

SCOTTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 18th September 2006

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

APOLOGIES: Councillors J. Bullivent and D. Capes

44 2006/2007 : MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

It was proposed by Councillor Sheardown, seconded by Councillor Armstrong and all present agreed, that the Minutes of the Council Meeting held on 24th July 2006, as circulated, be approved and signed by its Chairman. It was further proposed by Councillor Fillingham, seconded by Councillor Billam and all agreed that the minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 21st August 2006, as circulated, be approved and signed by its Chairman.

45 2006/07 : MATTERS ARISING

64c 2004/05 TRAFFIC CALMING

The results of the pedestrian/vehicular survey on the A159 (which took place on Monday 26th June 2006) are still awaited.

75a 2004/05 PUBLIC SPACE MAINTENANCE

Chartdale Homes. The Clerk has written to Chartdale Homes to accept its last financial offer, subject to the provision of a certificate from RoSPA prior to the take-over of the play ground. Preliminary details of the deal have also been sent to the Council's legal representative in preparation for the conclusion of the formal agreement. Chartdale has not, as yet, confirmed that WLDC has accepted that the proposal satisfies the requirements of the planning condition.

Beal Homes. Following a number of discussions between the Clerk and Mr Broome, Planning Officer, the Planning Committee considered Mr Broome's advice and agreed to withdraw the Council's objection to the further development of the site (to add 30 new dwellings) on the basis of the proposed public open space, as the objection had been made on a matter of principle. Instead, the Committee has asked WLDC to explain the reasoning behind the differing conditions in relation to public open spaces that have been placed upon apparently similar developments. A response is awaited. In the interim period, the Chairman and the Clerk met with Beal Homes on 8th September 2006 to discuss potential arrangements for the take-over of this additional open space. Some changes were proposed to minimise ongoing maintenance costs and to promote the comfort and cleanliness of the area, which Beal Homes were happy to take on board. A negotiation was then held on the monies that the Council would require to maintain the open space, resulting in an offer being made to the Council (conditional upon its acceptability to the board of Beal Homes). This offer included a lump sum for investment towards the maintenance of the space and staged payments over two years towards local sports and leisure initiatives. The Council considered the offer made and Councillor Sheardown, seconded by Councillor Brown, proposed that the offer should be accepted when and if Beal Homes confirms its acceptability. The Clerk will write to Mr Costall accordingly. The Chairman explained that Beal Homes would welcome the Council's views on the type of affordable housing to be provided on this new development. Further to a previous discussion on this topic Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Fillingham, proposed that the Council respond confirming its preference for shared ownership, albeit at a sensible and affordable proportion of equity. Councillor Rayner abstained with all other Councillors in favour.

Popcourt Ltd. The Clerk has asked Mr Broome to chase Popcourt Ltd with a view to reaching agreement in relation to the open space on Waggoners Close. Nothing has, as yet, been heard.

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751 2005/06 SALTING OF SCHOOL BUS ROUTE, SCOTTER TO KIRTON

The Clerk responded to Mr Wiles' letter (copied to Edward Leigh MP and Councillor Underwood-Frost), refuting each point made in support of LCC's decision not to salt this route and expressing the Council's disgust at the outcome. Mr Wiles has responded, stating that the bus operator confirms that it is managing this matter responsibly and that, in times of severe weather, other more suitable routes are available. He opines that, for general safety concerns, these provisions are adequate and reasonable. However, he goes on to say that he appreciates that the alternative route is slightly more inconvenient and that there is a problem of uncertainty as to whether the route has been treated within the North Lincs area. In view of this, he will discuss the matter with North Lincs Council to see if the Council's concerns can be accommodated and will contact the Council again when he has further information on the matter. Edward Leigh, MP, has also been in contact and has asked for a copy of the County Council's response, which the Clerk has sent to him.

131a 2005/06 HIGHWAYS ISSUES, SUSWORTH & KIRTON RD

Mr Darley, LCC Highways, has instructed his contractor to fill in these potholes and expects that these should have been completed by mid September. However, as several maintenance issues have been identified within the Parish, he is asking his contractor to carry out a monthly inspection until further notice. Kirton Road will receive substantial patching work during the current calendar year and is on the list for full surface dressing during 2007/08.

