

SCOTTER PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of the Council held at Scotter Village Hall
on Monday 4th December 2017, commencing at 7.40pm.

Present -

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

The meeting commenced at 7.48 pm

102 2017/18 To receive and approve apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillors Bond, Capes and Hinman.

RESOLVED : to accept the apologies from Councillors Bond, Capes and Hinman.

103 2017/18 To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000.

None to declare.

104 2017/18 To examine proposals for income and expenditure during the financial year 2018/19.

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 2017/18 and an estimate of payments expected to be made in 2018/19 and an evaluation of the income expected for the rest of 2017/18 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.

105 2017/18 To consider a request from Scotter War Memorial Playing Fields Committee to include £2900 in the Precept to cover employers liability and public liability insurance at the fields (£800) and maintenance works (£2100).

The Council has historically approved this annual request for recompense of insurance costs and included an amount of £800 in its Precept for 2017/18 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, plus an additional £2100 towards field maintenance works. 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, and an additional £1000 towards the maintenance work.

106 2017/18 To consider a request from Scotter Junior Football Club to include £5230 in the Precept to cover the cost of grass cutting and bank strimming at the playing fields (£3230) and funds towards some new floodlighting (£2000).

The Council considered the letter from SJFC, which requested support during 2018/19 in relation to grass cutting costs, and funds towards new floodlights. It also examined the financial position of the Club for the year end and :

RESOLVED : To include £3000 in the 2017/18 Precept towards grass cutting costs, and £500 towards new flood lights, such monies to be released on receipt of invoices in substantiation.

107 2017/18 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 2018/19 in relation to grounds maintenance costs. It also examined the financial position of the Club for the year ended 30th June 2017 and :

RESOLVED : To include £1200 in the 2018/19 Precept towards grounds maintenance costs, such monies to be released on receipt of invoices in substantiation.

108 2017/18 To consider a request from Scotter Pre School for £950 to purchase 6 new tables for the children.

The Council considered this request and

RESOLVED : To include £700 in the 2018/19 Precept in favour of Scotter Pre School, such monies to be paid in April 2017.

109 2017/18 To consider a 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 2018/19 Precept in favour of West Lindsey Citizens Advice Bureau, such monies to be paid in April 2018.

110 2017/18 To consider a request from Scotter Tennis Club to include an amount of £500 in the precept to help with the monies towards jet washing and restoring the court surface.

The Council considered the request, which requested support during 2018/19. It also examined the financial position and

RESOLVED : To include a £500 grant in the 2018/19 Precept.

111 2017/18 To consider a request from Scotter Forward to include an amount of £500 in the precept. towards the ongoing maintenance of the village and Scotter History goes digital website.

The Council considered the request, which requested support during 2018/19. It also examined the financial position and

RESOLVED : To include a £500 grant in the 2018/19 Precept.

112 2017/18 To consider a request from Scotter Village Hall to include an amount of £6000 in the precept to cover the cost of a new fire alarm system.

The Council considered the request, which requested support during 2018/19. It also examined the financial position and

RESOLVED : Not to include a grant in the 2018/19 Precept.

113 2017/18 To consider what donation to make towards the resurfacing of the road at the riverside.

The Council considered the request, which requested support during 2018/19.

RESOLVED : Not to include a grant in the 2018/19 Precept.

114 2017/18 To consider a quote received for the replacement of the path on the riverside.

The Council considered the above matter which would require funding in the 2018/19 tax year

RESOLVED : To allocate £2700 in the 2018/19 Precept.

115 2017/18 In light of all the foregoing, to consider and approve the Council's Precept requirement for the financial year 2018/19.

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

SCOTTER PARISH COUNCIL - PRECEPT FOR 2018/19

Opening Cash Book Balance at 01.04.2017	84,254.91
Add Projected Receipts to 31.03.2018	58,000.00
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	142,254.91
Less Projected Payments to 31.03.2018	62,730.99
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Projected Closing Bank Balance at 31.03.2018	<u>79,523.92</u>
Opening Cash Balance at 01.04.2018	79,523.92
Less Mower Replacement Reserve at 01.04.2018	2,380.00
Less Memorial Safety Reserve at 01.04.2018	1,200.00
Less The Granary, Elizabeth Close & The Rookery reserves as at 01.04.18	68,000.00
Less Key Deposit Reserve at 01.04.18	56.00
Less Budgeted Payments for 2018/19	59,219.00
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Add Budgeted Income for 2018/19 (excl. precept)	4,200.00
Nett Expenditure (excl. precept)	-47,131.08
Contingency req'd & allow for yr end bank balance	-2,368.92
Amount Needed for Precept	-49,500.00

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 2018/19 to cover general expenses in the amount of £49500.

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

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.07 pm.

Clerk:

Chairman:

Date: