#### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF

#### SCOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

#### HELD ON MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2007

#### IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SCOTTON AT 6.00PM

PRESENT: CLLR J TERRY (CHAIR);CLLR MRS L WETHERALL (VICE CHAIR); CLLR MRS B HILL; CLLR S SMITH; CLLR M LANGFORD: DISTRICT CLLR W PARRY:

APOLOGIES: CLLR P GALLOWAY:

DECLARATION OF INTEREST - CLLR S SMITH; CLLR L WETHERALL - ITEM 5.1

ADJOURNMENT :

Cllr J Terry tendered his resignation due to ill health.

Cllr L Wetherall was proposed as Chair by Cllr S Smith, seconded by Cllr B Hill – unanimous. Cllr L Wetherall thanked Cllr terry for all his valuable contribution to the parish council. Cllr M Langford was proposed as Vice Chair by Cllr S Smith, seconded by Cllr L Wetherall unanimous

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 THE MINUTES WERE SIGNED AND AGREED

 PROPOSED: CLLR S SMITH; SECONDED: CLLR B HILL; UNANIMOUS

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2 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

#### 2.1 <u>POLICE QUESTIONNAIRE</u>

The Council agreed that they would wish to see the level of policing at least maintained but preferably increased. The Chair, Cllr L Wetherall volunteered to fill this in and return.

2.2 <u>CO-OPTION</u>

A notice has been on the notice board but there have been no volunteers so far. A notice is in the December issue of the newsletter. The Council will discuss this matter at their January meeting. Clerk to inform WLDC re resignation of Cllr Terry and the Council will be able to co-opt at their January meeting for this place also. Action Clerk

- 3 PLANNING
  - 3.1 <u>121200 15 MIDDLE STREET EXTENSION</u> NO OBJECTIONS
  - 3.2 <u>INVESTORIN</u> WLDC REFUSED PERMISSION

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#### 4 <u>HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS</u>

4.1 <u>TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE</u>

It was noted that the road from High Street/Westgate Junction to the A159 will be closed for one week from 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2007. It was agreed to put this information on the website and the notice board. Action Clerk

- 4.2 <u>BIG HOLE LAUGHTON LANE</u> This matter relates to 4.1
- 4.3 <u>ROAD SIGN CRAPPLE LANE</u> This sign has not yet been replaced. Clerk to follow up. Action Clerk

# 4.4 <u>SCOTTON TO SCOTTER FOOTPATH – RESIDENTS INQUIRY</u> It was agreed that residents should be encouraged to put their concerns in writing so that the Council have a basis on which to approach the relevant authorities.

4.5 <u>STREET LIGHT – CRAPPLE LANE</u> The faulty light has been reported.

# 5 <u>FINANCE</u>

5.1 <u>BUDGET</u>

The budget was discussed. The Village Hall requested an increase to £1900 for playground maintenance. (*Cllr S Smith and Cllr L Wetherall left the room for this discussion*). The Council agreed to this increase:

Proposed by Cllr B Hill; Seconded by Cllr M Langford, unanimous. The Village Hall were requested to supply the Council with quotes they had obtained for this work.

The budget for the year 2008/2009 was set at  $\pounds4688$ . The general fund carried forward from 2006/2007 was  $\pounds7586.14$ . It was agreed that the precept should be set at  $\pounds3000$  leaving a shortfall of  $\pounds1688$  to be made up from reserves, interest and VAT claim.

5.2 <u>INCOME & EXPENDITURE</u>

The current account has a balance of £2611.52. The reserve account has a balance of £11101.22. Funds in hand as at November 2007 are £13712.74

5.3 <u>LAND VALUATION</u>

It was agreed to contact the District Valuer as Clerk has been unable to find an estate agent willing to carry out this work.

5.4 <u>BECK LANE</u> It was agreed to write to Highways asking if they could improve the surface of this lane. Action Clerk

# 5.5 <u>COUNCILLOR INITIATIVE FUND</u> Cllr Parry had brought application forms. It was agreed that the Councillors should consider any projects brought to their attention and report to the January meeting.

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- 6 <u>COMMITTEE AND OTHER REPORTS</u>
  - 6.1 <u>VILLAGE HALL</u> The decoration of the hall is nearly complete and the recent project is close to finished.
  - 7 <u>Meeting closed</u> 7.37pm
  - 8 <u>Date of next meeting</u> monday  $28^{\text{th}}$  January 2007, in the village hall at 6pm

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