

## MINUTES OF MEETING OF SCOULTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2016 AT 8.10 PM IN THE VILLAGE HALL

**Present:** Colin Spinks (Chair), Al Middleton, Roy Potton and Zena Rowland.

**In attendance:** The Clerk, DC Rogers and CC Jordan

### OPEN FORUM

CC Jordan reported that devolution will not be happening and other options are being considered for district and county working. The NCC precept request is likely to rise next year and there are likely to be cost cuts to try and balance the County Council budget.

**1. To accept apologies.** None

**2. To declare any interests on items appearing on the agenda.** None

**3. To Approve Minutes of meeting held in November and December 2016**

The minutes had been previously circulated and were agreed.

**4. Matters arising on minutes, for information only**

The bidding has opened for sports equipment and the council discussed their potential bid for a table tennis table. It was agreed that the Clerk should confirm any ongoing insurance implications and find the dimensions of the concrete pad. **Clerk to forward the information to Councillors.**

**5. Planning:**

None

**6. Correspondence**

- Crime Figures for October – none and November – 1 theft.
- Capita Customer Satisfaction Survey. This was discussed. Any comments to the Clerk who will submit them on 13<sup>th</sup> January.

**7. Highways Issues**

- The Clerk read an email from Highways suggesting that if the Council wish to purchase a fixed permanent VAS for use in the 50mph zone they could however the cost would be in the region of £8,000. Highways will not support 'no overtaking signs' as they would require a legal order, any yellow backed speed signs would also not be allowed.
- Repairs on the 50mph sign and PROW signs have not been completed. **Clerk to chase**
- The offlets along the Norwich Road have not been jetted. **Clerk to chase**

**8 To agree the following: Complaints, Disciplinary, Equalities, Financial Regulations, Freedom of Information, Grant Awarding, Grievance, Pension, SGS Management, Sickness Absence, Standing Orders, Terms of Reference SGS, Training and Travel & Expenses Policies.**

These had been circulated outside the meeting and were agreed. Proposed: AM, seconded: ZR

**9. Finance:**

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

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| • Clerks Reimbursements | chq 684       | £29.88  |
| • Village Hall Hire     | chq 685       | £20.00  |
| • HMRC                  | chq 683       | £121.80 |
| • Norfolk Pension Fund  | chq 686 & 687 | £38.61  |

Proposed: CS, seconded: ZR

**10. To agree the precept for 2017/18 including consideration of donation towards the Church Roof Fund**

The Clerk had previously circulated documents and they were discussed. It was agreed that the precept needs to be raised by 2% for a band D property. The precept therefore to be set at £4,091. Proposed: ZR, seconded: CS.

**11. Future Business**

Village Hall Door donation  
Church Roof update  
War Memorial update.

**12. Dates of future meetings:**

8 March, 10 May, 12 July, 13 September and 8 November 2017

Meeting closed at 9.35pm