

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF**  
**SCOTTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**HELD ON MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2008**  
**IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SCOTTON AT 6.00PM**

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

APOLOGIES: CLLR MRS L WETHERALL (CHAIR); (REASON NOTED AND ACCEPTED)

ALSO PRESENT: DISTRICT CLLR W PARRY;

DECLARATION OF INTEREST –NONE

ADJOURNMENT: Cllr Parry said that the Councillor Initiative was once again available and urged the Council to think of projects they would want a grant for. Cllr Parry also said that there would be a review of the Mobile Library, although there did not seem to be a lot of scope for big changes.

Vice Chairman Cllr M Langford took the Chair

1 MINUTES – AUGUST 2008

The minutes were signed and agreed with one amendment  
'D'Alyson to be Dallison'

PROPOSED: CLLR S SMITH; SECONDED: CLLR K SMITH; UNANIMOUS

2 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

2.1 MOBILE LIBRARY

The Lincolnshire Federation of Women's Institutes have lodged complaints with regard to the recent provision of mobile libraries. Mrs Mary Smith, resident, has spoken to Martin Hill, portfolio holder, and has written a letter of complaint.

2.2 PARISH CALM

The provision of the Speed Indicator Device had proved useful. Several Councillors operated the device and Cllr S Smith had provided an analysis of the resulting figures. This is to be sent to Adrian Jones and Richard Greener with a request to borrow this equipment next year. The Council agreed this had proved a useful exercise and Cllr S Smith is to put an article in the newsletter.

2.3 MOTORBIKE TRIALS

The organisers dispute the fact that the event was not properly marshalled.

2.4 BT OFFER

The Council agreed that the red phone box should be purchased for £1. Whilst they would like to keep the telephony, it was felt that £500 a year was too high for a little used line.

Proposed Cllr B Hill; Seconded Cllr S Smith; Unanimous

The Council will keep the empty telephone box at a cost of £1.

2.5 BUS STOP - WESTGATE

Council have been told that the contractors are to complete this bus stop.

2.6 BEST KEPT VILLAGE RESULTS

The scores for the Best Kept Village were very good and the comments were very positive.

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2.7 ALLOTMENTS

Following discussion with the Allotment Wardens it was agreed that the following rents should be applied:

East Cockthorn: 2 acres @ £30 per acre

South of Beck: Rough strips £30 per acre

West Cockthorn 10 acres @ £35 per acre

Dallison 10 acres @ £35 per acre

Dallison 2 strips (25 & 27) @ a total of £44

Cockthorn Long Strip @ a total of £50

Clerk was asked to contact Allotment Wardens with regard to establishing that no allotment was being sub let. Clerk was asked to contact one Allotment holder to acknowledge that although he had cleared some rubbish to request that he clear more.

2.8 HEDGES

Overgrown hedges cost points in the Best Kept Village competition. Residents are to be encouraged to ensure their hedges are kept tidy and do not encroach on public areas.

2.9 PUBLIC FOOTPATH

There is confusion as to the definition of Beck Lane. Clerk was requested to find out what is the exact status of this lane.

Cllr M Langford (Vice Chair) and Cllr B Hill left the meeting at 7.20pm

Cllr S Smith took the Chair

3 PLANNING

3.1 121539 - 15 MIDDLE STREET – SCOTTON

Noted that this application has been refused.

3.2 122879 – 8 NORTHORPE ROAD – EXTENSIONS AND ALTERATIONS

No objections

Proposed: Cllr L Thornley; Seconded: Cllr K Smith; Unanimous

3.3 122801 – 4 EASTGATE – EXTENSIONS AN ALTERATIONS

This application was dealt with by circulation method and returned  
No Objections

4 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

4.1 KERBS AND POTHOLES

Cllr S Smith has walked the village and noted poor areas. Some of these have been recently rectified by Highways. Cllr Smith to monitor again.

4.2 SNICKET

Highways have agreed to improve the poor surface of the snicket, but this work has not yet been done.

4.3 SCOTTER ROAD FOOTPATH

The Council have received a reply from Highways indicating that they intend to improve this pathway over the next two years. In the meantime they have agreed to keep it in good order.

4.4 DOG BINS

The Council have been advised that it is not policy to install more than two dog bins on any one road. Residents are requested to clear up after their dog.

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5 FINANCE

- 5.1 CLERK HALF YEAR SALARY – Cheque authorised £600.
- 5.2 AUDIT – Cheque authorised £58.75
- 5.3 ALLOTMENT CHEQUE RECEIVED – A M<sup>c</sup>Cague - £40
- 5.4 INCOME AND EXPENDITURE – IN HAND £13095.26

6 COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS

Report given by Cllr K Smith. The Village Hall committee are looking at installing more play equipment and also the viability of hosting a Children's Christmas Party. The recent concert was a great success and raised £113.50 for the Village Hall.

7 OTHER BUSINESS

- 7.1 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – Crapple Lane – 3/11/08 for one week  
This item to be put in the Parish Newsletter
- 7.2 APPLICATION PL/0106/08 – SCOTTER SEWAGE KIOSKS  
Noted this application has been granted.
- 7.3 COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN  
Cllr S Smith took this plan. Clerk to email copies to rest of Council.
- 7.4 BUDGET  
Clerk to prepare preliminary figures for October meeting.
- 7.5 TRAINING EVENING – LAUGHTON TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 7PM TO 9PM  
Three Councillors wished to attend this evening.

9 MEETING CLOSED – 8.06PM

10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – MONDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2008 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 6PM