

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
SCOTTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON MONDAY 18 APRIL 2011
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SCOTTON AT 6.00PM

DRAFT – MAY BE SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT

- 1 PRESENT: CLLR MRS B HILL (CHAIR); CLLR M CLARKE (VICE CHAIR);
 CLLR MISS M LANGFORD; CLLR S SMITH; CLLR MRS L WETHERALL;
 CLLR D BETT; CLLR J MCCAGUE
- 2 APOLOGIES: DISTRICT CLLR W PARRY:
 Cllr M Clarke opened the meeting as Cllr B Hill was unavoidably detained
 for a few minutes.
- 3 ADJOURNMENT PERIOD - NO ISSUES RAISED
- 4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST - NONE
- 5 MINUTES – MARCH 2011
 The minutes were signed and agreed:
 Proposed: Cllr S Smith; Seconded: Cllr D Bett; Unanimous
- 6 CLERK’S REPORT, MATTERS FOR URGENT ATTENTION & CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED & CIRCULATED
 Localism in Lincolnshire, Referendum notice of poll, Nominations for PC, Rural Links, Audit;

Item 8.1 was brought forward:

- 8.1 CO-OPTION
 Mr James McCague introduced himself to the Council.
 Proposed Cllr S Smith; Seconded: Cllr D Bett
 Resolved Mr James McCague be co-opted to the Council
- 7 PLANNING –
 - 7.1 126711 – 39 CRAPPLE LANE, FIRST FLOOR EXTENSION
 This application has gone to appeal and the following was agreed:
 The Council should contact WLDC and re-iterate their original objection.
 Clerk also to ring planning and ask if there is anything which should be added.
 The objections returned in December were:

- 1, Effect on Neighbouring Properties

The design of No. 39 is unusual having a wing projecting some 16m forward of the building line of the house itself and neighbouring properties. In discussion of the original planning application this was thought acceptable because the wing was a single storey construction which limited the impact.

The proposal to add an additional storey will seriously reduce amenities of the neighbours in respect of their outlook towards the lane. Should a precedent be set by granting permission, and if the owners of the similarly designed properties follow this example the single houses to the east will be seriously contained.

2. Effect on the Street Scene

In the documents and consultations relating to the selection of sites in Scotton for inclusion in the Local Plan in the 1990’s, there are many references to the need to retain

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the rural character of Site Sn4 in Crapple Lane. It was stated that “new development shall be sympathetic in design”.

This view was carried forward into the Outline Application documents (Ref MOOP/0653) which said that “the site is a sensitive edge of settlement site and will require careful landscaping to ensure that the development is well integrated and not overly prominent”.

If the current application for a two storey extension is granted, the property will have a prominent and overbearing impact on the street scene and will certainly not be sympathetic to the rural character of Crapple Lane.

- 7.2 126959 – LOWFIELD HOUSE, MIDDLE STREET – TO ERECT CARPORT
Noted permission had been refused.
- 8 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED
- 8.2 PHONE BOX PAINTING
This matter is in hand.
- 9 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS
- 9.1 UPDATE ON POTHOLES REPORTED
Clerk to follow up
- 9.2 STREET LIGHT ON EASTGATE
Clerk to report fault
- 10 FINANCE
- 10.1 INCOME & EXPENDITURE
draft statement circulated
- 10.2 FUNDING APPLICATION – EAU VALLEY SINGERS
Proposed Cllr S Smith; Seconded Cllr M Clarke; Unanimous Resolved: To fund the Eau Valley Singers
A cheque for £50 was authorised
- 10.3 NEWSLETTER COSTS
Proposed: Cllr L Wetherall; Seconded: Cllr B Hill; Unanimous Resolved: The Council should pay £5 per month to insert a summary into the newsletter.
This should be paid for a year in May when the Council pay their yearly donations
- 10.4 AUDIT RETURN
The Council checked the Annual Return and agreed the figures, replied to the questions and the Chair signed the return. Clerk reported that Mrs Ruth Bohin had agreed to act as Internal Auditor.
- 10.5 LALC
Cheque authorised for £191.90
- 10.6 BEST KEPT VILLAGE
Cheque authorised for £10 competition fee

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11 COMMITTEE AND OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 VILLAGE HALL REPORT – GIVEN BY CLLR S SMITH

There will be a very small increase in rent per session for the Parish Council.

12 OTHER BUSINESS

12.1 RETIREMENT OF CLLR S SMITH

Cllr S Smith is retiring from the Council after 38 years, being a founder member of the Parish Council when it was formed in 1973.

Cllr B Hill thanked Cllr Smith for an immense amount of hard work on behalf of the Parish of Scotton and said his expertise and knowledge would be missed.

13 MEETING CLOSED – 6.50PM

14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING –ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL:

MONDAY 23 MAY 2011 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 6PM