

**SCOTTER PARISH COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> February 2007**

**PRESENT:** Councillor C. Day (Chairman), Councillors M. Brown, J. Allen, M. Armstrong, B. Billam, J. Bullivent, J. Fillingham, S. Rayner and A. Sheardown, District Councillor W. Parry, M. Brown (Clerk).

**143 2006/07 : To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Capes, with all other Councillors present. Proposed by Councillor Fillingham, seconded by Councillor Billam and agreed by all, it was

**RESOLVED : To accept and approve the apology from Councillor Capes.**

Apologies were also noted from Ward Councillor Underwood-Frost.

**144 2006/07 : To receive declarations of interest**

Councillor Day declared a prejudicial interest in relation to the subject matter of minutes ref. 154 2006/07 and 155 2006/07 and stated his intention to withdraw for the duration of those discussions. Proposed by Councillor Rayner, seconded by Councillor Bullivent and agreed by all, it was

**RESOLVED : That the Vice-Chairman act as Chairman for minutes reference 154 2006/07 and 155 2006/07.**

Councillors Brown and Sheardown declared an interest in relation to the subject of minute reference 165 2006/07. No other declarations were made at this point.

**145 2006/07 : To approve the notes of the Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007 as the Minutes of that meeting.**

Proposed by Councillor Fillingham, seconded by Councillor Brown and with all in agreement, it was

**RESOLVED : To approve the notes of the Council Meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007, as circulated, as the Minutes of that meeting.** These were signed by the Chairman

**146 2006/07 : To consider the adoption of a strategy paper prepared by the Planning Committee in respect of the Local Development Framework.**

The Council considered the paper (prior circulated) containing the Planning Committee's recommendations in relation to the development of West Lindsey District Council's Core Strategy as part of the new Local Development Framework. Subject to the addition of further evidence of the strain placed on the existing infrastructure (specifically the primary school) by the recent growth of the village and recognition of the capital funds recently committed by the district and county councils towards the procurement of an additional playing field, proposed by Councillor Allen, seconded by Councillor Sheardown and all present in agreement, it was

**RESOLVED : That the paper, so modified, be sent to the Planning Authority with a request that the Parish Council's views are taken into account when the Core Strategy element of the framework is under consideration.**

**147 2006/07 : To consider the approval of remedial work to Scotter War Memorial to correct errors in the engraving.**

The Council considered a letter from a descendant of a soldier killed in action during World War 1, pointing out that the soldier's initials had been incorrectly engraved. It also considered a quotation from a memorial mason to correct this. The work would be extensive, requiring the full marble panel to be re-engraved at a substantial and prohibitive cost. Concern was expressed that, should the Council proceed with this expense, it may be that future errors come to light, necessitating further such expenditure. Councillor Sheardown outlined the approach taken by several local Councils in dedicating a page on their website to those local people who had given up their lives in the service of their country, giving their names and some details about them. He suggested that Scotter could do likewise, using the Council's web site to correct the known errors on the War Memorial, and he

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offered his services in the research needed to create the web page. Proposed by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Fillingham and all in agreement, it was :

**RESOLVED : To investigate the creation of a dedicated web page to the parishioners of Scotter killed in action during armed conflicts.**

The Clerk will write to the descendant accordingly.

**148 2006/07 : To consider the draft Revised Model Code of Conduct for Local Authority Members and to agree what comments are to be made in respect of it.**

The Council considered the revised Model Code and noted that it had received a copy of the comments made by Mr Vine to West Lindsey District Council's Standards Committee in relation to it (which will be circulated to Councillors after the meeting). The Council will make no specific comment at this time.

