/17) such monies to be paid when the matching invoices have been produced.

127 2016/17 To agree the purchase of a new ride on mower.

The Council considered this item and

RESOLVED : To purchase a new ride on mower in March 2017.

128 2016/17 In light of all the foregoing, to consider and approve the Council's Precept requirement for the financial year 2017/18.

In light of the foregoing resolutions, the Clerk amended the expected payments figures and the position was summarised as follows :

Opening Cash Book Balance at 01.04.2016	85,789.62
Add Projected Receipts to 31.03.2017	<u>73,614.61</u>
	159,404.23
Less Projected Payments to 31.03.2017	<u>82,132.21</u>
Projected Closing Bank Balance at 31.03.2017	<u><u>77,272.02</u></u>
Opening Cash Balance at 01.04.2017	77,272.02
Less Mower Replacement Reserve at 01.04.2017	-
Less Memorial Safety Reserve at 01.04.2017	2,380.00
Less The Granary, Elizabeth Close & The Rookery reserves as at 01.04.17	68,000.00
Less Key Deposit Reserve at 01.04.17	56.00
Less Budgeted Payments for 2017/18	<u>54,639.00</u>
	- 47,802.98
Add Budgeted Income for 2017/18 (excl. precept)	<u>3,800.00</u>
Nett Expenditure (excl. precept)	-44,002.98
Contingency req'd & allow for yr end bank balance	-2,997.02
Amount Needed for Precept	<u><u>-47,000.00</u></u>

The Council then considered and discussed an appropriate level of contingency to be applied to this figure to cover unexpected expenses and to allow for a year end bank balance and it was :

RESOLVED : To submit to the District Council a Precept for 2017/18 to cover general expenses in the amount of £47000.

The necessary paperwork in support of this was completed and signed at the meeting.

129 2016/17 To make a decision regarding the Affordable Housing Policy in the NDP.

The Council discussed this item and

RESOLVED : To only include the affordable housing section as an aspiration in the plan.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.17pm.

Clerk:

Chairman:

Date: