

**SCOTTER PARISH COUNCIL**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2008**

**PRESENT:** Councillor C. Day (Chairman), Councillors J. Allen, M. Armstrong, B. Billam, M. Brown, D. Capes, J. Fillingham and S. Rayner, M. Brown (Clerk).

With no members of the public present, the meeting commenced at 7.36pm.

**236 2007/08 : To receive and approve apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Bullivent and Sheardown . Proposed by Councillor Fillingham, seconded by Councillor Capes and agreed, it was :

**RESOLVED : To accept and approve the apologies from Councillors Bullivent and Sheardown .**

Apologies were also received from Ward Councillor Parry, who is attending another Parish Council meeting.

**237 2007/08 : To receive declarations of interest**

Councillor Day declared a prejudicial interest in relation to item 5 on the agenda (minute reference 240 2007/08) and stated his intention to withdraw from the room for the duration of the discussion. Councillor Capes, as Vice-Chairman, will chair the meeting for this item.

**238 2007/08 : To approve the notes of the Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008 as the Minutes of that meeting.**

Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Fillingham and agreed, it was :

**RESOLVED : To approve the notes of the Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008 (as circulated) as the Minutes of that meeting.** These were signed by the Chairman.

**239 2007/08 : To consider a request from Scotter Tennis Club to make a grant of £1500 towards work on its premises.**

The Council considered the letter from Scotter Tennis Club in which it explains that, as a result of the fire at the hut during summer 2007, the door was completely burnt and the rest of the hut fire damaged to different degrees. There are also issues with some of the fencing, which needs to be brought up to health & safety standards. The Club has asked for a donation of £1500 towards this work, to be released on receipt of copy invoices. The Clerk outlined the financial position of the club, with the Chairman explaining the current status in relation to the funding bids for new courts. The Clerk also updated the Council on the impact on its forecast year-end contingency sum if the request were to be approved. Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Fillingham and agreed, it was :

**RESOLVED : To reimburse Scotter Tennis Club for work done on its premises up to a maximum sum of £1500, to be released on receipt of copy invoice(s).**

Councillor Day left the meeting room at this point, with Councillor Capes taking the chair.

**240 2007/08 : To consider a request from Scotter Junior FC to cover additional monies, in the amount of £143.94, expended on grass cutting during the 2007/08 season.**

The Council considered the letter from Scotter Junior FC, with the Clerk reminding the Council that a request for additional support from the Club had been expected due to growing conditions during the season, such that £350 was set aside in the 2007/08 accounts during the precept meeting for this purpose. The actual cost has been lower than forecast. Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Rayner and agreed, it was :

**RESOLVED : To donate the sum of £143.94 to Scotter Junior FC to cover additional grass cutting costs during the 2007/08 season.**

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

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**241 2007/08 : To consider whether to provide a local supply of sand bags and sand.**

The Council considered the responses received from its insurer in relation to liabilities associated with the project and from LCC, which has refused permission for the Council to site a sand bin on the public verge and has suggested that the scheme itself is inappropriate. It also considered the comments made by Councillor Parry. Against this background, proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Capes and agreed, it was :

**RESOLVED : That, due to a lack of a suitable storage location, the scheme should not be progressed.**

**242 2007/08 : To consider the Council's obligations in relation to the culvert under Gravel Pit Road.**

The Council considered the letter received from WLDC in relation to the matter, with Councillor Capes reminding Council of the background to the abolition of the SIDB and of the Council's historical riparian responsibilities. Proposed by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Capes and agreed, it was :

**RESOLVED : To respond to WLDC to point out that the Council does not own nor have any riparian responsibilities in relation to the culvert under Gravel Pit Road.**

The Council further considered the letter sent by a resident to WLDC, copied to the Council, which mentions potential problems of litter being deposited in the beck as a result of the Dar Beck Road skip. A skip is located in this location only twice per year with a residence time of less than one day. The Clerk reminded the Council that, coincidentally, Mr Bill Read of WLDC Neighbourhood Services had monitored the last skip at this location and there was no evidence of problems with the beck being caused by the skip. Proposed by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Allen and agreed, it was :

**RESOLVED : To respond to the resident that there is no evidence of misuse of the Dar Beck Road skip.**

**243 2007/08 : To consider a request from Scotton Parish Council to support its request for a 50mph speed limit on the A159 between Blyton and Scotter.**

The Council considered the letter from Scotton Parish Council, asking for the Council's support of its campaign to reduce the speed limit on the A159 between Blyton and Scotter to 50mph. Following some debate, Councillor Fillingham proposed that the Council support the campaign. This was seconded by Councillor Rayner and put to a vote, with three Councillors in favour of the proposal and five Councillors against. Those voting against the proposal made it clear that their concern was that a reduction in the speed limit along this stretch of road would only improve road safety if it were to be rigorously enforced. Lack of resources within Lincolnshire Police makes the latter extremely unlikely. It was agreed that the Clerk should respond to Scotton Parish Council accordingly.

**244 2007/08 : To consider the recommendation from the Planning Committee in relation to planning application 121550 (Nos. 3, 5, 7 19, 21, 23, 25, 27 & 29 Granary Fold, Scotter)**

Councillor Rayner, as Chairman of the Planning Committee, took the Council through the recommendations made by the Planning Committee in relation to this application and why these had been made. In summary, it is recommended that the Council vigorously object to the application, which (if approved) would result in a reduction in the stock of affordable housing within the parish. The Committee further recommends that a letter be sent directly to the applicant, Acis Group, to ask it to urgently reconsider its position in light of previous assurances given to the Council and to withdraw the application. Proposed by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Armstrong and agreed, it was :

**RESOLVED : To support and approve the recommendations made by the Planning Committee.** The Clerk will write to WLDC and Acis Group accordingly.

**245 2007/08 : To consider whether to allow advertisements to be placed on the Parish website**

In the absence of Councillors Bullivent and Sheardown, who have both been involved in the development of the website, proposed by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Rayner and agreed, it was :

**RESOLVED : To defer discussion on this topic to the April meeting of the Council.**

**246 2007/08 : To consider whether the Council should be represented at a training event for people responsible for a children's play area**

The Clerk explained the content of the course, being run by Community Lincs at Scotton Village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2008 at a cost, per delegate, of £7.00. Considering that the Council will shortly be responsible for the provision and maintenance of three play grounds, proposed by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Capes and agreed, it was :

**RESOLVED : That the Clerk should attend the training event.** The Council noted that, due to the timing of the course, the office will not be open to members of the public that day.

**247 2007/08 : To approve a grant of Exclusive Right of Burial in grave number BF67**

Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Armstrong and agreed, it was :

**RESOLVED : To approve a grant of Exclusive Right of Burial in grave number BF67 in favour of Mrs Richardson.** The Chairman and Vice-Chairman then signed the grant.

**248 2007/08 : To receive a report from the Cemetery & Allotments Working Group on its recent safety inspection of the cemetery**

Councillors Brown and Day, on behalf of the Cemetery & Allotments Working Group, inspected the cemetery for safety and confirmed that there were no matters of concern to report on this occasion. Councillor Brown made particular comment on the excellent work done by the Village Person in levelling a large number of graves which had sunk due to the wet weather in January 2008 and also on the high standard of maintenance. Proposed by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Rayner and agreed, it was :

**RESOLVED : To send a letter of thanks to the Village Person, to recognise his sterling efforts.**

**249 2007/08 : To receive a report from the Clerk**

The Council noted the following report presented by the Clerk :

**75a 2004/05 & 47 2007/08: Public open space adoption and maintenance**

The Council's legal advisor continues to progress the conclusion of the agreement with Stamford Homes. The remaining stretch of fencing is still in situ and will need to be removed prior to takeover. In relation to Site B, The Rookery, an e-mail has been received from Mr Dickinson, WLDC, which states that the developer has been in contact with the planning authority to inform it that he is actively investigating options regarding the long term future of the play area and has written to residents suggesting that they form a Residents' Association to administer and maintain it. Mr Dickinson comments that there will be a lot of detail to sort out if this option is pursued and confirms that, if the residents are not in favour of the approach, he will continue to press the developer to make other arrangements. Nothing further has been heard from WLDC in relation to the public open space on Waggoners Close.

**12b 2007/08 : Affordable housing status**

Investigations by WLDC officers continue into the status of affordable housing on Waggoners Close.

**80 2007/08 : Acquisition of land from Beal Developments Limited**

The Clerk is still awaiting receipt of the contracts for signature by the Chairman and Vice Chairman.

**154a 2007/08 New development, Astley Crescent**

Nothing further has been heard from WLDC on the progress being made with the developer to sort out the issues associated with the street lights and footpaths within the development. The arrangements

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associated with the longer term ownership and maintenance of the public open space are also unclear. The Clerk will continue to chase WLDC on this matter.

**179a 2007/08 : Pedestrian crossing on the A159.**

The Clerk is still awaiting a response from Councillor Underwood-Frost in relation to arranging the meeting with the Portfolio Holder at the County Council to enable the Council to explain why it is so strongly in favour of a crossing.

**186b 2007/08 : Graffiti**

Mr Read, WLDC Neighbourhood Services, kindly organised the removal of the graffiti on the corner of Sands Lane and Becks Lane.

**199a 2007/08 : Misuse of skips**

Mr Read, WLDC, again provided a monitoring service at the skip delivered to St Peters Road on 6<sup>th</sup> March 2008 and intends to provide regular spot checks on future skips. He is also asking the PCSO to pay particular attention to the skips during the afternoons that they are in residence to deter flytippers and skip overloading. Whilst Mr Read was generally happy with the state of the St Peters Road skip, he did notice that a large amount of cardboard had been placed in the skip. This material should be recycled (via the blue bin) and not sent to landfill. It was also taking up useful space in the skip. He has asked that an article be placed in the next parish newsletter to encourage residents to dispose of recyclable materials through the blue bin service and not via the skip service.

**195a 2007/08 : Flooding Inquiry - Citizens' Jury meeting**

The Clerk has sent a copy of the response received from the Leader of WLDC to the Council's letter (expressing its extreme disappointment at the lack of opportunity to give proper evidence to the Citizen's Jury and to register its dissatisfaction with the Inquiry process) to Councillor Underwood-Frost for his information. The Clerk understands that Councillor Underwood-Frost held the second of his local meetings during the period, this one focussing on those residents whose property was damaged by the River Eau rather than the Dar Beck. Councillor Bullivent attended this meeting in his capacity as both affected resident and Flood Warden and reports that Councillor Underwood-Frost intends to start a petition to try to raise funds to clean out the Beck and to have the river dredged. Councillor Bullivent has since attended a North Lincs Flood Forum and spoke to a member of the Gainsborough Environment Agency team. The latter stated that there is no chance of the River Eau being dredged, due to expense, its very low priority, the presence of water voles and the fact that the channel itself was not the big issue during June 2007 (the problem being the huge volume of rain that fell in a short period of time on already saturated land). This view appears to be borne out by the recent report from the Centre for Ecology & Hydrology entitled The Summer 2007 Floods in England and Wales, which is available on the latter's website at [www.ceh.ac.uk](http://www.ceh.ac.uk).

**196 2007/08 : Schemes for Councillor Parry's 2007/08 Initiative Fund**

The gardening and safety equipment ordered from Green Stripe for Tree Warden duties has been received and the Warden has obtained suitable safety boots and gloves. All of the items are now in the possession of the Tree Warden, who has signed and returned an undertaking to work safely (utilising the appropriate safety equipment for the job in hand) and to care for the equipment, which is to be returned to the Council in the event that the Warden resigns from the position. Considering the nature of the equipment and its item values, it is not proposed to include it in the Council's insurance schedule. The york-stone cemetery sign has also been received and awaits fixing. With receipts being received for all of the payments made, the Clerk submitted a substantiated request to WLDC for release of the funds allocated to these projects, in the amounts of £339.78 and £81.50 respectively. A response is awaited.

**204a 2007/08 : State of footpaths within Scotter**

The Clerk has reported the problems with the footpaths on Hobbs Lane and in the vicinity of Sands Lane to Mr Darley, LCC Highways, for attention. A response is awaited.

**210 2007/08 : Bowls Club donation**

Following the resolution passed at the February Council meeting, the Clerk wrote to the Bowls Club to inform it of the Council's decision to donate £500 towards safety work on the bowling green surrounds. A letter of thanks has since been received, accompanied by a request for release of the donation and a copy of the invoice for the work which has been completed, the full cost of the work being £860. The Council's cheque to cover the donation is included in the payments for approval.

**225c 2007/08 : Street lights on High Street**

Following advice received from LCC in relation to the above, the Clerk rang the phone number given to her to speak with YEDL directly on the matter. The latter referred the Clerk back to LCC, which has now promised to investigate the issue fully and provide a firm date for the reconnection of supply to the street lights. This is still awaited. In the interim period, the Clerk received a further report that the lights came on during the evening of 11<sup>th</sup> March 2007 for the grand total of 45 minutes and then went off again!

**213 2007/08 : Skip service, 2008/09.**

The Clerk has placed the contract with Thompson Waste Management for the 2008/09 skip service. The dates for the new year have been provided to Mrs Hallam for inclusion in the Eau Valley Advertiser and also posted on the website. Copies will also be placed on the parish notice boards.

**214 2007/08 : Advertisement for emergency pruning and garden waste clearance contractor.**

The Clerk has sent a copy of the advert to Mrs Hallam for inclusion in the next Eau Valley Advertiser and has also posted it on the website and on the parish notice boards. Responses are required by 28<sup>th</sup> March 2008.

**215 2007/08 : RoSPA 2008/09 safety inspection of the playground**

The Clerk has placed the order with RoSPA for the 2008/09 safety inspection, which will be held during August 2008. Councillors Day and Brown have now replaced the scramble net and carried out remedial work on a number of minor issues raised during the last inspection. A remaining issue is associated with the need to re-paint some of the equipment. Considering the height of the swing frames, it was felt that this would not be suitable, safe, work for the Village Person. In consequence, the Clerk has issued an enquiry to three local contractors for this work and their quotations are awaited.

**216 2007/08 : Churches Together service on Riverside, 6<sup>th</sup> July 2008**

The Clerk has written to Rev. Gregg to confirm the Council's approval for Riverside to be used for the service, subject to the necessary public liability insurance being in place.

**224 2007/08 : 2008 Annual Parish Meeting.**

The Clerk has issued some 25 invitations (to Ward Councillors, Lincolnshire Police and local organisations) to attend the 2008 Annual Parish Meeting at 7.30pm on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2008 and to prior provide a report, to be made available on the evening. The invitation also asks for suggested agenda items for discussion. Responses are now coming in and some reports have already been received. However, no suggestions for agenda items have yet been made. Advertisements for the meeting have also been placed on the website and the notice boards, inviting residents to suggest topics of interest and to attend. (An article to this end will also appear in the March Eau Valley Advertiser). Again, to date, no suggestions have been received as to agenda items. In consequence, the Chairman proposed that he meet with the Clerk to draw up a suitable agenda for the meeting, to be circulated to Councillors for their approval prior to publication.

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**230b 2007/08 : Footpath on Butterwick Road, Susworth**

The Clerk has reported the state of this footpath to Mr Darley, LCC Highways, and has asked for it to be swept. He has since responded that he has instructed his contractor to attend to this.

**232 2007/08 : Contracts for Goosemoor and Constable lands.**

The Council's legal advisor is progressing the drafting of an agreement (in the terms agreed by the Council) for the tenancy of Goosemoor land from April 2008 and will follow usual practice where such tenancies are concerned in relation to the settlement of fees for such work. Copies of maps of Goosemoor will be required in support of the final agreement and, having prior checked the availability of such maps from WLDC, the Clerk proposes to purchase them directly from the local Ordnance Survey office at a cost of £26.50 for 6 No. A4 copies. As payment is required with order, a cheque to this value is included in payments for approval. The Clerk continues work in drafting the Constable grazing licence required by end September 2008, with LALC reiterating its advice that the agreement should be renewable every six months.

**234 2007/08 : Public open space, Site A, The Rookery**

The Clerk has written to the developer to accept his commercial proposal for the Council to take ownership of and responsibility for the open space, subject to planting being carried out as previously requested and to the developer meeting the reasonable legal fees. A response is awaited. In the interim period, the Clerk has provided the Council's legal advisor with the necessary paperwork for him to be able to complete the contract, once the developer's agreement to the conditions has been received.

