

SCOTTER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council held on 17th September 2007

PRESENT: Councillor C. Day (Chairman), Councillors J. Allen, M. Armstrong, B. Billam, M. Brown, J. Fillingham, S. Rayner and A. Sheardown, M. Brown (Clerk), 1 member of the public.

101 2007/08 : To Select and Appoint a Chairman

With Councillor Sheardown having tendered his resignation, proposed by Councillor Fillingham, seconded by Councillor Billam and agreed, it was :

RESOLVED : That Councillor Day be appointed as Chairman. Councillor Day signed the declaration of acceptance of this office and took the Chair.

102 2007/08 : To receive and approve apologies for absence

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

RESOLVED : To accept and approve the apologies from Councillor Capes. An apology was also received from District Councillor Parry. (It was noted that Councillor Bullivent was absent and that no apology had been received. The Clerk subsequently found the apology, sent by e-mail to the Council's address on the evening of Thursday 13th September 2007. Councillor Bullivent's absence was due to being in London on work matters.)

103 2007/08 : To receive declarations of interest

No declarations were made at this point.

104 2007/08 : To approve the notes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd July 2007 and of the Extraordinary Council Meeting of 20th August 2007 as the Minutes of those meetings.

Proposed by Councillor Sheardown, seconded by Councillor Brown and agreed, it was

RESOLVED : To approve the notes of the Council Meeting held on 23rd July 2007 and of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held on 20th August 2007 (as circulated) as the Minutes of those meetings. These were signed by the Chairman.

105 2007/08 : To note that the external audit of the Annual Return 2006/07 has been completed

The Clerk reported that Moore Stephens has completed and returned the external audit and has stated that no matters have come to its attention that give cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. It does bring one matter to the attention of the Council (a matter that does not affect its satisfactory opinion of the audit) and that is that the Clerk erroneously included a Bank Holiday when calculating the period during which the public may inspect the return. The Clerk will ensure that this does not happen again. The notice informing the public of the completion of the audit has been displayed in line with the legislation.

106 2007/08 : To defer agenda item 6

In the absence of Councillor Bullivent, Flood Warden, proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Fillingham and agreed, it was :

RESOLVED : To defer agenda item 6 (To consider the responses received from the various agencies regarding the flooding of Scotter village, 25th to 27th June 2007) to later in the agenda to allow time for Councillor Bullivent to arrive.

The Council then moved on to the next item on the agenda.

107 2007/08 : To approve a response to WLDC's consultation paper "West Lindsey Core Strategy – Issues and Options

The Council considered the draft paper giving the Council's responses to the various questions raised by WLDC's consultation paper (under the Local Development Framework) "West Lindsey

Core Strategy – Issues and Options”. Proposed by Councillor Billam, seconded by Councillor Brown and agreed, it was :

RESOLVED : To submit the paper, as drafted, as the Council’s response to WLDC’s consultation paper “West Lindsey Core Strategy – Issues and Options”.

108 2007/08 : To consider a response to WLDC’s request for information on street cleansing standards.

The Clerk reported on an exchange of correspondence she has recently had with Mr G. Pilkington, Operations Manager at WLDC, regarding the quality of street cleaning services. The latter’s aim is to establish a much more responsive service by working closely with Parish Councils and carrying out the cleaning that they require. He is also interested to learn if Parishes are helping themselves by employing part-time litter pickers. He has offered to come and talk with the Clerk and view any areas of concern. Following some discussion, it was agreed that the Clerk should meet with Mr Pilkington (preferably on a Monday morning), show him the most heavily littered areas of the village and establish his plans to improve current standards. The Council will then be in a position to decide whether further local action is required.

Related to this item, the Clerk reported that she had also received complaints from a resident of Gainsborough Road regarding the heavy littering of the new footpath from Astley Crescent to Gainsborough Road. It was agreed that the Clerk should show this area to Mr Pilkington and request the installation of a litter bin on this footpath. As the resident had also queried the adoptive status of this path and the parties responsible for the upkeep of the fence that runs along it and for keeping the weeds under control, it was further agreed that the Clerk should raise these issues with the responsible Planning Officer at WLDC.

109 2007/08 : To approve the letting of Cemetery Allotment No. 5

The Clerk asked the Council to approve (by way of the signatures of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman) the letting of cemetery allotment no 5 to Mr P. Lywood, the parishioner who is next on the waiting list. The previous incumbent (Mrs Brumpton) had given up the allotment due to an impending move to Dorset. Proposed by Councillor Sheardown, seconded by Councillor Rayner and agreed, it was :

RESOLVED : To approve the letting of cemetery allotment no.5 to Mr Lywood. The Chairman signed the letting agreement, with the Clerk to obtain the Vice-Chairman’s signature prior to finalising the documentation with Mr Lywood.

110 2007/08 : To consider a letter from six local farmers regarding the difficulties caused by car parking on High Street at or near the Eau Community Centre.

The Council considered this letter, which asks for the Council’s assistance in persuading the County Council to establish parking controls outside the Centre. The letter details the considerable inconvenience and disruption to activities caused by inconsiderate parking and raises the issue of road safety now that the school has re-opened. Whilst the Council is fully supportive of the aims and objectives of the letter, its previous letters to both the County Council and the Eau Community Centre raising the very issue of parking achieved no result. In consequence, the Chairman suggested that progress was unlikely to be made unless further letters were accompanied by photographs giving incontrovertible evidence of the problem. It was agreed that Councillors Allen and Fillingham will take such photographs, should they be present when the problem arises. The Clerk will also ask Councillor Capes to act similarly. With evidence gathered, this topic will be an agenda item at the October Council meeting.

111 2007/08 : To receive a report from the Cemetery & Allotments Working Group on its recent safety inspection of the cemetery.

Councillors Day and Brown inspected the cemetery for safety on behalf of the Working Group and confirmed that there was nothing to report on this occasion. Councillor Brown had taken this

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opportunity to take photographs of the driveway as evidence (should this be required) to support a request for remedial work by YEDL after the latter has carried out its maintenance work in the cemetery. Following some complaints that she had received, the Clerk asked members of the Working Group if they would also inspect the allotment area during the October inspection. With several parishioners on the waiting list for allotments, there have been reports that some allotment gardens (at the cemetery and Scotterthorpe) are not being currently tended. Whilst this may be a function of the extreme weather conditions experienced this summer, continued neglect is contrary to the terms of the rental agreement and disadvantages parishioners on the waiting list.

112 2007/08 : To receive the Clerk's Report

The Council noted the following report presented by the Clerk :

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

Stamford Homes has still not responded to the Council's letter of 21st June 2007 regarding the removal of the damaged fence/replacement with concrete boundary markers and the inadequate state of maintenance of the verge running alongside the footpath. The work has not been carried out. The Clerk has sent a copy of the letter to the Council's legal advisor, making it clear that the Council will not take over responsibility for the area until it is in a proper state. The Council's legal advisor has confirmed that he has now been contacted by Stamford Homes' solicitor who has received instructions to proceed with the contractual arrangement. He will forward a draft contract and other relevant documentation to the Council's legal advisor for the latter's comments.

The day after the last full Council meeting, the Clerk received a telephone call from Mr Dickinson, WLDC Planning, apologising for not responding earlier to the Council's concerns about the outstanding conditions relating to the public open spaces at Waggoners Close and Site B, The Rookery. He outlined the forward action plan, which the Clerk asked to be put into writing and a copy was provided to Councillors. What became clear from this discussion is that, without the full cooperation of the developers, it may take several months for effective action to be taken. This is of concern to a resident of Site B, The Rookery, who is of the opinion that the current fencing and the rubble left in situ pose an immediate danger to the safety of children seeking to play in the area. The resident has taken photographs of the area in support of her concerns and the Clerk has asked her to send them to Mr Dickinson, copied to the Council.

The Clerk has heard nothing further from the developer responsible for Site A, The Rookery, following the Council's letter to him of 21st June 2007 suggesting changes to the planting schedule. In consequence, a firm offer of a viable financial settlement for the Council to take on the ownership of and responsibility for this space is still awaited.

173 2006/07 : Title deeds for Council-owned land

There is nothing further to report at this time.

189c 2006/07 : Signposting to new roads off Elizabeth Close

The Clerk has chased Mr Radley, WLDC, on two occasions for a formal response in relation to this matter and in relation to various street signage problems. A response is still awaited.

12b 2007/08 : Affordable housing status

After almost six months of chasing this issue, the Clerk finally received a phone call on 13th September 2007 from Diane Krochmal, WLDC Housing Officer, who is handling the matter at the request of Anthony Northcote. She went through the details with the Clerk and explained that she would be taking action in relation to the "affordable homes" on Waggoners Close as she accepts that the advertised asking price of the houses does not appear to reflect any discount off the market price nor intimate the priority order of purchaser. She will ring Paul Fox Estate Agency to check whether the properties are still for sale. If so, she will check the price being asked and what conditions (if any) are being placed upon the sale in terms of ongoing discount, choice of purchaser,

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etc. She will also ask the Planning Officer involved with the granting of the initial approval to check the details of that approval to find out what specific requirements were placed on the developer in relation to the level of discount to be applied and the method of choice of deserving candidates. She will then provide an update to the Council as to the proposed next step.

