

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
SCOTTON PARISH COUNCIL
HELD ON TUESDAY 6TH NOVEMBER 2012
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SCOTTON AT 6.00PM
DRAFT – MAY BE SUBJECT TO AMENDMENT**

- 1 PRESENT: Cllr B Hill (Chairman); Cllr M Clarke (Vice Chairman);
 Cllr M Langford; Cllr L Wetherall Cllr J McCague; Cllr A McCague
 Cllr P Mirkin

The Vice Chairman, Cllr M Clarke opened the meeting due to the Chairman being unavoidably delayed. The Chairman took over the meeting at 6.11pm

- :2 APOLOGIES: None

- 3 ADJOURNMENT PERIOD - NONE

- 4 DECLARATION OF INTEREST - NONE

- 5 MINUTES – NOVEMBER 2012

The minutes were agreed and signed as a true record

Proposed: Cllr M Clarke; Seconded: Cllr L Wetherall;; Unanimous

- 6 MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED

- 6.1 CO-OPTION

Mrs Pat Mirkin was welcomed to the meeting.

The Council agreed to co-opt Mrs Mirkin and she was welcomed by the Chair and provided with an Acceptance form, Register of Interest and Standing Orders.

Proposed Cllr M Clarke; Seconded Cllr A McCague; Unanimous

- 6.2 PLANNING APPLICATION 128285

Outbuilding at rear of Blackthorns, Eastgate.

Council agreed to look at the hedge and boundary and return email comments for collation.

Action: Councillors & Clerk

- 6.3 BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Councillors looked through the comments to make a note of what would need improving for next year. Cllr Mirkin agreed to go to the presentation evening.

Action: Cllr Mirkin

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6.4 PARISH PLAN

Council looked at the following topics from the Action Plan:

Housing – ongoing

Environment – Black bags not relevant as there are now wheelie bins

Cllrs to do a complete check on street lighting provision

Action – Councillors

Bonfires – no complaints received for a long time

Dog Fouling – Posters to be put round the village

Action – Clerk

Drains – council to keep reporting problems to Highways

Action – Clerk

Councillors to look at all topics and bring back to next meeting items of immediate concern

Action – Councillors

6.5 GREEN BIN COLLECTION

Poster to be put on noticeboard/telephone kiosk

Action – Clerk

6.6 TREES ON WESTGATE – WLDC permission granted for removal

7 HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

7.1 UPDATE AND REPORTS

Concerns had been raised by a resident regarding blocked drains and water on Westgate. Cllr A McCague took a series of photographs and these have been sent to Highways. Clerk to contact Highways again to see when this will be rectified.

Action: Clerk

Concerns were raised about a footbridge off Laughton Lane – down Green Lane. This footbridge goes over a culvert and is bowed. Clerk to report.

Action: Clerk

7.2 LIGHT ON SNICKET

Despite assurances from Streetlighting that this would be rectified very quickly, nothing has yet been done. Clerk to contact Streetlighting again.

Action: Clerk

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8 FINANCE

8.1 INCOME & EXPENDITURE - in hand as at 06/11/12 - £10482.59

8.2 VILLAGE CARETAKER

Council agreed to write to Mr Williams offering him this position.

A pro forma will be sent and Mr Williams, if agreeable, will be asked to look round the village, see what needs doing, inform the council and provide a price for the work.

Proposed: Cllr M Clarke; Seconded: Cllr J McCague; Unanimous

Action: Clerk

8.2 CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

A receipt and thank you for the donation was received.

8.3 DONATION TO VILLAGE NEWSLETTER – Cheque authorised £70

8.4 BUDGET

A suggested budget and variation on this year's budget with estimated out turn was circulated. As WLDC have asked that Councils do not finalise their precept until WLDC look at the position of what increase will be allowed it was agreed to look at the budget in December.

9 VILLAGE HALL REPORT

The Village Hall continues to be well supported. A film night is to be held at some point in the near future.

10 MEETING CLOSED – 7.11PM

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 4TH DECEMBER 2012 IN THE VILLAGE HALL AT 6PM.