

CLLR MRS L WETHERALL (CHAIR); CLLR MISS M LANGFORD (VICE CHAIR); CLLR MRS B HILL; CLLR S SMITH;  
CLLR MRS K SMITH; CLLR MRS L THORNLEY; CLLR MRS K SUTTON.

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF**  
**SCOTTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 29 JUNE 2009**  
**IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SCOTTON AT 6.00PM**

**DRAFT – MAY BE SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT**

PRESENT: CLLR MRS K SMITH (CHAIR); CLLR MRS K SUTTON (VICE CHAIR); CLLR MRS B HILL;  
CLLR MISS M LANGFORD; CLLR MRS L THORNLEY; CLLR MRS L WETHERALL; CLLR S SMITH;

APOLOGIES: NONE

ALSO PRESENT: DISTRICT CLLR W PARRY; MR I DICKINSON (WLDC); 2 PARISHIONERS

DECLARATION OF INTEREST – NONE

ADJOURNMENT:

Introduction of Mr Ian Dickinson WLDC Planning Officer:

Mr Dickinson explained that WLDC had carried out a major review of their planning department to make it more customer serviced. Planning applications have an 8 week turn around and it is a short timescale for Parish Councils and affected residents to formulate and return their comments. Mr Dickinson said that the planning officers were always available to give advice on material planning considerations, not only to applicants but also to interested parties. WLDC are constantly striving for better communication and trying to engage more with Parish Councils by visiting their meetings and explaining ways to return effective comments.

Mr Dickinson then answered questions from the Councillors, in particular one pertaining to an amended planning application. This application had 'slipped through the net' in so far as it should have been sent in the final amended form to the PC for comments. This was a mistake and the planning department will take notice of the PC's concerns.

Cllr Mrs K Smith, Chairman, thanked Mr Dickinson for his attendance.

There were no issues raised by parishioners.

1 MINUTES – MAY 2009

The minutes were signed and agreed with one amendment

The date at the top of the minutes should read 18<sup>th</sup> May and not 27 April

PROPOSED: CLLR S SMITH; SECONDED: CLLR B HILL; UNANIMOUS

2 PLANNING

2.1 APPLICATION 123976 – ANNEX – NOTED GRANTED

Conditions: This Annex is not to be used as separate living space

2.2 APPEAL: APP/N2535/A/08/2092475, 15 MIDDLE ST, SCOTTON

To be noted this appeal was granted with conditions.

2.3 APPLICATION 124155 – REPLACEMENT GARAGE – NOTED GRANTED

3 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

3.1 MOTORCYCLE EVENT

Clerk had contacted Allotment Warden and Highways. Neither have any concerns.

3.2 SIGNS

Agreed The Council will use Signs Express but will look again at the size as Cllr S Smith has some posts and notice surrounds.

Proposed: Cllr Mrs L Thornley; Seconded: Cllr Mrs L Wetherall; Unanimous

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- 3.3 CLERK'S APPRAISAL – to be deferred to next meeting
- 3.4 LIBRARY SERVICE  
The Council has registered intent to be part of the consultation process
- 4 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS
- 4.1 HEALTH CHECK  
Some footpaths have been patched. However, the junction of Crapple Lane and Church Lane has been badly mended and has caused a severe trip hazard. County Cllr Chris Underwood Frost has asked for a Highways Officer to attend. Clerk to follow this up.
- 4.2 FLY TIPPING  
This problem seems to have been resolved.
- 4.3 LAND REGISTRY AND COMMON LAND REGISTRY  
It was agreed that to register the recreation area as common land would cause problems. It was also agreed that the clerk should contact Land Registry to see if registering the allotments would offer more protection than the present situation where the Council have proof of ownership under the Enclosures Act.
- 5 FINANCE
- 5.1 RECEIVED FROM A MCCAGUE - £50 CASH
- 5.2 RECEIVED FROM B BLANCHARD - £44
- 5.3 VAT REFUND - £313.42
- 5.4 RECEIVED FROM VILLAGE HALL – ACCOUNTS AND GRANT FORM
- 5.5 RECEIVED FROM ST GENEWYS PCC – THANK YOU FOR DONATION AND GRANT FORM
- 5.6 RECEIVED FROM C.A.B. – THANK YOU FOR DONATION
- 5.7 RECEIVED FROM R RAMSEY - £350
- 5.8 INCOME & EXPENDITURE – IN HAND £12139.67
- 6 COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS
- 6.1 VILLAGE HALL REPORT GIVEN BY CLLR MRS K SMITH  
The recent Fete was very successful and raised over £1300. It has been agreed that the Village Hall will not provide more play equipment as there is some essential maintenance which takes priority.
- 6.2 BEST KEPT VILLAGE REPORT  
Scotton have, unfortunately not progressed to the second round despite some very good comments. The full report was read by the Chair.
- 7 MEETING CLOSED – 7.30PM
- 8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2009 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 6PM  
To be noted: The August meeting would fall on a bank holiday so it had been proposed to set the date as the 24<sup>th</sup> however The Council will decide at the next meeting whether to cancel the August meeting altogether due to holidays.