**149 2006/07 : To consider and approve, in accordance with the Council's powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, the award of a contract for skip services in 2007/08.**

The Clerk reported that the incumbent contractor (Thompson Waste Management Gainsborough Ltd) has agreed to maintain its current rates. Proposed by Councillor Sheardown, seconded by Councillor Bullivent and with all in favour, it was :

**RESOLVED : That in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Council will place a contract with Thompson Waste Management for a skip service at the current rates which expenditure, 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.**

**150 2006/07 : To approve the purchase of a replacement strimmer at a price of £180.42 + VAT.**

The Council considered the quotations received for the replacement strimmer. Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Fillingham and with all in favour, it was :

**RESOLVED : To purchase a new strimmer from Agricultural Supplies Ltd at its quoted price.**

**151 2006/07 : To approve the purchase of a replacement rope wall climber for the action pack at the playground at a price of £915.71 + VAT.**

The Clerk reminded the Council of RoSPA's comments on the state of the existing rope wall climber during its safety inspection and confirmed that a sum had been set aside to cover this purchase when the 2006/07 Precept was set. She also confirmed that any replacement net would have to be purchased from the original equipment manufacturer, SMP (Playgrounds) Ltd. Proposed by Councillor Billam, seconded by Councillor Brown and with all in agreement, it was :

**RESOLVED : To purchase a replacement rope wall climber at a cost of £915.71 plus VAT.**

**152 2006/07 : To agree the date of the Annual Parish Meeting, 2007.**

The Annual Parish meeting will be held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2007 at Scotter Village Hall between the hours of 6.30pm and 8.30pm. This will be included in the Eau Valley Advertiser and will be further advertised nearer the date via posters and a mail shot. The Chairman will draft a letter to local organisations to invite them to be represented at the meeting for the Clerk to send out.

**153 2006/07 : To consider the award of a contract for flail mowing and bank strimming services for 2007/08.**

The Council noted that the incumbent contractor had submitted a request for an increase of 28% to continue to carry out this work during 2007/08, citing heavy loss making in previous years. The Clerk reported that she had spoken verbally to two other local providers, both of which intimated rates that could be very competitive. The Council agreed that the Clerk should issue a formal enquiry for the work for the Council's consideration at a future meeting.

At this point Councillor Day left the room, with Councillor Brown taking the Chair.

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**154 2006/07 : To consider a request from the term contractor for minor and emergency clearance work for an amendment to the rate for the second year of the contract.**

The Council considered a request from its contractor for an increase in rate of c. 6.5% for the second year of the contract, in accordance with the contract's terms and driven by increases in wage costs (e.g. the minimum wage award) and the costs of insurance and fuel. Proposed by Councillor Fillingham, seconded by Councillor Rayner and with all present being in agreement, it was :

**RESOLVED : To amend the rate for the second year of the contract in line with the request.**

**155 2006/07 : To approve the emergency tree clearance work on Clay Lane authorised by the Clerk (valued at c. £200) and to consider whether it is necessary to remove from site the debris from the tree at an additional cost estimated at £250.**

The Council discussed the emergency work undertaken to clear this fallen tree from the footpath. Several Councillors had visited the site to inspect the current method of disposal of the rotten wood which (as is common practice in woodland management) has been stacked and positioned as safely as possible. Proposed by Councillor Bullivent, seconded by Councillor Allen and with all present in favour, it was :

**RESOLVED : To approve the emergency tree clearance work carried out, with no necessity to remove the waste from site.**

Councillor Day then returned to the meeting and resumed his duties as Chairman.

**156 2006/07 : To consider whether the Council wishes to comment on LCC's plans for bus stop improvements related to the Interconnect 100 Lincoln to Scunthorpe Bus Service.**

The Clerk explained that LCC and Stagecoach East Midlands have been successful in securing funding for improvements to this bus service. The bus company has already invested in new low floor buses and, to complement this, LCC wants to improve the bus stops along the route. For the majority of the bus stops in the village, the change will result in a raised kerb and a quality bus stop pole with timetable board. In addition, LCC proposes to install a "Bus Stop Clearway" at the bus stop outside of 81-85 High Street to enable safe access/egress for bus passengers and to improve the safety of other highway and pedestrian traffic in the vicinity of the bus stop. Parking, waiting or loading within the clearway will not be permitted during the bus operating hours of 07.00 to 19.00, Mondays to Saturdays inclusive. It was agreed that the Clerk should respond that the Council welcomes these proposals and looks forward to their implementation.

**157 2006/07 : To receive a report from the Cemetery & Allotments Working Group on its recent safety inspection of the cemetery.**

The Working Group reported that the cemetery was attended on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2007 to carry out the monthly safety inspection and all was found to be in good order.

**158 2006/07 : To consider the postponement of the July 2007 Council meeting to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2007**

To suit other commitments, proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Sheardown and with all in favour, it was :

**RESOLVED : To change the date of the July 2007 Council Meeting to 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2007.**

**159 2006/07 : To consider whether a request should be made to WLDC for an additional dog bin on North Moor Road**

The Chairman reported that he has received complaints of excessive dog fouling on North Moor Road, complainers suggesting that the "round trip" of Elizabeth Close, new footpath to North Moor Road, Messingham Road and then back to Elizabeth Close has become a popular route for dog walkers. There is no dog bin in this vicinity and housing numbers have greatly increased in this area. Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Billam and with all agreed, it was :

**RESOLVED : To ask WLDC to install two dog bins, one where the new footpath meets North Moor Road and one at the corner of North Moor Road and Messingham Road.**

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**160 2006/07 : To agree the appointment of Moore Stephens as the Council's external auditor for the 2006/07 annual return and to note the scale of charges for the period 2006-11**

The Clerk commented that a letter had been received from the Audit Commission explaining that it will shortly issue a tender for external auditing work and asking Councils to accept the extension of the existing contract by a further year. Fees will be payable dependant on the higher of the Council's annual receipts or payments. Currently the fee is £250 and the proposed fee for the similar band will increase to £285. However, the cut off for this band level is £50k and the Council is likely to exceed that during this financial year in respect of both receipts and payments, resulting in an audit fee of £400. Considering the Council's generally higher level of financial activity, proposed by Councillor Fillingham, seconded by Councillor Sheardown and agreed by all, it was :

**RESOLVED : To agree the appointment of Moore Stephens as the Council's external auditor for 2006/07 at an audit fee of £400.**

**161 2006/07 : To receive the Clerk's Report.**

The Council noted the following report presented by the Clerk :

**75a 2004/05 : Public open space adoption and maintenance**

The Chairman examined the landscaping at the Chartdale (now Stamford) Homes' site and found a couple of issues that need to be addressed prior to the Council taking over any responsibility for the maintenance. The Clerk has written to Stamford Homes accordingly and reminded them that they have yet to respond on the ongoing ownership and responsibility for the footpath and fence running from the development to North Moor Road. Stamford Homes has also been asked to get in contact with the council's legal advisor to progress the conclusion of the legal agreement associated with the site. The only real progress that has occurred this month is that Stamford Homes has instructed its installer of play equipment (Wicksteed Leisure) to commence work.

There is nothing to report in relation to the Beal Homes' development at this time, as the Council's legal advisor is continuing to progress the conclusion of the necessary contract with their solicitors.

It is disappointing to have to report yet again that, despite the intervention of Councillor Underwood-Frost and another chase from the Clerk, Mr Dickinson of WLDC Planning still has not responded on the matter of the open space on Waggoners Close. In the last chase, the Clerk also asked for clarification as to the ongoing ownership and maintenance of the play area and public open space at Site B, The Rookery, and a response to this has not been forthcoming at the time of writing.

**751 2005/06 : Salting of school bus route, Scotter to Kirton**

The Clerk sent a further letter to LCC Highways in relation to the above, following the accidents in icy conditions during week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2007. A response has now been received from Mr Wiles which states that there has been no further progress in this matter and questions whether the accidents could have been caused by inappropriate driving. He stresses that his department tries to raise awareness that, as it is impossible to treat all road surfaces, drivers need to drive according to the conditions. He goes on to point out that the bus operators appreciate this point and train their drivers accordingly. The Council's request is still within the LCC system and will be considered again during the annual review of priority routes, but the impression is given that it still remains a long way down the priority list. Mr Wiles has agreed to replace the damaged marker posts and will consider additional signage to advise motorists that the road is not treated in icy weather conditions.

**78a 2006/07 : Memorials to be tested**

Memsafe Ltd has confirmed that it will attend site to inspect and test memorials at 2.30pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007. Letters have been sent to owners who had previously agreed to the November test date to inform them of this and to invite them to attend. In the case of recently repaired and newly installed memorials, letters have been sent to their owners to offer the Council's testing services on that date. The Chairman and Councillor Rayner will attend the inspection and test, accompanied by the Clerk.

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### **78b 2006/07 : Memorials awaiting repair**

There are still 10 memorials in a clamped state. Despite appeals, owners for five of these have not been identified. Of the other five, the owner of one has carried out his own repair work, which requires testing and a letter has been sent to him to state that the Council's contractor will test this memorial on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2007 unless it hears from him to the contrary. The owners of the other four have either stated their refusal to carry out repairs or have failed to respond to the Council's letters. Under the policy, the owners had until the end of February 2007 to effect remedial action and this deadline fast approaches.

### **88 2006/07 : Parish Council Office**

Broadband has been installed at the office and the Council now has a new e-mail address which is [clerk@scotterpc.info](mailto:clerk@scotterpc.info). The short-cut to the Council's website is also now available at [www.scotterpc.info](http://www.scotterpc.info). The Clerk is currently updating the website with all of the new details. An article on the new office has been prepared for the next Eau Valley Advertiser.

### **100 2006/07 : Scotter Library**

Further to the Council's last letter to the Area Service Manager for Libraries at LCC (to thank the County Council for the reinstatement of the opening hours at Scotter Library and to ask it to confirm its willingness to support the local initiative to use volunteers to further extend opening hours and to provide training and assistance to those volunteers), a letter has now been received from Gary Porter, Divisional Manager Libraries & Learning at LCC. Whilst dated 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2007, it refers to the Council's earlier letter of complaint dated 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2006 which he claims not to have received until 31<sup>st</sup> January 2007. In consequence, he believes that the Council is unhappy with LCC's reinstatement of the number of opening hours! The Clerk will write to him to inform him of the Council's actual request. However, his letter does explain that the County Council is about to conduct a major review of the library service across the county to determine its future shape and direction, with consultation with Parish Councils and users an important feature of this review. Any changes resulting from the review will be implemented in September 2007.

### **103 2006/07 : Potential Pedestrian Crossing – A159**

In a discussion with Councillor Underwood-Frost regarding the potential use of Scotter's share of his Councillor Initiative Fund grant towards this project, the Clerk was made aware that (as a consequence of his ill health) he had not had the opportunity to discuss the Council's letter to him of 20<sup>th</sup> December 2006 (offering financial support for the crossing) with Councillor Webb, the Portfolio Holder, and Mr Wiles at LCC Highways. He asked the Clerk to write to them both accordingly and she did so. A response has since been received from Mr Wiles. He sympathises with the Council's concern and notes that the A159 does cause significant severance of the village. The latter is likely to be one of the criteria in any re-evaluation of LCC's guidelines for pedestrian crossings, but this re-evaluation is some way off. At this time, the criteria used to assess crossings are unchanged and Scotter does not qualify. Bearing in mind the growing political interest in the topic, he does plan to raise the issue with his manager to see whether there is any possibility of further funding opportunities for such a crossing and will report further once this discussion has taken place. However, he is not hopeful of a positive outcome.

### **109 2006/07 : Topsoil for the Cemetery**

The topsoil for the cemetery has been received and the Village Person is now using this to level graves. An invoice for the soil is still awaited.

