

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SCOULTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 8th JULY 2015 AT 8.00 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Present: Mark Brown, Colin Spinks (Chair), Roy Potton, Zena Rowland, Andrew Shingfield and Nigel Webster

In attendance: The Clerk, CC Jordan and 3 members of the public

OPEN FORUM

CC Jordan reported that it is possible for there to be a boundary review within Norfolk County Council in 2018. This would result in a reduction in Councillors and a more equal electorate for each Councillor.

1. To accept apologies

None

2. Co-option onto the Council

Pauline Mitchell, Nigel Chapman and Alasdair Middleton put their names forward for co-option on to the Council. There was a vote and Alasdair was co-opted.

3. To declare any interests on items appearing on the agenda

None

4. To Approve Minutes of meeting held in May 2015

The minutes had been previously circulated and were agreed.

5. Matters arising on minutes, for information only

Item 13 – The Village Sign has been painted and will be erected next week. **AS to e-mail a photograph to the Clerk for Scoulton News.**

Item 16 – The Clerk has withdrawn her resignation and will remain with the Council.

6. Planning:

- None

6. Correspondence

- Textile bank update. The Contractor has changed. Details retained by the Clerk. The paperbank is full and needs emptying. **Clerk to report. Reminder about using the banks to be added to Scoulton News.**
- Crime figures for May – 2 theft other. **Reminder to be vigilant to be added to Scoulton News.**
- FOI request for committee structure. The clerk has responded to this request.
- Letter from What Watton Wants group. The Clerk read a letter from the action group. The Council noted that there is already pressure on the doctors surgery, school places, destruction of the countryside and a reduced water pressure due to the increased call on the water main. The increased traffic volume on the B1108 would impact on safety. The council are not considering a Neighbourhood Plan at this time. **Clerk to respond**
- Parish Partnership scheme. Bidding has opened for the scheme. **To be added to the next agenda.**

7. Finance:

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| • Chq 635 | Clerks Expenses | £45.21 |
| • Chq 636 | HMRC | £86.40 |
| • Chq 637 | D Allcock | £60.00 |

Proposed: MB, seconded: ZR

The Clerk distributed a precept update.

8. Future Business

Scoulton News. Clerk to contact Higham Times to ask for the cost to include our newsletter in their publication.

There was discussion about road safety in the village particularly the need for children to cross the road to catch the school bus. **Clerk to add to the next agenda.**

A fridge has been dumped in the ditch in Mere Lane on the right hand side on bend near a pull in for a field. **Clerk to report**

The bend warning sign along Ellingham Road opposite 'Cherry Trees' is falling over and needs replacing. **Clerk to action**

Rangers to be asked to rod the drains and cut the verges within the village particularly near SGS.

9. Dates of future meetings:

9th September and 11th November at 8.10pm Scoulton Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.25pm