9c 2006/07 INVESTMENTS

The Clerk instructed the Co-operative Bank to re-invest the Council's Corporate Guaranteed Investment Account of £25000, together with interest, into a new 3 month Guaranteed Investment Account at a gross interest rate of 4.00% on its maturity (12th August 2006). The bank has confirmed that this has been carried out, with interest of £242.21 earned during the first three month period.

13b 2006/07 FOOTPATH ON NORTH MOOR ROAD

The Clerk sent a copy of LCC Highways' negative response to a request for a new/extended footpath on North Moor Road to the parishioner who raised the issue. The parishioner responded directly to Mr Wiles, with a copy to the Council, reiterating the request for a footpath to link up to the public right of way on safety grounds (requiring only a small extension to reach the last two properties in the village) and making an offer of a financial contribution towards this extension. In the covering letter to the Council, the parishioner asked whether the Council could also make a contribution towards a path or organise fundraising in relation to it. The Council discussed the parishioner's request and (in light of the County Council's previous correspondence on this matter), it concluded that whilst it empathised with the parishioner's position in the matter, the practicalities and cost involved would prohibit the Council taking the matter forward at this time.

20b 2006/07 FLOODING, SCOTTER ROAD/LAUGHTON LANE JUNCTION

Mr Darley, LCC Highways, has advised that the culvert at the Laughton Lane end of Scotter Road has been cleaned out. Councillor Armstrong confirmed that this work had been done.

23a 2006/07 DONATION TO SUFC

The Clerk responded to Scotter United Football Club, reiterating the Council's position in relation to the donation, but offering to release monies piece-meal to the maximum value agreed if work had already taken place and cash flow was tight. Nothing further has yet been heard.

23c 2006/07 UNTIDY PROPERTIES

The Clerk wrote to WLDC Environmental Services to query the criteria for assessing whether a property/garden is unacceptably untidy and the procedure for dealing with such property owners. They responded to state that this issue would only fall into their remit if there was a public health issue (e.g. vermin infestation or an accumulation of rubbish). The type of complaint that the Council

referred to could only be considered by Planning, which has a power under S. 215 of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 to require proper maintenance of the land.

23d 2006/07 ACCESSIBILITY PLANNING

The Clerk wrote to LCC to confirm the Council's support for the aims and objectives of the accessibility planning exercise and to ask for further information in relation to the time commitment required if the Clerk were to become a member of the local planning group. After some initial confusion, a response has now been received confirming that West Lindsey wish to conduct this work through the Local Strategic Partnership. In consequence, it is unlikely that additional planning groups will be set up.

29c 2006/07 POTHoles ON ST PETERS ROAD/ASTLEY CRESCENT

Mr Darley, LCC Highways, has confirmed that his contractor has been instructed to fill in these potholes. Both roads have been included in the list of roads for full surface dressing during 2007/08.

29e 2006/07 COUNCIL OFFICE

The quotation from Duet for the bespoke office furniture has still not been received. The Clerk will chase for a response.

30a 2006/07 SIGNAGE TO CHAPEL COURT

The Clerk met Mr Radley (WLDC) on site to view the signage issue on 7th September 2006. He agreed that the sign in its current position is of little use to vehicles travelling from the A159 but was concerned that alternative positioning options would be limited due to the lack of verge outside of the court. He said that it would not be possible to place the sign on the external face of the perimeter wall, even with the owner's permission, as this would suggest that the stretch of road was Chapel Court rather than High Street. His preferred option involved the location of the nameplate on (or within the garden of) one of the properties. However, as the owner of the property has declined to give permission for this, there is nothing further that can be done at this time.

33d 2006/07 TREES OF IMPORTANCE

Councillor Capes, with the assistance of Mr M. Long, will complete the survey during the next few weeks.

38c 2006/07 MISSING LITTER BINS

The Clerk has made several calls to WLDC Waste Services to chase the replacements for the litter bins previously situated on The Green and on the junction of the A159 and High Street, both of which were demolished in road vehicle accidents. Whilst the request has finally been acknowledged, no date for replacement has yet been forthcoming. It was agreed that the Clerk should approach the Ward Councillors to seek their assistance in getting the bins replaced.

39a 2006/07 CEMETERY BOUNDARY QUERY

Councillor Brown will conduct further discussions with the parishioner who is querying the exact position of the cemetery boundary line and, hence, ownership of the hedge.

39c 2006/07 CARROT WASHER DRAIN MARKER BOARDS

Mr Darley, LCC Highways, has confirmed that he has inspected the current boards and will replace them with metal rail fencing which is more durable and maintenance friendly. During 2007/08, he is planning to replace all of the wooden marker boards in his area with such metal fencing and would be grateful if the Council could inform him of other locations within the Parish where wooden marker boards can be found. It was agreed that the Clerk should ask the Village Person to compile such a list when travelling around the Parish in the course of his work.

43b 2006/07 POTENTIAL GRANTS FOR BUS SHELTERS

The Clerk has written to Councillor Parry to explain that the positioning and location of current well-used bus stops within the parish are unsuitable for the erection of shelters.

46 2006/07 : CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

46a St Peter's Church, asking the Council to consider making a grant towards the cost of replacing the flagpole on the top of the church, which is beyond economical repair. The cost of a replacement (which is but part of a considerable programme of expenditure on the church) is £760 plus VAT. The Clerk confirmed that sufficient monies for such a project had been included when the Precept was set. On this basis and on the basis that the request is for just one element of the planned expenditure and would be on an item that would benefit the village as a whole and not just the church community, Councillor Fillingham (seconded by Councillor Allen) proposed that the Council, in accordance with its powers under section 137 of the Local Government Act, 1972, should recompense the church with the cost of replacing the flagpole (once the work has been carried out and on receipt of a copy invoice). Councillor Billam declared an interest and abstained, with all other Councillors present in favour of the proposal which is, in the opinion of the Council, in the interests of the inhabitants of the Parish and will benefit them in a manner commensurate with the expenditure. Councillor Sheardown clarified the resolution, with the agreement of all Councillors present, that the donation should be restricted to the element excluding VAT if the church were able to reclaim the VAT element. Otherwise, the donation will cover the full cost, inclusive of VAT. The Clerk will check the VAT status of the church and respond to the request accordingly.

46b A parishioner of Susworth, asking for the Council's support following an exchange of correspondence between the parishioner and WLDC. The parishioner has a postal address of East Ferry Road but is aware that the only East Ferry Road shown on local maps runs into Laughton from Susworth Road. He has asked WLDC to erect a clear sign that the road he lives on is East Ferry Road (as it runs directly into East Ferry) and to change the name of the road into Laughton. WLDC has responded that it will take no action until a formal request is made by the Council and considered at WLDC Committee level, although it now understands (following a discussion with the Clerk) that residents of the road into Laughton are parishioners of Laughton Parish Council, which should be fully consulted on this issue by WLDC before any action is taken. The Council discussed the request and expressed surprise that the road into Laughton is shown as East Ferry Road on the map, as it has traditionally been known as Laughton Lane. As the logical solution appears to support the parishioner's position in the matter, Councillor Fillingham (seconded by Councillor Armstrong) proposed that the Clerk should write to WLDC in support of the parishioner. Councillor Day abstained with all other Councillors in favour.

46c A letter from a parishioner, informing the Council of the intention to set up a local history society next year and asking it to support a bid to the Big Lottery Fund or Awards For All to set up a Trentside Villages Community Website, which could also be used to store the historical information generated by the society. Subsequently, the parishioner became aware of the LCC initiative to introduce low cost parish council websites and has withdrawn the request.

46d Councillor Day declared a prejudicial interest in relation to this item and left the room, with Councillor Brown taking the Chair. Scotter Junior Football Club has asked the Council to reimburse it for grass cutting costs during the 2006/07 season to date. The amount requested is £918.56 inclusive of VAT and supporting invoices are attached. At its Precept meeting, the Council included a maximum amount of £1200 for grass cutting for the club during 2006/07. On this basis, Councillor Rayner (seconded by Councillor Fillingham) proposed that a cheque for this amount be signed at the meeting. Councillor Sheardown declared an interest and abstained. All other Councillors were in favour. Councillor Day then returned to the meeting room and resumed his duties as Chairman.

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46e RoSPA, enclosing its play area safety inspection report/risk assessment evaluation following its visit in August. Where findings were identified, they have all been classified as low to medium risk, with no urgent issues highlighted. Councillor Brown summarised the specific findings and potential remedial actions. In relation to the wear on the climbing net, he proposed (seconded by Councillor Day) that, as monies had been included for a replacement net in the 2006/07 Precept, it should be replaced next Spring in readiness for the 2007 outdoor play season. All were in favour and the Clerk will place the item on the agenda for ordering at the appropriate time.

46f A letter from a resident of Messingham, who recently visited Scotter War Memorial. Whilst commending it for its clean and tidy state, he points out that his late uncle's initials have been wrongly engraved on the memorial. The Clerk is to respond that the Council has taken note of this error and will attend to it in due course.

46g WLDC, informing the Council that the venue of its Planning Services Committee at 6.30pm on 20th September 2006 is being moved to the Festival Hall, Market Rasen. This is because the meeting will discuss the planning application for the Laughton Wind Farm and also reports dealing with the requirements for gypsy and travellers' sites in the region/district.

46h LCC, introducing the Lincolnshire Award of Merit 2006 and inviting the Council to submit an entry and to advertise the award on the notice board. The Chairman asked Councillors to consider potential nominees for discussion at the next meeting.

46i The Community Council of Lincolnshire, inviting members of the Council to its AGM on 28th September 2006 at Bardney Village Hall. No-one is available to attend.

46j WLDC, introducing its Statement of Principles in relation to the Gambling Act 2005.

46j2 Fabren Ltd asking the Council to take over the public open space at Site A, the Rookery. No plan of the space has been provided, although it is stated that it will be planted with trees and shrubs and grass will be seeded. Fabren offers the Council a small lump sum to take over responsibility for the maintenance of this area, arguing that maintenance will be low and the Council will receive additional tax from the seven properties in the development. Following discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should respond asking for a plan of the space to assist in the identification of ongoing maintenance costs, explaining that the planning obligation placed on the developer is independent of the tax position and indicating the minimum investment per dwelling that has already been agreed with other developers.

46j3 LCC, introducing the consultation draft of its Rights of Way Improvement Plan. To be circulated to Councillors.

46j4 LCC, inviting the Council to submit its claim for verge cutting during the 2006/07 season. The contribution offered is £1782.34, an increase of 7.5%. Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Rayner, proposed that a claim in this amount be submitted. All were in favour.

46k A letter from Share the Care, a Lincoln based charity sponsored by LCC, asking for the Council's advice. The charity is supporting a young carer in Scotter who wished to enrol in a home study course to improve her chances of employment but there was a shortfall of £100 for the course fee. The Clerk responded with contact details for the Community Council and suggested that, should this route not cover the shortfall, the charity could contact the Council again. A response is awaited.

46l LCC, enclosing its proposed highways works program for the quarter ended December 2006. The only work included for the parish is patching on Kirton Road, currently planned for December.