### **117b 2006/07 : Land Registration**

The Clerk has provided the legal advisor with further information (bank names and addresses, the names of clerks during the last 30 years and so on) to assist in the process of locating the deeds. The National Westminster bank has asked whether the Council can confirm whether it paid an annual storage charge to it

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as this would suggest that it held the deeds. As no-one on the Council can recall this, the Clerk will check previous minutes for evidence of this. The legal advisor has had negative responses from the firms of solicitors he has contacted to date and suggests that the search should be widened to all such firms in the Scunthorpe, Brigg and Gainsborough areas. Having already resolved to spend up to £500 on this exercise, the Council agreed that the legal advisor be asked to undertake this additional work. Once all avenues have been explored and if these do not result in the location of the deeds, the legal advisor will meet with the Clerk again to prepare the statutory declaration for swearing before a magistrate.

**124 2006/07 : WLDC's Local Councillor Initiative Fund.**

Mr Wiles' response under item 103 2006/07 above made it clear that progress could not be made on a crossing in sufficient time to enable the capture of Councillor Underwood-Frost's offer of £500 from this fund. In consequence, the Clerk discussed with Councillor Underwood-Frost the potential of the reserve project (a notice board for Scotter Cemetery) to find that, as he had not had approaches from any of his other Councils, he was prepared to let Scotter have a larger share of his £1000. As applications for funding had to be completed and then signed by the Ward Councillor before reaching WLDC by 16<sup>th</sup> February latest to enable their consideration, the Clerk obtained quotations for a two bay, glazed and lockable hardwood notice board and found the most competitive price to be £715.56 (plus VAT) from Greenbarnes Ltd. She submitted an application for this amount, plus an additional £50 towards its erection. Councillor Underwood-Frost has signed the application and forwarded it to WLDC which has acknowledged its receipt.

It was not possible to utilise the money offered by Councillor Parry for the landscaping of the Eau Community Centre as they were unable to provide the required information in the timescale. To avoid losing the sum, the Chairman asked Mrs Mumby for a view and the Clerk went back to Councillor Parry to seek his support of the purchase of nets and posts for the new tennis courts. He was happy to support this and told the Clerk that an amount of up to £650 would be available for this project. The Clerk wrote to Mrs Mumby accordingly and Councillor Parry reported to the meeting that he had met with Mrs Mumby and that an application for two sets of posts & nets was submitted.

**127 2006/07 : Hobb Lane wooden fence**

The Clerk has written to LCC Highways to request the installation of the small wooden fence around the verge. A response is awaited. The work will not be carried out until the new financial year.

**128 2006/07 : T-Mobile's potential installation of a new mobile radio base station**

Following a discussion with Councillor Parry on this matter, he is contacting LCC Highways to find out whether it has given permission for T-Mobile to use the Kirton Road verge. Bearing in mind that an application may result in strong views in the community, both for and against, Councillor Parry was of the opinion that the Council would benefit from seeking the views of the community. To this end, the Clerk drafted an article for the next edition of the Eau Valley Advertiser and this was approved by the Planning Committee. No formal planning application has yet been seen.

**133 2006/07 : Bin sack holder for the cemetery**

The bin was purchased locally from Humber Merchants Ltd and is now in place at the cemetery.

**141 2006/07 : Fly tipping in skips**

The Clerk has prepared an article for the Eau Valley Advertiser in relation to the cost of fly-tipped items in skips. Councillors will note that yet another charge will have to be paid this month due to fly-tipping, in the amount of £62 plus VAT (a fridge-freezer & 4 tyres in the Dar Beck Road skip).

**142a 2006/07 : Salt bin, Clay Lane corner**

The Clerk reported the poor state of this bin to LCC Highways which has since replaced it.

**142b 2006/07 : Mobile library service to Susworth**

The Clerk has discussed this matter with LCC. The responsible manager (Mrs Gilham-Skinner) has confirmed that it is impossible to revert to a Wednesday service as neither of the vans now go out of Nettleham on a Wednesday as there are no drivers that day. She does appreciate the difficulty that may cause the residents of Susworth so has agreed that, if the residents can agree on a weekday other than a Wednesday that would suit the majority, she will endeavour to change the timetable to suit. She also told the Clerk about the planned review of library services (as mentioned in item 100 2006/07 above) and suggested that as many Susworth residents as possible be encouraged to use the mobile service as it currently takes an hour each way to drive to Susworth from the nearest other mobile stop, making the current cost per user extremely high. She went so far as to say that, if a guaranteed and considerable increase in users would result from a service on a Saturday morning, this could also be considered. The Chairman asked Councillor Armstrong to seek the views of Susworth residents as to the most suitable alternative day for mobile library visits.

**162 2006/07 : To receive new correspondence not already included above**

The Chairman explained that the following items of correspondence are for the attention of Councillors and, where appropriate, will be circulated after the meeting. If the need arises to take action on any piece of correspondence, it will become an agenda item at a future Council meeting.

**162a** A letter from a resident of Mill Crescent raising two issues. Firstly, the increased level of car parking at the junction of Westcliffe Road at school leaving time, resulting in safety problems at the egress of Westcliffe Road. The resident suggests that yellow lines may be required to avoid this. The Clerk has written to PC Leggott on this matter as such cars are already parking illegally under the Highway Code and an occasional police presence may solve the issue. Secondly, he is concerned about the condition of the road surface on Mill Crescent adjacent to No. 29. The Clerk will raise this with LCC Highways.

**162b** WLDC, informing the Council that the recommended mileage rate for members for 2007/08 is 40p per mile, to be increased or decreased in line with any changes to the tax efficient rate authorized by HM Revenue & Customs. This is the Council's existing procedure.

**162c** LCC Highways, enclosing its proposed work programme for the January – March 2007 quarter. The only project affecting the vicinity is the proposed signage to reduce accidents on Scotton Common. This work will be carried out during March 2007.

**162d** Scotter United Football Club, thanking the Council for its donation of £1000 towards its portable building refurbishment programme.

**162e** The West Lindsey Local Strategic Partnership, informing the Council that the next Gainsborough Area Forum (which will be held at 7.15pm on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2007 at WLDC offices) will discuss the Gainsborough Masterplan, the gas field application and WLDC's priorities for 2007/08. A poster is enclosed and the Clerk will place it on the notice board.

**162f** LALC, enclosing a copy of an interim newsletter, February 2007, together with details of training courses. It has also enclosed a questionnaire on how the Council sees the future of its community. This includes some fundamental questions as to the Council's future role, in light of the White Paper.

**162g** A letter from the Clerk to Messingham Parish Council informing the Council of their continuing pressure on North Lincs Council to improve the safety of Catchwater Crossroads on the C221/Butterwick Road. This has resulted in the experimental 40mph speed limit and there is the potential of work to eliminate the depression in the road on the C221 near to the crossroads to improve the visibility of traffic approaching from Scotter.

**162h** A letter from Bruno Peek, OBE, the National Organiser of St George's Day 2007. On Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2007, the Council is encouraged to organize an event in celebration of the day. A guide to taking part is enclosed and, if the event is used to raise money for charity, the Council is asked to consider supporting the three nominated charities – AICR, RNID and WRVS.

**162i** LCC's Accessibility Planning team, with a request for information regarding the parish's facilities for disseminating information (e.g. location of notice boards, etc.). The Clerk will complete the questionnaire and return it.

The following items of correspondence were noted by the Council and will be filed by the Clerk :

**162j** Nottingham County Council, informing the Council of the adoption of the Nottinghamshire Statement of Community Involvement

**162k** Various promotional literature from MW Engineering (a new company, set up in Gainsborough to fabricate steel and manufacture hand made gates, iron railings etc.), Timberline and Glasdon.