17a 2007/08 : Felling of trees on Sands Lane

Councillor Capes, in his capacity of Tree Warden, has discussed suitable replacement trees for those felled with Mr Littlewood of LCC. Having visited the site, Mr Littlewood also examined two further trees at the corner of Sands Lane and Gainsborough Road. The hawthorn is rotten and is to be felled and replaced. The ash tree will be pruned.

66c 2007/08 : Community Amateur Sports Club Scheme

The Clerk has circulated details of the scheme to local sports clubs.

66kk 2007/08 : LALC Training Courses

Councillor Capes has been booked to attend the Burials Seminar on Tuesday 13th November 2007 (7pm to 9pm) at Sudbrooke Village Hall, which will cover changes in legislation in relation to burials/burial grounds, good practice in terms of maintenance and how to deal with sensitive issues.

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

The Clerk wrote to the Council's legal advisor, informing him of the resolution passed at the July Council meeting in relation to the acquisition of the two areas of public open space off High Street and enclosing the signed contract. The Council's legal advisor has responded to say that he is awaiting some paperwork from Beal's solicitors to enable him to draft the formal transfer of the land to the Council. He will then be in a position to exchange contracts, after which time the Council need simply to wait until Beal has completed all of the relevant work referred to in the contract.

81 2007/08 : Mole infestation, Scotter Cemetery

Despite the efforts to date of Pestx Ltd, moles continue to be active in the cemetery. To prevent trip hazards, the Village Person is tamping down the hills on each visit to the cemetery and the Clerk has asked Pestx Ltd to continue regular visits to get this problem under control.

82 2007/08 : Maturity of the Guaranteed Investment Bond

The Clerk reinvested the bond sum of £25k plus the interest it had earned during the three month period (£301.91) into a new three-month bond commencing on 27th July 2007. This will generate gross interest at 5% per annum, compared to the deposit account rate of 2.656%.

83 2007/08 : Wayleave consent for YEDL to maintain its electricity network at the cemetery

The Clerk wrote to YEDL, enclosing the signed wayleave agreement, asking it to do all in its power to mitigate damage to the roots of the beech tree whilst undertaking maintenance work in the cemetery. A reply has not, as yet, been received nor any indication of when the work will start. Councillor Brown has taken the photographs in the cemetery to facilitate the identification of any damage caused by YEDL during the process, for rectification at their cost.

84 2007/08 : Issues raised during the Annual Parish Meeting – Village signage

The Clerk has obtained brochures and price estimates from various companies in relation to village signs. As the style and composition of the signs vary widely (as do their respective prices), the Chairman will provide the Clerk with some guidance as to suitable options prior to the Precept meeting.

91a 2007/08 : Potholes – Butterwick Road, Susworth

The Clerk reported this problem to Mr Darley, LCC Highways, on 1st August 2007. A response is awaited.

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91b 2007/08 : Posting of notices

The Clerk wrote to the Eau Community Centre to commend it for its pro-activity in generating many new activities for local people but asking it to take a more focussed approach to the advertisement of these events. A response has been received, stating that the matter has now been dealt with and that future posters will only be placed at two or three sites within the village. The Centre thanks the Council for its comments in respect of the efforts it is making to provide events and activities for local people.

99 2007/08 : Advertisement of affordable properties on The Old Granary development.

The Clerk amended the advert in line with the Council's requirements and has posted it on the Council's website and sent a copy to Mrs Hallam for inclusion in the next edition of the Eau Valley Advertiser.

100 2007/08 : Request from Children's Links for a copy of the Scotter Parish Plan.

The Clerk has received, from Councillor Bullivent, an electronic version of the Parish Plan and a hard copy (the latter to enable her to respond to this request). Unfortunately, some elements of the electronic version have been corrupted. Councillor Sheardown offered to take the corrupted disk to see if he could identify an easy way in which the corrupted data could be recovered.

103b 2007/08 : Safety barriers, North Moor Road and Gainsborough Road

The Clerk wrote to Mr Darley, LCC Highways, to ask for the earliest installation of safety barriers where the footpaths from the new developments at Elizabeth Close and Astley Crescent meet North Moor Road and Gainsborough Road respectively. A safety barrier at the latter had previously been promised, but had not yet been installed. Mr Darley responded that the work has been scheduled and should be completed within three months. At the meeting, it was reported that the barrier on Gainsborough Road had been erected subsequent to this exchange of correspondence.

103c 2007/08 : Culvert fencing – Carrot Washer Drain

The Clerk wrote to Mr Darley, LCC Highways, to request the urgent replacement of the rotten wooden boards at this drain as there is no effective protection to prevent falls. He has responded in the affirmative, again stating that the work should be completed within three months.

103e 2007/08 : Adoption of revised Code of Conduct

The Clerk responded to WLDC's letter of 14th August 2007 in relation to the above, confirming that the revised Code had been adopted (giving the date of adoption and the minute reference) so that the Council can be included in the District Council's formal public notice on the matter. For the sake of good order, she also enclosed the notice signed by the Council's members agreeing to abide by the Code but queried the need for this document as it appeared to conflict with an earlier letter from WLDC, stating that the existing notice was transferable. WLDC has since responded to confirm that the document is transferable only if it was signed by all current serving Councillors (This was not the case where four of the members were concerned).

113 2007/08 : To receive new correspondence not already included above

The Chairman explained that the following 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.

113a LALC, enclosing a copy of its Annual Report for 2006/07 and important information documents (e.g. revised proposals for LALC's democratic structure and a draft report on future partnership working). For circulation.

113b LCC, under the banner "Everybody Benefits", inviting the Council to take part in its "Preparing for Winter 2007" county-wide event. These events (to be locally run by local

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volunteers during October 2007) are aimed at ensuring that older people in the community are prepared for the winter months and may involve anything from electric blanket testing to welfare benefit advice. LCC will supply participants with free event packs that contain everything that is needed to set up an event. For circulation.

113c WLDC, informing the Council of its requirement (under the Electoral Administration Act 2006) to undertake and complete a review of all polling districts and polling places by the end of 2007. The aim of the review is to ensure that all electors have reasonable facilities for voting and to ensure that (so far as is reasonable and practicable) that the polling places are accessible to disabled electors. Public consultation is part of this review and the poster inviting the public's comments (to be received by 24th September 2007 latest), has been placed on the notice board.

113d WLDC, providing preliminary notification that the second Parish, Town and District Council Assembly will be held on Thursday 3rd April 2008 at 7pm in the District Council's new Marshalls Yard Headquarters. For circulation.

113e Community Lincs, inviting the Parish Council to its AGM on Thursday 27th September 2007 at Washingborough Community Centre, commencing at 6.45pm. For circulation.

113f CPRE/Community Lincs informing the Council of the winners of the 2007 Best Kept Village competition. Washingborough were successful in Scotter's class. Scotter's score sheet (134 out of 150) is also attached, with the presence of litter being a key reason for lost points. For circulation.

113g LCC, providing information on visitor numbers to the Parish Council's website during July and August 2007. For circulation.

113h LCC, informing the Council of a temporary road closure at Susworth Road, Susworth, for essential maintenance works. The road will be closed for 1 week from Monday 15th October 2007. The alternative route will be via Laughton Lane, East Ferry Carr and Susworth Road (and vice versa). For the notice boards.

113i WLDC, informing the Council of the dates of the October 2007 Area Forums. The Gainsborough forum will be held at The Guildhall on Tuesday 9th October 2007. Topics for discussion have not yet been confirmed. For the notice board.

113j NALC, enclosing its LCR newspaper, September 2007. For circulation.

113k Clerks & Councils Direct newspaper, September 2007, and a complimentary copy of Local Councils Update. For circulation.

113l East Midlands Development Agency, enclosing its emda news magazine, July 2007. For circulation.

113m CPRE, enclosing its Fieldwork magazine, September 2007. For circulation.

113mm RoSPA, enclosing a report of its annual safety inspection of the children's play ground. Nothing of a serious or urgent nature was found, with some minor maintenance items suggested. It was agreed that the report be considered by the Cemetery & Allotments Working Group, for recommended actions to be considered at a future Council meeting.

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

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113n WLDC, informing the Council that the name Granary Fold has been formally adopted for Phase II of Beal Developments Ltd estate off High Street. A subsequent letter gives the postal address of each plot.

113o WLDC, informing the Council that the owners of 15 The Rookery have advised that they wish to use the name Ivy Lodge, to run alongside the postal number.