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- 46m** LCC, enclosing copies of the winter salting routes for 2006/07. As expected, no increase in salting has been included for the Parish's road network.
- 46n** WLDC, informing the Council that its Corporate Plan 2006/09 has now been published and is available to view on its website. It also confirms that the topics for the Gainsborough Area Forum (Monday 9th October 2006 at 7.15pm at The Guildhall) include activities for children and young people, the Community Sports Partnership and the Gainsborough Masterplan. A poster advertising this is included for the notice board and the Chairman will attend.
- 46o** WLDC, informing the Council that its Statement of Community Involvement has now reached the next phase and will be the subject of a public examination during September 2006 by an Independent Planning Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State. It is expected that the final document will be adopted by the end of the calendar year.
- 46p** West Lindsey Citizen's Advice Bureau, informing the council that it is in desperate need of more volunteers to enable it to expand the services it offers and asking the Council to display a poster advertising for such volunteers. The Clerk has placed the poster on the notice board.
- 46q** The Community Council of Lincolnshire, informing the Council of the winners of the 2006 Best Kept Village Competition. The winner in Scotter's class is Washingborough.
- 46r** Lincolnshire Police Authority, advising the Council of the cancellation of the police force merger and informing it that the next local Police & Community Forum will take place on 9th October 2006 at Saxilby Village Hall. The Clerk will place this on the notice board.
- 46s** The Community Council of Lincolnshire, reminding the Council of the existence of the Rural Fizz Fund, which has now received funding for two further years, up to the end of 2008. The Clerk has provided the Community Council with Mrs Hallam's details to enable an article to be included on the fund in the next Eau Valley Advertiser.
- 46t** WLDC, reminding the Council of its Wheels to Work scheme which loans a scooter to successful applicants for a nominal sum to enable them to get to work or take up training opportunities. It asks the Council to display an informative poster, which the Clerk will place on the notice board.
- 46u** Defra/EnCams (an environmental campaigns charity) enclosing a parish council guide to local environmental quality, a "one-stop" reference that explains who is responsible for various aspects of the environment and introduces the powers that are available in relation to litter, dog fouling, waste, fly tipping etc. Also enclosed is a public information leaflet entitled "Litter & The Law".
- 46v** LALC, enclosing the latest County Circular, August 2006, for circulation to Councillors.
- 46w** Acis Group, enclosing a copy of its Housing Options newsletter, for circulation.
- 46x** NALC, enclosing a copy of its LCR newsletter, September 2006, for circulation.
- 46y** Defra, enclosing a copy of its Rural Services Review, for circulation.
- 46z** The Community Council of Lincolnshire, enclosing a copy of its Rural Links newsletter, Autumn 2006, for circulation.
- 46z2** Clerks and Councils Direct newspaper, September 2006, for circulation.

46z3 East Midlands Development Agency, enclosing its emda news magazine, August 2006, for circulation.

46z4 CPRE, enclosing a copy of its Fieldwork newsletter, September 2006, for circulation.

46z5 WLDC, enclosing a guide to events at the Trinity Arts Centre, September to December 2006 and notice of its meetings during the September to December quarter, 2006.

46z6 WLDC, informing the Council that it can now make and view planning applications on-line and asking if it would be prepared to accept an e-mail rather than a letter of consultation, with a link to the applications database. The Clerk has responded that this would not be acceptable at this time.

46z7 WLDC, informing the Council of the proposed property names chosen by residents of Waggoners Close : Aspen Lodge - No.2, Jenegar Lodge - No. 5 & Rosemary House - No. 18.

46z8 Various promotional literature from Playground Supplies Ltd, SMP (Playgrounds)Ltd, Glasdon UK Ltd and the Cooperative Bank.

47 2006/07 : PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Council was invited to endorse the following observations made to West Lindsey District Council by the Planning Committee during the period since the last Council Meeting.

M06/P/0546 PLOT 16 SOULBY WOOD PARK, SCOTTER – a revised planning application to erect a 2 storey dwelling with integral garage. Revisions are to siting (handed) and elevations (dormers over garage).

NO OBJECTION

M06/P/0652 ELIZABETH CLOSE, SCOTTER – a reserved matters planning application to erect a detached dwelling and garage. (Granted outline planning permission under application no. M05/P/0168).

NO OBJECTION

M06/P/0677 LAND AT HOLLY HOUSE FARM., HIGH STREET, SCOTTER – a reserved matters planning application to erect 30 no. dwellings. (Granted outline planning permission under application no. M04/P/0129).

NO OBJECTION. (Original objection subsequently withdrawn following receipt of clarification from Mr Broome, Planning Officer).

M06/P/0679 THE BOWLING GREEN, SCOTTON ROAD, SCOTTER – a planning application to erect a 2M high, green powder coated, galvanised palisade fencing to match and extend existing fencing.

