

SCOTTER PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 19th March 2007

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

170 2006/07 : To receive and approve apologies for absence

No apologies were received, with all Councillors present.

171 2006/07 : To receive declarations of interest

Councillor Day declared a prejudicial interest in relation to the subject matter of minutes ref. 175 2006/07 and stated his intention to withdraw for the duration of that discussion. Proposed by Councillor Rayner, seconded by Councillor Sheardown and agreed by all, it was

RESOLVED : That the Vice-Chairman act as Chairman for minute reference 175 2006/07.

Councillor Day declared a further interest in relation to the subject of minute reference 188 2006/07. No other declarations were made at this point.

172 2006/07 : To approve the notes of the Council Meeting held on 19th February 2007 and of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of 5th March 2007 as the Minutes of those meetings.

Proposed by Councillor Fillingham, seconded by Councillor Armstrong and with all agreed, it was

RESOLVED : To approve the notes of the Council Meeting held on 19th February 2007 (as amended for errors on pages 7 and 8) and of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 5th March 2007 (as circulated) as the Minutes of those meetings. These were signed by the

Chairman.

173 2006/07 : To consider the allocation of further funds to cover legal fees in relation to the title deeds for Council-owned land.

Following the February Council meeting, the Clerk informed the legal advisor of the Council's agreement that he should contact other local firms of solicitors in an attempt to trace the misplaced deeds. To date, the responses he has received have all been in the negative. Work done to date has amounted to a charge of £486 plus VAT, close to the amount set aside by the Council for this work in an earlier resolution (£500 plus VAT). As the lack of deeds makes the requirement for a statutory declaration very likely, proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Rayner and with all agreed, it was :

RESOLVED : That a further sum (of a maximum of £500 exclusive of VAT) be made available to cover legal fees in relation to the title deeds for Council-owned land.

174 2006/07 : To consider whether the Council should adopt the wooden fence running alongside the Stamford Homes' development and down the side of the new footpath to North Moor Road.

The Clerk reported that Stamford Homes has now confirmed that the footpath from its development to North Moor Road will be adopted by the County Council. It also accepts the fact that the wooden fence that it installed along its boundary was erected without any thought as to its ongoing adoption and maintenance. Stamford Homes understands that the Council does not have to take responsibility for this fence, which is already in a state of disrepair, and accepts that no payment has been made to enable this to occur. It has offered to remove the fence at its cost, either partially or totally, whichever is the Council's preferred option. Having considered the matter, proposed by Councillor Bullivent, seconded by Councillor Sheardown and agreed by all, it was :

RESOLVED : To ask Stamford Homes to remove the wooden fencing marked "A" in the plan attached to its letter of 12th March 2007 and to install three or four concrete posts along this stretch of land to clearly mark the boundary.

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

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175 2006/07 : To approve the emergency work carried out to secure the grit bins on Clay Lane and on Messingham Road authorised by the Clerk (valued at £147.79 plus VAT).

The Clerk reminded the Council that the County Council recently replaced the grit bin on Clay Lane as the previous bin had been vandalised. Only four days after the new bin was installed, it was emptied of its contents and thrown into the River Eau, from where it was subsequently retrieved by the Chairman. Lids were removed from the Riverside litter bins and also thrown into the river and the grit bin on Messingham Road was overturned. As this was the second Saturday night in less than a month that such mindless vandalism had taken place, the Clerk wrote to the Community Beat Officer who has promised an occasional increased police presence during weekend evenings and has spoken to local landlords about the problems arising at closing time. In the interim, the Clerk engaged the services of the emergency contractor to anchor the grit bins in such a manner to preclude overturning or removal. Proposed by Councillor Fillingham, seconded by Councillor Billam and with all agreed, it was :

RESOLVED : To approve the emergency work carried out to secure the grit bins.

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

176 2006/07 : To consider whether the Council would wish to comment on the Lincolnshire Pathfinder report, which has been submitted to the government by the Leaders of the County and District Councils as an alternative to a unitary authority within Lincolnshire.

The Council considered the report, as prior circulated, and the comments made by LALC. It was agreed that there were no further comments to be made at this time.

177 2006/07 : To consider the Council's response to the questionnaire sent out by LALC in terms of how the Council sees the future of its community.

The Council considered the questionnaire received from LALC and discussed its response to each question. The Clerk will complete the questionnaire accordingly and submit it to LALC.

178 2006/07 : To consider the Council's response to a questionnaire received from West Lindsey Local Strategic Partnership Transport Theme Group in relation to the transport needs of older people.

The Chairman referred Councillors to the specific questions being raised in this questionnaire and stated his opinion that the Council had insufficient hard information to enable meaningful answers to be given. However, as the questionnaire raises some important issues for our elderly community, he was also of the opinion that it should be answered as fully and accurately as possible. To this end, he suggested that he contact Scotter Good Companions and the local disability group to obtain their views. All were in agreement with this approach. It was also agreed that the Council would benefit from having more information on the Dial-A-Ride scheme.

179 2006/07 : To consider whether Scotter should enter the Best Kept Village Competition

The Clerk reported that entry forms for the 2007 competition are to be submitted by 3rd May 2007 latest and the entry fee is £10. The Council is also invited to enter Scotter into the Calor Lincolnshire Village of the Year Competition 2007. Following some discussion, proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Bullivent and with all agreed, it was :

RESOLVED : To enter Scotter into the Best Kept Village Competition, 2007, only.

180 2006/07 : To consider a request from a parishioner for traffic calming signage in the new housing development off Elizabeth Close.

The Clerk reported that a letter has been received from Ms Nicholls, aged 9. She expresses the concern of her and her friends that traffic on this new estate is travelling too quickly and that an accident may occur. She asks that the Council arrange signage to ask people to slow down. The Stamford Homes development is not completed and the roads have not yet been adopted by the County Council. As a result, the latter would not support any current request for signage and, even post-adoption, would require evidence of excessive speeds before proceeding. In consequence, it

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was agreed that the Clerk should respond, thanking Ms Nicholls for her interest but explaining that the Council cannot consider a road calming scheme for this development at the current time.

181 2006/07 : To approve an expenditure of up to £250, exclusive of VAT, as required for the provision of the Annual Parish Meeting 2007.

The Chairman explained that an amount of money is required to cover the hire of the hall, the production of the publicity leaflets and so on. Proposed by Councillor Fillingham, seconded by Councillor Sheardown and with all agreed, it was :

RESOLVED : To approve an expenditure of up to £250, exclusive of VAT, for the provision of the Annual Parish Meeting 2007.

182 2006/07 : To agree a date for an extraordinary Planning Committee meeting to discuss the planning application for the installation of a mobile radio base station on Kirton Road.

In relation to the application by T-Mobile to install a new mobile radio base station on Kirton Road, Councillor Parry has spoken with LCC Highways on the matter. LCC has stated that, whilst it has not given formal approval for the mast to be located on this verge, it will allow it to go ahead if WLDC approve the planning application. The formal planning application has now been submitted and the Council's comments on it must be received by WLDC by 2nd April latest. However, although an article seeking the views of parishioners had been sent to Mrs Hallam for inclusion in the March 2007 edition of the Eau Valley Advertiser, the Advertiser is running late and unlikely to be delivered in time for parishioners to make meaningful comments. To publicise the application, the Clerk explained that she had prepared a briefing note inviting comments, which could be hand delivered to each home in the vicinity of the proposed mast and could be placed on the notice board and in the community centre, post office, shops etc. To give the maximum opportunity for parishioners to comment on the proposal, she had put a latest return date of Wednesday 28th March 2007 on the briefing note. Councillors Rayner and Allen offered to hand deliver a copy of the briefing note to the nearest 50 houses to the proposed site and the Clerk will arrange for copies to be placed on the notice board and in the community centre and retail outlets. Against this background, proposed by Councillor Billam, seconded by Councillor Brown and with all agreed, it was :

RESOLVED : To hold an extraordinary meeting of the Planning Committee at 7pm on Wednesday 28th March 2007 to discuss the planning application for the installation of a mobile radio base station on Kirton Road and any other planning applications required to be put before the Committee.

183 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 during week commencing 12th March 2007 to carry out the monthly safety inspection and all was found to be in good order.