113p WLDC, giving notice of meetings of the District Council during the months August to December 2007 inclusive.

113q Various promotional literature from GB Alarms Limited, BT, Trinity Arts Centre, Glasdon and Wickstead.

In the continued absence of Councillor Bullivent, the Chairman proposed that agenda item 6, related to the flooding, now be discussed. This was seconded by Councillor Brown and agreed.

114 2007/08 : To consider the reponses received from the various agencies regarding the flooding of Scotter village, 25th to 27th June 2007

The Council considered the responses received and the outstanding issues list arising from this correspondence prepared by the Clerk (following consultation with Councillor Bullivent in his capacity as Flood Warden). The Clerk and Councillor Brown also updated the Council on the informal meeting held between WLDC Policy Officer, Alex Newman-Carter (who is coordinating the household flooding survey and collating information from parishes that they have gleaned from their own research into the flooding) and representatives of the Blyton and Scotter parish councils and their ward councillors, this being the first of several such meetings with affected parishes. Mr Newman-Carter was given copies of all the relevant correspondence and the outstanding issues list. He confirmed that it is likely to be late October/early November before all of the informal meetings have been held, the survey results analysed and the key issues from both identified. It is at that stage that the Public Inquiry will be held. In the interim period, WLDC will be writing to all of the riparian owners to remind them of their responsibilities in relation to maintenance. Councillor Brown asked that the letters clarify the party responsible for maintenance as this may be the Environment Agency itself (and not the landowners) in the case of rivers rather than dykes.

Having considered the correspondence and the remarks made to the Clerk by Councillor Bullivent following his attendance at an Environmental Agency meeting to discuss the flooding, the Council was concerned about the lack of any effective flood warning service for its parishioners living in the flood plain of the River Eau and the number of inaccuracies in the response from the Environmental Agency in relation to the state of repair of the sluice gate and the timing of its opening. In respect of the latter, it was agreed that written evidence should be requested from the farmer who had been at the forefront in the efforts to have this gate opened and the Chairman will attend to this. The Council was further concerned that several of the questions that it had asked of the Agency (associated with budget cuts and lack of dredging) had not been answered. Proposed by Councillor Brown, seconded by Councillor Sheardown and agreed, it was :

RESOLVED : To send a further letter to the Environmental Agency, following receipt of the farmer's written evidence in relation to the sluice gate issue, to highlight the inaccuracies in its previous response, to raise the ongoing concern regarding the lack of an effective flood warning service and to seek answers to questions previously put and not yet answered.

It was also agreed that the Clerk should provide a pack of correspondence for affected parishioners to keep them up to date on progress and these will be hand delivered by Councillor Bullivent.

115a 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 meetings held on 23rd July 2007 and 6th August 2007. Proposed by Councillor Sheardown, seconded by Councillor Day and agreed, it was :
RESOLVED : That the Council concurs with the actions taken by the Planning Committee and adopts the minutes of the Committee meetings held on 23rd July 2007 and 6th August 2007.

115b 2007/08 : To note the receipt of results from the planning authority

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

120178 1 Cherry Tree Rise, Scotter – a planning application for construction of a single storey dwelling house.

Refused.

120263 Rear of 14 Messingham Road, Scotter – a planning application to erect a new detached dormer bungalow with attached garage.

Granted.

120472 5 Dar Beck Road, Scotter – an application for a certificate of lawfulness for the use of land for the repair and servicing of cars.

Granted (for no more than one motor car at any one time).

120509 3 West View, Scotterthorpe – a planning application to demolish existing side extension at ground floor level and erect a new two storey extension with internal alterations.

Granted.

120511 Plot 7, Site A. The Rookery, Scotter – a planning application to erect a 5-bedroomed family house with double garage.

Granted.

120544 91 Gainsborough Road, Scotter – a planning application to erect a kitchen extension with bedrooms over and form a new bedroom/study.

Granted.

120569 21 Kirton Road, Scotter – a planning application for a loft conversion and extension.

Withdrawn.

120594 2 Rooklands, Scotter – a planning application to erect a two storey extension.

Granted.

120664 Plot 11, Soulby Wood Park, Scotter – a planning application to erect a detached house with integral garage and associated access.

Refused.

120684 High View, 5 Messingham Road, Scotter – a retrospective planning application to retain a boundary garden wall.

Granted.

120743 Orchard Cottage, 13 Gainsborough Road, Scotter – a planning application to erect a white UPVC conservatory.

Granted.