**249a 2007/08 : Policing matters**

The Clerk has had a meeting with PC Leggott to discuss the policing of the parish. Whilst PC Leggott still has responsibility for 13 villages, he now has the support of a full-time (Penny Smith) and a part-time (Bill Thomas) PCSO to cover the villages north of Gainsborough. Considering the concerns recently expressed about the congregations of youths in the village centre on Friday evenings, the team has organised its affairs such that there will be at least one of the three present in Scotter for the next few Fridays. PC Leggott continues to stress the importance of residents reporting any damage or issues to the police as resources are allocated in accordance with need. He confirmed that the Community Panel will continue as now and explained that there is a new initiative being launched that has his full support. This is the Key Information Network, the registration of contact details of local people who may be able to assist the police with local information when the need arises. PC Leggott has asked for two of the Community Panel to join the network (one of which is the Council's Chairman) and the Parish Clerk. He would also be interested if any member of the Council wished to join.

**249b 2007/08 : Parish Council election**

The Clerk has received details of and a timetable for the Parish Council election, to be held on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2008. She has placed the posters on the notice boards, in the village hall and in the post office and has placed an article on the website, encouraging local residents to stand for election. Completed nomination forms must be returned to WLDC no later than 4<sup>th</sup> April 2008.

**250 2007/08 : To receive new correspondence not already included above**

The following items of correspondence, received prior to the issue of the agenda for the March meeting, were placed on circulation to Councillors at the meeting:

**250a** A letter from the Environment Agency, informing the Council that it is putting before the Secretary of State a scheme to abolish the Scotter Drainage Authority. A copy of the scheme is also enclosed. Subsequent to its receipt, Councillor Underwood-Frost copied the Council into a letter that he has sent to DEFRA opposing the scheme, due to the current poor state of repair of the Dar Beck following the 2007 flooding. He asks that, if the abolition is to go ahead, a condition be

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placed upon the Authority that all watercourses for which it has responsibility be properly maintained and in a “fit for purpose” state prior to their transfer to riparian ownership.

**250b** Community Lincs, inviting entry to the Calor Village of the Year competition 2008.

**250c** LCC, with statistical information on the use of the Council’s website during February 2008.

**250d** The official guide to taking part in “Enjoy England – Celebrate St George’s Day 2008.

**250e** ICCM, enclosing a copy of its Journal, Spring 2008, and its Newsletter, March 2008.

**250f** NALC, enclosing a copy of its LCR magazine, March 2008.

**250g** A copy of Clerks & Councils Direct magazine, March 2008.

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

**250h** WLDC, informing the Council of the postal numbering and post code for The Granary, Scotter.

**250i** WLDC enclosing a notice of meetings for March, April and May 2008, an agenda for an Extraordinary Meeting of its Council on 25<sup>th</sup> February 2008 (to discuss the Market Rasen pool) and an agenda for a Meeting of its Council on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2008 together with minutes of committee meetings held since 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007.

**250j** Various promotional literature from Mitie Lyndhurst Services Ltd and BT.

In addition to the above, the Clerk reported that she had since received a letter from a resident raising their concern that library hours were to be cut. Councillor Billam reported that she had spoken to the librarian who had suggested that this would be the case. The Clerk commented that, on receipt of the letter, she had e-mailed LCC to ask it to confirm its intentions in relation to the library. It was agreed that, should there be any intention to reduce opening hours, the Clerk will register the Council’s strongest objection and involve the Ward Councillors and MP as appropriate.

**251a 2007/08 : To receive the Minutes of the Planning Committee meetings published since the last Council meeting and adopt the recommendations contained therein**

The Council considered the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008.

Proposed by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Armstrong and 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 18<sup>th</sup> February 2008.**

**251b 2007/08 : To note the receipt of results from the planning authority**

The Council noted the following results received from the planning authority during the month:

**121204 1 Chapel Court, Scotter** – a planning application to erect a PVC Edwardian conservatory.

**Granted.**

**121244 Land to rear of 51 High Street, Scotter** – a planning application to erect a dwelling with revision to the design granted under planning permission 120619 (granted 24/04/2007).

**Granted.**

**121395 17 Messingham Road, Scotter** – a planning application to demolish existing garage/car port and to construct a new lean-to garage, with the insertion of new windows.

**Granted.**

**121476 Middlemoor Farm, Scotter** – an agricultural determination to erect a steel portal framed building for use as a grain store.

**Consent to Proceed.**

**252 2007/08 : To note income received during February 2008 and to approve the cash book as at the end of February and its reconciliation to the bank statements**

The Council noted the following income received during February 2008.

05.02.08	Co-op Bank	Interest - Current account	1.64
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It then examined the cashbook as at the end of February 2008 and its reconciliation to the bank statements. Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Billam and agreed, it was : **RESOLVED : That the cashbook as at the end of February 2008 should be signed by the Chairman and Clerk as a true record.**

**253 2007/08 : To approve payments to be made**

The Council examined the accounts to be paid for supplies and services received since the last meeting. Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Armstrong and agreed, 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 payments should be approved.**

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<u>NO.</u>	<u>TO WHOM PAID</u>	<u>PARTICULARS OF PAYMENT</u>	<u>VALUE</u>		<u>PAYMENTS</u>
401827	S.Walker (Stone Engravings)	Yorkstone sign for cemetery	135.00	-	135.00
401828	M. Long	Safety boots/gloves - Tree Warden	43.80	1.23	45.03
Direct Debit	Tiscali	Broadband, Jan/phone calls, Feb.	23.75	4.16	27.91
401829	H.M. Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI, Month 11	302.93	-	302.93
401830	Mrs M. Brown	Wages	501.62	-	
		Mileage	13.20	-	
		Postage	3.06	-	
		Stationery	10.76	1.88	
		PC Mouse	17.01	2.98	550.51
401831	Mr. J. Lyon	Wages	339.68	-	
		Refuse Sacks	6.51	1.14	347.33
401832	Thompson Waste Mgt.	Skip service - Dar Beck Rd (7/02)	155.00	27.13	182.13
401833	Green Stripe Garden Mch'y	Tree Warden equipment	295.98	44.18	340.16
401834	Jackson Building Centres	Links for scramble net	20.64	3.61	24.25
401835	Anglian Water	Cemetery water rates, 2008/09	135.62	-	135.62
401836	LALC	Subscription for 2008/09	362.50	60.90	423.40
401837	Lincoln Copy Centre	6 No. A4 OS Maps of Goosemoor Land	26.50	-	26.50
401838	Scotter Bowls Club	Donation	500.00	-	500.00
401839	North Kesteven D.C.	Cemetery rates, 2008/09	40.39	-	40.39
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED PAYMENTS</b>			<b>2,933.95</b>	<b>147.21</b>	<b>3,081.16</b>

**254 2007/08 : To take any points from members, identify items for the next agenda and to note urgent items of interest.**

**254a** Councillor Allen reported that a large pothole has appeared on Orchard Avenue. The Clerk will report this to LCC Highways.

**254b** Councillor Billam queried the position in respect of the damaged barrier on Scotton Road (outside the village hall). The Clerk informed her that she had reported the barrier to LCC Highways immediately after the crash that had caused the damage and had asked for its replacement. On

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chasing for action some weeks later, the Clerk was informed that the barrier had been inspected and that, as it was still fit for purpose, there was no intention to replace it.

**254c** Councillor Capes reported that the Sands Lane footpath is being compromised by an overgrown and overhanging hedge. The Clerk will report this to LCC Highways.

**255 2007/08 : To resolve whether, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press should be temporarily excluded from the meeting due to the sensitive nature of the following business.**

Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Rayner and with all agreed, it was :

**RESOLVED : That, in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the public and press should be temporarily excluded from the meeting due to the sensitive nature of the following item of business.** With the public and press excluded :

**256 2007/08 : To agree the fee for the erection of a replacement memorial in Scotter cemetery**

The Council considered the paper presented by the Clerk, following a request received from a local memorial mason. Having taken all of the health and safety factors into account, proposed by Councillor Day, seconded by Councillor Rayner and agreed, it was :

**RESOLVED : That the fee for the erection of a replacement memorial should be £80.00.**

As the request under consideration would also result in the removal of an existing kerb-set, it was further :

**RESOLVED: That the mason be asked to leave the ground in a tidy and level state and turfed as appropriate.**

The Clerk will inform the mason accordingly and make the necessary changes to the Council's cemetery policy to reflect the resolutions.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.28pm.

Clerk: .....

Chairman: .....

Date: .....

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