184 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 Clerk has chased Stamford Homes for an answer to the Council's letter raising issues with aspects of the landscaping. The letter also reiterated previous requests for notification of Stamford's solicitors so that the Council's legal advisor can make progress in constructing the agreement. Whilst notification has now been received as to the acting solicitor, a response on the landscaping is awaited.

There is little 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. The Chairman has visited the site to inspect the landscaping carried out to date and has identified a number of issues. These have been verbally reported to the on-site sales office.

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As yet another month had gone by without a response from Mr Dickinson, WLDC Planning, in relation to the public open space on Waggoners Close, the Clerk wrote again (copied to Councillor Underwood-Frost) threatening to lodge a formal complaint about the lack of action. Following receipt of this and the further intervention of the District Councillor, a response has been forthcoming. Mr Dickinson confirms that the two conditions of the original planning permission related to the provision and maintenance of the open space have not been satisfied, such that the developer is in Breach of Condition. As the Enforcement Officer has not had time to deal with this matter, Mr Dickinson has now written to Popcourt Ltd to remind it of the conditions that remain undischarged and encouraging it to enter into a debate with the Council. He has given the company 21 days to enter into fruitful negotiations with the Council or to provide WLDC with full details of how the open space is to be laid out, what play equipment will be installed (and when) and confirmation as to the arrangements for ongoing management and maintenance of the same. He has further explained that a non-response will result in the matter being reported to WLDC's Planning Committee for members to decide whether to authorise the issue of a Breach of Condition Notice.

Mr Dickinson has also now responded to the Council's query for clarification as to the ongoing ownership and maintenance of the play area and public open space at Site B, The Rookery. He is going to check the papers, but does not recall seeing anything to confirm the long term arrangements for this open space/play area. He has confirmed that it will not be adopted by the District Council as that would be against its policy. He went on to explain that usually the developer sets up a management company if the Parish Council does not take on the land. If the papers do not shed light on the matter, he will write to the developer to seek clarification.

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

There is nothing further to report at this time. Following Mr Wiles' previous letter, it is unlikely that the Council will hear anything further until the next review is undertaken of the routes to be treated for winter 2007/08.

88 2006/07 : Parish Council Website

The website has now been changed to reflect the new office location and is up to date in terms of page content and the various attachments. It should be noted that Lincolnshire County Council has confirmed that work to refresh the LCC Firewall will be carried out over the weekend of 24th/25th March 2007. During this time period, service will be disrupted intermittently for periods up to 2 hours for all applications and web services. This may result in the Council's website being inaccessible during these periods.

103 2006/07 : Potential Pedestrian Crossing – A159

Nothing further has been heard from Mr Wiles in relation to the installation of a crossing since his last letter on the matter, in which he suggested that he would raise the issue with his manager to see whether there would be the possibility of future funding options. The Clerk will inform Councillor Underwood-Frost of this lack of progress and seek his further assistance.

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

The two Scotter-based applications for monies from the fund (for a notice board for the cemetery and for the purchase of two sets of nets and posts for the new tennis courts) were submitted prior to the deadline and an acknowledgement of receipt has been received from WLDC. The outcome of the application process is expected very shortly.

142b 2006/07 : Mobile library service to Susworth

Councillor Armstrong has nothing yet to report on the progress made in identifying a more suitable day for the visit to Susworth of the mobile library service.

146 2006/07 : Council's comments on the Core Strategy of the Local Development Framework.

Having modified the Council's paper in relation to the above in light of the discussion at the February meeting, the Clerk sent the paper (with covering letter) to WLDC, in response to the latter's request for parishes to raise specific issues that they would like to see addressed by the Framework. WLDC has responded to thank the Council for its comprehensive paper and a copy of this response was given to Councillors.

147 2006/07 : War Memorial web page

The Clerk wrote to the descendant of a soldier killed in action during World War 1, explaining the Council's proposed way forward in relation to the error in the engraving of his name on the War Memorial. No response has been received. Councillor Sheardown has made very good progress in obtaining further details about many of Scotter's war dead from the Commonwealth War Graves Commission but cannot pinpoint the information for several more due to the multiplicity of identical surnames and initials. In an attempt to elicit further information about these deceased soldiers, Councillor Sheardown has prepared an article for inclusion in the March 2007 edition of the Eau Valley Advertiser asking parishioners for their assistance.

