

MINUTES OF MEETING OF SCOULTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9th MARCH 2016 AT 8.10 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

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

In attendance: The Clerk, DC Rogers and 2 members of the public

OPEN FORUM

DC Rogers informed the meeting that fire stations and recycling centres have been saved from closure and cuts to libraries, road maintenance and museums have been avoided. There is a new pot-hole and highways small projects fund of 1.5 million in order to maintain good standards of repair, maintenance and safety.

1. **To accept apologies.** Cllr Al Middleton
2. **To declare any interests on items appearing on the agenda.** AS – item 5a.
3. **To Approve Minutes of meeting held in January 2016**
The minutes had been previously circulated and were agreed. Proposed: AS, seconded: ZR
4. **Matters arising on minutes, for information only**
AS has removed the fridge which had been abandoned in the ditch.
5. **Planning:**
 - 3PL/2016/0116/F: Retention of wooden stable building for use as a stables and storeroom retention of concrete pad to front – land to north of Norwich Road and west of Tollgate Farm.

AS left the meeting for this item

Meeting closed at 8.16pm to allow the public to speak

The applicant attended the meeting and explained the plans. He noted that not all the land included on the application was owned by him but they have full rights of access. The land will not be used as a riding school but will be to house horses owned by the family.

A neighbour responded by stating that electric tape has been attached to the field post of neighbouring properties without permission. He has already written a letter of objection to Breckland and he outlined the content.

Meeting opened at 8.26pm

ZR was reassured that there are only two family horses planned for the site as she would not like to see it as a launchpad for a business which could increase traffic joining a busy road.

The Council have no objection to the application but would like to see a condition placed that it is not expanded into a business in the future as access is onto a busy road and the Council could not support anything which could increase traffic movements. Proposed: RP, seconded: ZR.

One member of the public left the meeting at 8.34pm

AS re-entered the meeting at 8.35pm

- 3PL/2016/0199/F: Scoulton Hall Farm – Internal alterations to existing building and renovation of barn / garage. The Parish Council note that there have been numerous applications for this site and have no further comments. Proposed: CS, seconded: NW
- The Clerk has received notification from Breckland Council that there will no longer be paper copies of applications. Is it not known if this has been superceeded, however if this is still the case she will print black and white A4 copies of plans, if Councillors wish for colour or A3 copies, they should contact her and she will bring them to the meeting.
- The latest formal information from Breckland is that the planning application for the crematorium has been passed, however it is believed that there is may be more up to date information which has not been received by the Parish Council.

6. Correspondence

- Crime Figures for December 2015 and January 2016. None.
- Petition for planning. Clerk to forward to councillors for individual comment. **Clerk to action.**

7. To review and agree the Community Engagement Strategy as per the policy schedule

This had been previously circulated and was agreed. Proposed: CS, seconded: RP

8. To consider issues surrounding the bus shelter

It was agreed that ZR should purchase the paint and arrange for the painting when the weather is better. The Clerk to create a draft risk assessment and create a COSHH assessment when ZR has purchased the paint. **Clerk to action with ZR**

Mr Allcock agreed to take responsibility for cutting the grass.

9. Highways Issues

Offlets along B1108 and Woodrising Road need clearing however the grips along B1108 have been dug out.

Woodrising Road, Mere Lane and Ellingham Road are flooded. **Clerk to report**

The final member of the public left the meeting at 9pm

10. To consider a village event to celebrate the Queens Birthday in June

A resident has suggested that there be a celebration party however was not in attendance at the meeting to discuss this. **CR to contact the resident.**

11. Finance:

The Clerk distributed a precept update and the following cheques were agreed:

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| • Clerks reimbursements | chq 652 | £19.59 |
| • HMRC | chq 653 | £86.60 |

Proposed: AS, seconded: ZR

NW reported that the Church are trying to raise £5,000 toward re-roofing the village hall. It was agreed that the Council should add it to the next agenda. **NW to provide details for Scoulton News**

9. Future Business

Clerk to provide mobile library times to ZR for displaying on the boards. **Clerk to action.**
Church Roof

10. Dates of future meetings:

11 May, 6 July, 14 September and 9 November 2016. All at 8.10pm Scoulton Village Hall

Meeting closed at 9.20pm