

RECORD OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
SCOTTON PARISH
HELD ON TUESDAY 3RD APRIL 2012
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SCOTTON AT 6.30PM

PRESENT: FIVE COUNCILLORS, TWO PARISHIONERS, PCSO THOMAS , CLLR W PARRY:

APOLOGIES: DAVE BETT; JAMES MCCAGUE; STEWART & MARY SMITH:

1 MINUTES AND ANNUAL REPORT

Cllr Mrs B Hill took the Chair and welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.
Cllr Hill presented the record of the Annual Meeting 2011.

Proposed: Mr M Clarke; Seconded: Mrs L Wetherall; Unanimous
The record was agreed and signed as a true record.

2 MATTERS ARISING FROM 2011

There were no matters arising.

3 ANNUAL REPORTS

The Clerk presented the Annual Report which was accepted.

The Financial Statement was circulated accepted.

Proposed: Mr M Clarke; Seconded: Mrs L Wetherall; Unanimous

4 OTHER REPORTS

PCSO THOMAS reported that for the past year there had been an 8% reduction in crime in the Gainsborough Rural North area. Detection had increased from 11.2% to 21.2%. The majority of crime in this area is rural – theft of metal especially. Alcohol and drugs continue to be a problem with young people in Scotter but there have been no reported incidents in Scotton..

PCSO Raper has left the Rural North area to go to Welton and is being replaced by a PCSO from Welton.

The force is being reorganised again and we will once more have a CBM.

PCSO Thomas was thanked for his attendance and his continued care and concern for this area by the chair.

CLLR WILLIAM PARRY had to leave the meeting to attend another one and his report was read by the chair.

The report outlined that WLDC have a nil increase in Council tax for 2012/13 and have received Government grants of £5.7m for 2012/13 which is a reduction of nearly 25% over two years. However WLDC have received a new homes bonus grant of £0.8m.

The Council are now charging for pre-planning advice, which was formerly free.

Icelandic capital priority status for local Government councils has been confirmed so WLDC should receive back the bulk of the capital invested.

THE VILLAGE HALL report was given by Mr M Clarke who said that the hall was being very well used and had an increase in income over the past year. Maintenance costs are very high because the building is getting older but said the support from the parish was excellent.

The Chairman thanked Mr Clarke for his report

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5 **BEST KEPT VILLAGE**

Scotton Village had been awarded second place in the medium section for 2011. The Chairman urged everyone to pass the word to try to improve the village a little more and achieve first place in 2012.

6 **LUDDINGTON TRUST**

Mr S Smith, Mrs B Hill, Rev D Langford and Richard Coleman are Trustees.
Cllr Hill read a report from Rev D Langford::

The Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Wales set up the Luddington trust in 1897.

It is an amalgamation of three charities, namely the charities of Henry Luddington, the charity of an unknown donor and the charity known as Foxthorns.

The original Trustees were Rev. Thomas Harris, Thomas Oxley, James Arthur Musgrave and George Kirby.

The present day Trustees are Beverly Hill, Richard Coleman, Stuart Smith and Rev. David Langford.

The object of the Trust is for the trusts annual income to be applied for the benefit either of the poor of the Rural Parish of Scotton generally, or of such deserving and necessitous persons resident therein.

In today's modern world the term 'poor' is no longer relevant to its original meaning in 1897. Therefore consideration will be given to anyone, young or old who are not able or are having difficulty in raising funds for either personal development or improved living conditions.

Any parishioner who believes that they have knowledge of such a need or occurrence within the Parish may approach the Trustees, who will then make further enquiries.

8 **ALLOTMENT WARDENS**

Mr J Laughton, Mr J Kirman and Mr J Stacey have kindly agreed to continue to be Allotment Wardens for the coming year and were duly elected.

9 **OTHER BUSINESS**

Litter Pick – a resident had suggested that the Council organise a litter pick. This idea will be discussed at the next Parish Council.

Dog Fouling – a resident was concerned about the amount of dog fouling and this will be discussed at the next Parish Council in May.

10 **MEETING CLOSED**

There being no other business, Cllr B Hill declared the Annual Parish Meeting closed at 7.14pm.

11 **REFRESHMENTS kindly provided by Mr Smith were available.**