NO OBJECTION

M06/P/0690 14 ASTLEY CRESCENT, SCOTTER – a planning application to remove existing porch and erect a new porch.

NO OBJECTION

M06/P/0711 PLOT 3, REAR OF 17 MESSINGHAM ROAD, SCOTTER – a planning application to erect a detached dormer bungalow with attached garage.

NO OBJECTION

M06/P/0724 ASCOT HOUSE, MESSINGHAM ROAD, SCOTTER – a planning application to erect a 2-storey extension.

NO OBJECTION

M06/P/0737 1 & 2 TRENT VIEW, EAST FERRY ROAD, SUSWORTH – a planning application for alterations and renovations to existing property.

NO OBJECTION

M06/P/0742 ADJACENT TO TRENT VIEW, SUSWORTH – a reserved matters planning application to erect a new dwelling. (Re-submission of application M06/P/0176).

NO OBJECTION

M06/P/0769 52 HIGH STREET, SCOTTER – a planning application to alter front (east) elevation and side (north) elevation in connection with the conversion to residential use.

OBJECTION

M06/P/0770 51 HIGH STREET, SCOTTER – a planning application to vary condition 3 of application M04/P/0492 from single storey with no habitable rooms in the roof space into a chalet bungalow, utilising the roof space for habitable accommodation.

OBJECTION

M06/P/0798 PLOT 1, REAR OF 17 MESSINGHAM ROAD, SCOTTER – a reserved matters planning application to erect a detached dormer bungalow with attached double garage (granted outline planning permission under M03/P/1551).

NO OBJECTION (Comments made)

M06/P/0856 PONDEROSA, GAINSBOROUGH ROAD, SCOTTER – a planning application for extension to dwelling to provide snooker room, gymnasium, garage and conservatory.

NO OBJECTION

M06/P/0860 REAR OF 14 MESSINGHAM ROAD, SCOTTER – an outline planning application for one dwelling and approval of access.

NO OBJECTION

M06/P/0886 97 GAINSBOROUGH ROAD, SCOTTER - a planning application to erect extension and alterations to provide additional accommodation.

NO OBJECTION

In addition, the Committee reported that the prospective occupiers of Plot 2, Site A, The Rookery, sent an objection to the proposed development on Plot 3 to WLDC and copied this to the Council. Whilst they had asked for the Council's support, the Clerk had explained to them that the Council had considered the application and made its comments prior to receipt of their correspondence. This exchange highlighted the difficulties of commenting on individual applications in self build developments, where issues of potential loss of amenity are not apparent from the plans.

Councillor Armstrong, seconded by Councillor Day, proposed that the Council endorse the actions taken by the Planning Committee. All Councillors present were in agreement. The Council was also invited to note the following results received from the planning authority:-

M06/P/0435 LAND TO REAR OF 82 HIGH STREET, SCOTTER – an outline planning application to erect one dwelling with access off Cecil Close.

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M06/P/0436 LAND TO REAR OF 64 HIGH STREET, SCOTTER – an outline application to erect one dwelling (access to be considered).

REFUSED

M06/P/0485 97 GAINSBOROUGH ROAD, SCOTTER – a planning application to erect an extension and make alterations to provide additional accommodation.

REFUSED

M06/P/0524 PLOTS 12,13,15,16,36 & 37 OF LAND OFF HIGH STREET, SCOTTER – a planning application for plot substitutions within existing residential development.

GRANTED

M06/P/0544 PLOT 3, SITE A, THE ROOKERY, SCOTTER – a planning application to erect a detached dwelling with integral garage and associated access.

GRANTED

M06/P/0546 PLOT 16 SOULBY WOOD PARK, SCOTTER – a planning application to erect a 2 storey dwelling with integral garage.

GRANTED

M06/P/0556 15A SANDS LANE, SCOTTER – a planning application to erect a conservatory on the side of the dwelling.

GRANTED

M06/P/0568 19 CHARLES AVENUE, SCOTTER – a planning application to make alterations and extensions.