149 2006/07 : Skip service, 2007/08

The Clerk has placed the contract for the 2007/08 skip service with Thompson Waste Management Gainsborough Ltd at current rates. The service dates for next year have been placed on the website and sent to Mrs Hallam for inclusion in the Eau Valley Advertiser. The new dates will also be placed on the Council's notice boards.

150 2006/07 : Replacement strimmer

The Clerk placed the order for the replacement strimmer with Agricultural Supplies Ltd at the quoted price and its receipt is awaited. In consequence of a conversation between the Chairman and the Village Person, the Clerk also ordered a full harness for the strimmer to maximise the Village Person's safety and comfort whilst carrying out strimming work. The harness cost £32.34 plus VAT.

151 2006/07 : Replacement rope wall climber

The Clerk placed the order with SMP Playgrounds for the replacement climber and the climber has been received and will be erected shortly.

152 2006/07 : Annual Parish Meeting, 2007

The Chairman drafted an invitation to parish-based organisations and to Ward Councillors to attend the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 10th May 2007 and has spoken to the Beat Officer to request the attendance of Lincolnshire Police at the event. The Clerk has since sent this invitation to some 22 groups and the two Councillors, asking them to confirm their attendance and to send in their reports by mid April, so that the reports can be made available to interested parishioners on the night rather than a year later. The Clerk has also finally completed the minutes of the last Parish Meeting, which will be circulated to Councillors with the April Council Meeting Agenda.

156 2006/07 : LCC's plans for bus stop improvements

The Clerk has written to LCC stating that the Council welcomes its proposals in relation to both the new bus stops and the proposed "Bus Stop Clearway" (the latter on High Street) and looks forward to their earliest implementation.

159 2006/07 : Request for new dog bins on North Moor Road

The Clerk has written to WLDC to request the installation of two new dog bins, one where the new footpath from the Stamford Homes' development meets North Moor Road and one at the corner of North Moor Road and Messingham Road. Mr Hill of WLDC has responded verbally to state that he sees no problem in installing these bins and will shortly conduct a site visit to identify their

positioning. He does ask the Parish Council to bear with him as he has a backlog of such installations currently and it may take some time before these are installed.

162a 2006/07 : Parking at the junction of Westcliffe Road/High Street

Following receipt of the letter from a resident of Mill Crescent, the Clerk wrote to PC Leggott regarding the increased level of car parking at this junction at school leaving time, resulting in safety problems at the egress of Westcliffe Road and contrary to the requirements of the Highway Code. PC Leggott agrees that an occasional police presence may solve the issue and has instructed the local PCSO to patrol this area at the appropriate time and hand out warnings to illegally parked vehicles. The PCSO will also talk with the school. The Clerk has informed the resident accordingly.

162aa 2006/07 : Road surface problems

The Clerk wrote to Mr Darley, LCC Highways, in consequence of the further issue raised by the resident of Mill Crescent in relation to a stretch of the road surface on the Crescent. She took this opportunity to raise with him a number of other road surface issues that she had noticed on her movements around the village. Mr Darley responded that all of these issues would be attended to during week commencing 5th March 2007 and that WLDC's Pothole Patrol would inspect the whole village during the same week to identify other areas requiring repair.

162i 2006/07 Request for information from LCC's Accessibility Planning team

The Clerk has completed the enclosed questionnaire on communication within the parish and returned it to the Accessibility Planning team.

165 2006/07 : Invoice query with Duet

The Clerk wrote to Duet to query its VAT status and VAT registration number and explaining why the Council had settled only the undisputed portion of its invoice. A response is awaited. At the time of writing, the cheque for the undisputed portion has not been cashed.

169 2006/07 : Funding for new tennis courts

The Clerk has provided Groundworks Lincolnshire with a letter from the Council to Sita confirming that the Council will act as third party funder in the amount of £1055.70 should the application for £10k towards new tennis courts in the village be successful. Groundworks Lincolnshire will inform the Council of the position as soon as Sita has decided which applications to support.

185 2006/07 : To receive new correspondence not already included above

The Chairman explained that, with the exception of the first item which needs to be fully considered and decided at this meeting, 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 circulated correspondence, it will become an agenda item at a future Council meeting.

185a An e-mail from WLDC, asking the Council's opinion of the proposed name of "Arrandale" for the new street serving the development off North Moor Road. As occupancy of houses is imminent, WLDC has asked that the Council treat this with some urgency. Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Rayner and agreed by all, it was :

RESOLVED : To accept the name "Arrandale" as the street name for the new development off North Moor Road.

185b A letter from Edward Leigh, MP, enclosing a response he has received from Lincolnshire County Council in relation to the opening hours at Scotter library. Mr Leigh is pleased that additional funding has been provided to maintain the service throughout this financial year and hopes that the Review of Library Services, planned in 2007, will establish the means by which it can be retained. He sees it as valuable that the Council will be consulted as part of this Review.

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185c A letter from the Lincolnshire Road Safety Partnership which explains that it had been requested to carry out a survey of traffic speeds on the 40mph stretch close to The Rookery. The survey was carried out over a six day period commencing 10/01/2007 and counted a total of 32147 vehicles travelling into or out of the village. There was very little evidence of non-compliance with the speed limit and insufficient collisions to justify a local safety scheme. The site would not meet the criteria for speed cameras but the Partnership comments that the parish calm and parish link initiatives are accessible to the Council, if it would so wish.

185d WLDC, enclosing copies of its Notice of Election (in respect of the district and parish elections scheduled to be held on Thursday 3rd May 2007) and asking for these to be displayed. One Ward Councillor is to be elected for Scotter.

185e NALC and The Electoral Commission, launching “All about parish and town councils”, a resource pack to provide information to the general public about parish councils and to provide guidance to such councils on how to promote electoral awareness at a local level. The latter is key as the introduction of the Electoral Administration Act 2006 places a new duty on local electoral officials to encourage the participation of the public in the electoral process and this is relevant to parish council officials in addition to the electoral administrators at the district councils.

185f The Government Office for the East Midlands, enclosing a copy of the East Midlands Rural Action Plan 2007-2013, which sets out the rural priorities for the region.

185g NALC, enclosing its LCR newspaper, March 2007.

185h Clerks & Councils Direct newspaper, March 2007.

185i CPRE, enclosing its Countryside Voice, Fieldwork and Houses & Gardens 2007 magazines.

185j A letter from Scotter Junior FC thanking the Council for its support in respect of the additional grass cutting costs incurred during the 2006/07 season.

185k The Friends of Scotter & District Medical Centre, informing the Council of a concert by Scunthorpe Male Voice Choir on 21st April 2007 at 7pm in the Village Hall. The letter asks that a poster be displayed on the Council’s notice board. It was agreed that, as notice board space is limited, the Clerk should encourage local organisations to use the website to publicise their events.

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

185l WLDC, informing the Council of the numbering of the 7 properties on Site A, The Rookery.

185m WLDC, informing the Council that the owners of 23 Waggoners Close intend to name the property “Riponica”, the name to run alongside the postal number.

185n WLDC, giving notice of all of its meetings during March, April & May 2007, notice of its Council meeting that was held on 5th March 2007 and copies of minutes of Committee meetings published since 15th January 2007.

186a 2006/07 : 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 5th February 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 5th February 2007.

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186b 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/1247 PLOT 15 SOULBY WOOD PARK, SCOTTER – a retrospective planning application to retain the rear boundary fence.

GRANTED

187 2006/07 : To note income received during February 2007 and to approve the February 2007 cash book and its reconciliation to the bank statements

The Council noted the following income received during February 2007.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYER</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
05.02.2007	Co-operative Bank	Interest - Current A/c	3.17
21.02.2007	Cliff Bradley & Sons	Interment of A. Cottingham (BE73)	50.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS			53.17

The Clerk reported that, despite chasing, the Council had still not received payment from J. Naylor for an interment of ashes in mid February 2007. She will write in a further demand for payment. The Council then examined the cashbook as at end of February 2007 and its reconciliation to the bank statements. Proposed by Councillor Bullivent, seconded by Councillor Sheardown and with all agreed, it was :

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

188 2006/07 : 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 Sheardown, seconded by Councillor Billam and with all in favour (other than Councillor Day who declared an interest and abstained), it was :

RESOLVED : That the following cheques be approved in settlement of the accounts to be paid.