**163a 2006/07 : To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee meeting published since the last Council meeting and adopt the recommendations contained therein**

The Council considered the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007. Proposed by Councillor Bullivent, seconded by Councillor Day and with all agreed, it was :

**RESOLVED : That the Council concurs with the actions taken by the Planning Committee and adopts the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2007.**

**163b 2006/07 : To note the receipt of results from the planning authority**

The Council noted the following result received from the planning authority :

**M06/P/1007 Ascot House, Messingham Road, Scotter** – an application to erect a 2 storey extension. **GRANTED**

**164 2006/07 : To note income received during January 2007 and to approve the January 2007 cash book and its reconciliation to the bank statements**

The Council noted the following income received during January 2007.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYER</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
05.01.2007	Co-operative Bank	Interest - Current A/c	1.40
11.01.2007	HM Revenue & Customs	VAT Repayment	186.12
		<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>187.52</b>

It then examined the cashbook as at end of January 2007 and its reconciliation to the bank statements. Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Sheardown and with all agreed, it was :

**RESOLVED : That the cashbook as at the end of January 2007 should be signed by the Chairman and Clerk as a true record.**

**165 2006/07 : To approve payments to be made**

The Clerk explained the issue that had arisen on receipt of the invoice from Duet, which showed neither a VAT amount nor a VAT registration number, despite the clarification provided that the quoted amount did include VAT when the Clerk queried this at the time of order placement. Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Fillingham and agreed by all, it was :

**RESOLVED : That the undisputed element of the invoice be settled immediately (£374.47) with the balance of £65.53 to be held until correct VAT details have been supplied.**

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The Council then examined the other accounts to be paid for supplies and services received since the last meeting. Proposed by Councillor Fillingham, seconded by Councillor Bullivent and with all in favour (other than Councillors Brown and Sheardown who declared interests and abstained), it was : **RESOLVED : That, in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Council will incur expenditure on a skip service 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. Also, that the following cheques should be approved in settlement of the accounts to be paid.**

<u>CHEQUE</u>			<u>NET</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>NO.</u>	<u>TO WHOM PAID</u>	<u>PARTICULARS OF PAYMENT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>PAYMENTS</u>
401697	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI, Month 10	337.61	-	337.61
401698	Mrs M. Brown	Wages	578.96		
		Postage	20.07		
		Mileage	7.40		
		Stationery	3.05	0.53	610.01
401699	Mr. J. Lyon	Wages	261.25	-	261.25
401700	Thompson Waste Mgt	Skip service -Dar Beck Rd (01/02)	155.00	27.13	
		Fridge-freezer & 4 tyres in skip	70.00	12.25	
		Credit note for tyre overcharge	-8.00	1.40	254.98
401701	Spencer's Garage	Fuel	43.52	7.62	51.14
401702	PestX Ltd	Pest control (3 mnths to 30/04/07)	85.00	14.88	99.88
401703	Lincolnshire County Council	Contribution to traffic calming scheme	1500.00	-	1500.00
401704	Scotter Juniors FC	Donation for grass cutting	639.20	-	639.20
401705	M. Brown	Warning beacon for mower	19.95	3.49	23.44
401706	Humber Merchants Ltd	Bin sack holder for cemetery	76.31	13.35	89.66
401707	Duet	Office cabinet	374.47	-	374.47
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED PAYMENTS</b>			<b>4,163.79</b>	<b>77.85</b>	<b>4,241.64</b>

**166 2006/07 : To take any points from members, identify items for the next agenda and to note urgent items of interest.**

**166a** The Clerk reported that Mrs Mumby had asked that the Council submit a letter of support to Groundwork Lincolnshire in respect of the new tennis courts, as part of the playing fields project. It was agreed that this letter could be sent forthwith. She also stated that vandalism had again occurred in the centre of the village on Saturday night, an issue which was raised with her by a parishioner on Riverside. She will report this in writing to PC Leggott and ask for an occasional and visible police presence on weekend evenings to deter this.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.34pm.

Clerk: .....

Chairman: .....

Date: .....

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