GRANTED

M06/P/0575 1 PINETREE AVENUE, SCOTTER – a planning application to erect a conservatory.

GRANTED

M06/P/0593 PLOT 17 WAGGONERS CLOSE, SCOTTER – a planning application to erect a double garage with playroom over, in association with dwelling approved under M06/P/0040.

GRANTED

M06/P/0652 ELIZABETH CLOSE, SCOTTER – a reserved matters planning application to erect a detached dwelling and garage. (Granted outline planning permission under application no. M05/P/0168).

REFUSED

M06/P/0711 PLOT 3, REAR OF 17 MESSINGHAM ROAD, SCOTTER – a planning application to erect a detached dormer bungalow with attached garage.

GRANTED

M06/P/0724 ASCOT HOUSE, MESSINGHAM ROAD, SCOTTER – a planning application to erect a 2-storey extension.

REFUSED

M06/P/0737 1 & 2 TRENT VIEW, EAST FERRY ROAD, SUSWORTH – a planning application for alterations and renovations to existing property.

WITHDRAWN

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48 2006/07 : ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Councillor Day declared a prejudicial interest in relation to this item and left the room, with Councillor Brown taking the Chair. The Council examined the cashbook as at end of August 2006 and its reconciliation to the bank statements. It also examined the accounts to be paid for supplies and services received since the last meeting. Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Sheardown, proposed that the cashbook as at the end of August 2006 should be signed by the Chairman and the Clerk as a true record and all were in agreement. Councillor Fillingham, seconded by Councillor Billam, further proposed that the following cheques should be approved in settlement of the accounts to be paid. Councillor Sheardown declared an interest and abstained. All others present were in favour.

<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>
401643	HM Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI, Month 5	421.84	-	421.84
401644	Mrs M. Brown	Wages	490.24	-	
		Telephone	2.50	-	
		Mileage	5.60	-	498.34
401645	Mr. J. Lyon	Wages	610.01	-	610.01
401646	Thompson Waste Mgt	Skip service - Orchard Ave (04/08)	155.00	27.13	
		Skip service - Susworth (12/08)	155.00	27.13	
		Skip service - Southcliff Rd (24/08)	150.00	26.25	540.51
401647	Spencer's Garage	Fuel	195.50	34.22	229.72
401648	R.N. Store	Internal Audit Fee	250.00	43.75	293.75
401649	Playsafety Ltd	RoSPA inspection/risk assessment	86.00	15.05	101.05
401650	Chris P Day Ltd	Clearance of cemetery bunkers	93.00	16.28	109.28
401651	Anglian Water	S'thorpe allotments rates to 5/9/06	21.51	-	21.51
401652	Scotter Juniors F.C.	Donation for grass cutting costs	918.56	-	918.56
TOTAL PROPOSED PAYMENTS			3,554.76	189.81	3,744.57

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

49 2006/07 : INCOME RECEIVED

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYER</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
04.08.06	Co-op Bank	Interest - Current account	0.43
08.08.06	HM Revenue & Customs	VAT Repayment	116.68
11.08.08	Mrs C. Brumpton	Rental of Cemetery Allotment No. 5 to 30/09/07	2.00
11.08.08	Co-operative Funeralcare	Interment of S.J. Woodward (BF64)	50.00
11.08.08	Co-op Bank	Interest on maturity of investment bond	242.21
TOTAL RECEIPTS			411.32

50 2006/07 CEMETERY & ALLOTMENTS WORKING GROUP

50a During the period, Co-operative Funeralcare (on behalf of themselves and Cleary's Funeral Service, which is a subsidiary company) and R. Wallace & Son responded acknowledging receipt of the Council's revised Cemetery Policy and confirming their willingness to abide by its requirements. With the sole exception of Leake's Masonry, positive responses have now been received from all of the local companies contacted.