116 2007/08 : To note income received during August 2007 and to approve the cash book as at the end of August and its reconciliation to the bank statements

The Council noted the following income received during August 2007.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>PAYER</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
02.08.07	HM Revenue & Customs	VAT repayment	281.02
03.08.07	Co-op Bank	Interest - Current account	0.95
30.08.07	HM Revenue & Customs	VAT repayment	270.62
		TOTAL RECEIPTS	552.59

It then examined the cashbook as at end of August 2007 and its reconciliation to the bank statements. The Clerk explained that, whilst she had finally managed to obtain a current account bank statement showing the position as at the end of August 2007, the missing pages (covering June and July) had still not been provided. The Clerk has put in a formal complaint about this to the Customer Service Manager at the Cooperative Bank. However, the Clerk pointed out that the closing current account balance shown in the cash book as at the end of July matched the opening balance on the August 2007 bank statement, providing substantiation of the accuracy of the June and July cash books. On this basis, proposed by Councillor Rayner, seconded by Councillor Brown and agreed, it was : **RESOLVED : That the cashbook as at the end of June, July and August 2007 should be signed by the Chairman and Clerk as a true record.**

The Clerk will continue to press for receipt of the missing statements and will present them to the Council once received.

117 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 Sheardown, seconded by Councillor Brown 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.**

<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>
Direct Debit	Tiscali	Broadband/phone calls, July '07.	14.12	2.47	16.59
401768	H.M. Revenue & Customs	PAYE & NI, Month 5	423.23	-	423.23
401769	Mrs M. Brown	Wages	491.78	-	
		Mileage	7.60	-	
		Postage	1.40		
		Woodstain, paint & wire brushes	24.46	4.28	529.52
401770	Mr. J. Lyon	Wages	634.80	-	
		Mileage	28.40		
		Refuse sacks	7.63	1.34	672.17
401771	Thompson Waste Mgt	Skip service - Orchard Ave (02/08)	151.00	26.43	
		Skip service - Susworth (09/08)	151.00	26.43	
		Skip service - Southcliff Rd (23/08)	160.00	28.00	542.86
401772	Spencer's Garage	Fuel	135.18	23.66	158.84
401773	Brown & Co.	Land valuation services	250.00	43.75	293.75
401774	Playsafety Ltd	RoSPA survey of play ground	66.00	11.55	77.55
		TOTAL PROPOSED PAYMENTS	2,546.60	167.91	2,714.51

118 2007/08 : To take any points from members, identify items for the next agenda and to note urgent items of interest.

118a Councillor Sheardown reported that he had been considering the issue of the incorrectly engraved initials on the War Memorial. With the proposed changes being so minor (a "P" to an "R")

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and a “C” to a “G”) he wondered whether this could be managed on site at a far cheaper price than previously quoted (which covered the cost of removing the full marble panel, grinding it down and then re-engraving it). It was agreed that the Clerk should obtain two quotations for carrying out the work on site for discussion at the next meeting.

118b Councillor Armstrong reported that the mobile library had failed to arrive in Susworth for the last two planned visits, with telephone queries to the County Council failing to establish a reason for this. The Clerk will write to LCC for an explanation.

118c Councillor Fillingham commended LCC for the quality of the work carried out in raising the canopies of the trees on Messingham Road.

119 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 commercially sensitive nature of the following business.

Proposed by Councillor Rayner, seconded by Councillor Billam 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 :

120 2007/08 : To determine rents to be paid for Constable and Goosemoor lands

The Council considered the paper on this matter circulated with the agenda, which included the land valuations provided by the professional valuer and advice from LALC and the Council’s legal advisor. Following discussion, proposed by Councillor Rayner, seconded by Councillor Sheardown and agreed, it was :

RESOLVED : To give 12 month’s notice to quit in respect of Constable land, with a new annual grazing licence to be drafted. Should the incumbent tenant wish to remain, rentals are to increase year on year to achieve market valuation over a period of three years.

Proposed by Councillor Rayner, seconded by Councillor Day and agreed, it was further :

RESOLVED : To write to the Goosemoor tenant to enquire whether, considering his change of circumstances, he would wish to continue in tenancy as the rent will increase in October 2008 to £550 per year and will continue to follow market valuations in future years.

The Council considered a further issue in relation to Goosemoor land raised by its legal advisor and decided that, as investigations were continuing, it would take no decision at this time.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Clerk:

Chairman:

Date:

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