

RECORD OF SCOTTON PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON TUESDAY 6TH MARCH 2018 AT 6PM

- 1 **PRESENT:** Mrs B Hill (Chairman);, 6 Parish Councillors
 County Cllr Clio Perraton Williams,
 District Councillor Pat Mewis; PC Ian Shaw; PCSO Burnett;
 17 parishioners

2. **APOLOGIES:** District Councillor Bruce Allinson:

- 3 **MATTERS ARISING FROM 2017 MEETING**
 No matters reported. The Annual Record of 2017 was agreed and signed.
 Proposed M Clarke; Seconded C. Wood.

- 4 **ANNUAL REPORT**
 All present were given a booklet with the record of Annual Assembly for 2017 and several
 written reports including Scotton & District W.I.; Scotton Church PCC; Cllr Pat Mewis;
 Scotton Whist Drives; Scotton Friendship Club; Luddington Trust.
 Also included was a Financial Report and figures and two queries from villagers.

- 5 **OTHER REPORTS**

CHAIRMAN’S REPORT. Councillor Bev Hill gave the report and said that this, as usual, had been a busy year.

The defibrillator is checked weekly by council members on a monthly rota. The Telephone Box has been refurbished and is awaiting new glass and defib signs. Thanks were given to Mr Holland for repainting this.

Two new notice boards have been installed and the seat refurbished. Thanks go to Mr Small and Mr Williams who continues to work hard around the village.

Problems reported to council continue to be about potholes, grass verges, parking issues and dog fouling.

Numerous small planning application have been discussed and with 2 larger developments for outline permission, one of which was granted and one refused.

Thanks were extended to local farmers and parishioners who helped out with road clearance during the recent cold spell.

The Council thanked the Clerk and stressed that with the advent of more technology residents are now able to report road, lighting and anti social behaviour online.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT County Cllr Perraton Williams said that she enjoyed attending Scotton meetings. A discussion took place with regard to streetlighting and it was stated that lights should be left on all night in Dooks Close and near the Nursing Home. The time the rest of the lights go off is dependent on which village is switched off first in the line.

County Cllr Perraton Williams, along with Highways Director and other Highways officer and two councillors had undertaken a ‘Village Walkabout’ and various issues were raised. These will be discussed at the April meeting.

VILLAGE HALL: Mr M Schofield gave the report and said that the hall had seen a busy year with a good fete, quiz night, whist drives, and concert. New heating had been installed along with new blinds for the new windows!

BOWLS CLUB: Mr S Smith gave the report indicating 6 people play regularly and enjoy weekly games.

GOLDSTAR MOTOR CYCLE CLUB: Report given by Mr M Clarke who said that the club was very well supported with a regular attendance of about 40 people. Everyone is welcome to come along to meetings.

EAU VALLEY SINGERS: Report given by Lynne Wetheral who said that the community choir had 30 members and has sung at various local events during the last year.

SCOTTON ART GROUP: Report given by Chris Wood who said that the group now had more resources and meet weekly. They have also given several exhibitions which have been well supported.

POLICE REPORT: Given by PC Ian Shaw who said that Scotton was a very quiet village. There had been about 8 reported complaints, mainly about inconsiderate parking and erratic driving. In the area there had been an increase in van thefts and parishioners were requested to remain vigilant. PCSO Bill Thomas is our designated police contact.

6. PARISHIONER REQUESTS AND QUERIES

One resident queried whether the Recreation Area actually belonged to the village or to Forestry Commission. Mr S Smith said that the area was given in perpetuity to the village in the 1800's. Therefore the parish are responsible for the upkeep. Council will put this matter on the April Agenda.

One resident queried the view of the Parish Council of the relevance of the Neighbourhood Plan in the light of recent planning applications for houses.

This matter will be discussed at the April meeting when clarity has been sought from WLDC. The village clean up was discussed and will be organised for a fortnight's time, weather permitting.

Council are to request an Archer from Road Safety Partnership.

The trees on Crapple Lane were discussed during the Highways Walkabout. This will also be put on the April Agenda.

8. ELECTION OF ALLOTMENT WARDENS

Mr R Ramsay and Mr Laughton were re-elected.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10 The Assembly closed at 6.50pm.

The next Annual Assembly will be held on Tuesday 5th March 2019.