<u>CHEQUE NO.</u>	<u>TO WHOM PAID</u>	<u>PARTICULARS OF PAYMENT</u>	<u>NET VALUE</u>	<u>VAT</u>	<u>TOTAL PAYMENTS</u>
401708	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI, Month 11	293.00	-	293.00
401709	Mrs M. Brown	Wages	490.24	-	
		Postage	18.91		
		Stationery	5.96	1.04	516.15
401710	Mr. J. Lyon	Wages	318.24	-	
		Mileage	16.40	-	334.64
401711	Chris P Day Limited	Cutting fallen tree - Clay Lane	170.50	29.84	
		Supply and plant hedging - cemetery	147.75	25.86	
		Anchoring salt bins, Riverside	147.79	25.86	547.60
401712	LALC	Annual subscription	352.00	-	352.00
401713	Green Stripe Garden Mchy	Husqvarna Ride-on Mower	6798.40	1,189.72	
		Credit for part-exchanged mower	-3800.00	- 665.00	
		Set of spare blades for mower	48.57	8.50	
		Oil	5.06	0.88	
		Safety equipment (gloves, goggles)	15.48	2.71	3604.32
401714	John Hault & Co.	Legal fees for title deed search	486.00	85.05	571.05
401715	Anglian Water	Cemetery rates, 2007/08	123.13	-	
		Allotment rates, 6mnths to 9/3/07	23.31	-	146.44
401716	North Kesteven D.C.	Cemetery rates, 2007/08	33.75	-	33.75
Direct Debit	Tiscali	Broadband/phone calls, Jan 07.	10.63	1.89	12.52
TOTAL PROPOSED PAYMENTS			5,705.12	706.35	6,411.47

Initialed Chairman

189 2006/07 : To take any points from members, identify items for the next agenda and to note urgent items of interest.

189a Councillor Bullivent reported that he had received a number of complaints about the proliferation of yellow signs on street signs and lampposts advertising the major housing developments ongoing in the village. Having considered the temporary nature of this signage (and its aid to materials deliveries), the Council agreed that, by the time any enforcement action could be taken, the signs would be obsolete and would be removed.

189b Councillor Armstrong reported that the footpath on the Trent bank side on Butterwick Road, Susworth, has become very overgrown. The Clerk will report this to LCC Highways.

189c Councillor Capes expressed some concern about the difficulties faced by the emergency services and other delivery vehicles in finding the three new streets within the Stamford Homes' development as these can only be accessed off Elizabeth Close. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to WLDC to ask for signage to be placed at the entrance to Elizabeth Close, showing that it leads on to Cordeaux Close, Edgar Close and Johnson Drive.

190 2006/07 : 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 commercially sensitive nature of the following business.

Proposed by Councillor Bullivent, seconded by Councillor Fillingham 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 commercially sensitive nature of the following items of business.

With the public and press excluded :

191 2006/07 : To consider the award of a contract for flail mowing and bank strimming services for 2007/08.

The Council considered the analysis of tenders provided by the Clerk. Proposed by Councillor Fillingham, seconded by Councillor Brown and with all in favour, it was :

RESOLVED : To place a contract with the incumbent contractor for flail mowing & bank strimming services.

The Clerk will negotiate to attempt to delay the full impact of the requested increase.

192 2006/07 : To consider the recommendations made in a report by the Cemetery & Allotments Working Group.

The Council considered the report from the Cemetery & Allotments Working Group and a related letter of 8th March 2007 from the Rt Hon Harriet Harmon, Minister of State. Proposed by Councillor Sheardown, seconded by Councillor Bullivent and with all agreed, it was :

RESOLVED : To accept and implement all of the recommendations contained in the report presented to the Council by the Cemetery & Allotments Working Group.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.42pm.

Clerk:

Chairman:

Date:

Initialed Chairman