50b Further to the actions agreed during the July and August meetings, the Clerk has now written to owners of recently installed memorials to offer the Council's services in the testing of those memorials by Memsafe Ltd on 6th November 2006. She has also written to owners of repaired memorials who had previously opted to take advantage of the Council's offer of testing to inform them of the date of the test. A chase letter has also been sent to owners of repaired memorials who had not responded to

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the previous offer letter to advise them of the testing requirements, should they opt not to have their memorial tested by the Council's contractor. The article explaining the testing process and appealing again for owners to come forward for clamped memorials, as amended during the August meeting, has been forwarded to Mrs Hallam for inclusion in the next edition of the Eau Valley Advertiser. It was agreed that the Clerk should now start to make preparations for the visit of Memsafe, at which Councillors Day and Rayner will be present.

50c In line with minute 42c 2006/07, four members of the Council and the Clerk attended the cemetery on 21st August to inspect the state of grave no. BF64 following an interment carried out by Co-operative Funeralcare. On the basis of this inspection, the Clerk was asked to meet with Co-operative Funeralcare on site to discuss the issue in preference to sending a letter of complaint and the meeting was held with Mr Tim Abrams, Funeral Director, on 23rd August 2006. The meeting fully discussed the issues, past and present, in relation to the standard of grave digging and the Clerk reminded Mr Abrams of the requirements of the Cemetery Policy. It was agreed that the grave digger would return to the cemetery to carry out remedial work on 1st September 2006 and that Mr Abrams would be personally present during the digging and backfilling of the next grave at Scotter Cemetery to monitor the quality of the work, with Mr Abrams understanding that future problems with this grave digger will result in his exclusion from the cemetery. The Vice-Chairman and the Clerk inspected the remedial work on 4th September 2006 and found it to be satisfactory.

50d Members of the Cemetery & Allotments Working Group inspected the cemetery for safety on 16th September 2006 and found that all was in order.

50e Under minute 38a 2006/07, the Clerk reported that Serviceteam had again missed a scheduled visit, despite being reminded of the date a fortnight before and it was agreed that the Clerk should chase them again, expressing the Council's displeasure at this failure. However, the work was carried out the day after the Council meeting, prior to any further communication from the Clerk.

50f During the period, the Village Person reported that he was experiencing some difficulty with the mower's steering and, following inspection by Green Stripe, it became apparent that a major element of the power steering has failed, the part alone costing in the region of £500 plus VAT. As this is an unusual failure, Green Stripe contacted Husqvarna which has agreed to supply the part free of charge even though the mower is out of warranty. The labour cost to fit it, to the Council's account, is estimated at £50 plus VAT. The Clerk has also asked Greenstripe to replace the two front tyres, as they are worn, at a cost of £52.09 each plus VAT. The Clerk has purchased a suitable fire extinguisher with gauge at a cost of £22.97 plus VAT and Green Stripe will fit that at the same time. Whilst the mower is being repaired, an assessment of its current trade-in value will be made and replacement options developed for the Council's consideration.

50g The Village Person has raised concerns about the damage being done to the cemetery borders by the chickens roaming freely on the land, the fence put up by their owner failing to deter them as they fly over it. It was agreed that the Clerk should write to the owner to ask for action to be taken to prevent further problems.

51 2006/07 : PARISH CLERK

51a The Clerk reported that she has been asked by LALC to attend a meeting at the County Council offices in Lincoln on 10th October 2006 to discuss the Parish Council website. Permission to attend was granted.

51b The Clerk will be away on holiday for a week during October. Whilst this will not conflict with normal Council or Committee meetings, funeral directors will need a contact in the event that an interment is required during the period. Councillor Sheardown kindly offered to take on this duty.

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52 2006/07 : POINTS FROM MEMBERS/URGENT ITEMS OF INTEREST

52a Councillor Fillingham reported that a resident of Gravel Pit Road had complained to him about the state of the public seat and litter bin situated at the corner of Franklin Road and Gravel Pit Road. It would appear that youngsters use the seat as a congregation point and have inflicted damage to it and to the bin. To dissuade them from congregating there, the parishioner requested that the damaged items be removed. The Chairman asked Councillors to visit the site to inspect the seat and bin in readiness for a discussion at the next meeting.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.01pm.

Clerk:

Chairman:

Date: