

RECORD OF SCOTTON PARISH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY  
HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL  
ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2016 AT 6PM

- 1      PRESENT:   Mrs B Hill (Chairman); Mr S Smith; Mrs M Smith; Mrs K Clarke;  
                  Mr M Clarke; Mrs C Musgrave; Mrs C Wood; Ms M Langford;  
                  Mr M Schofield;
2.      APOLOGIES: District Councillor Pat Mewis; Police; Lynne Wetherall;
- 3      MATTERS ARISING FROM 2015 MEETING  
          There were no matters arising from the 2015 record.  
          The Chairman explained that the Council carried out a yearly health check when they walked  
          the village. Special thanks must go to Mr Clive Williams who is doing a wonderful job keeping  
          the area looking neat and tidy.
- 4      ANNUAL REPORT  
          The Chairman gave the Annual Report and presented the Financial Statement.  
          Mr S Smith once again agreed to be the internal auditor whilst Grant Thornton remain for a  
          final year as the external auditors.

5      OTHER REPORTS

Friendship Club: Mary Smith gave a report about the work of this club which provides a valuable afternoon where older people can get together, enjoy a cup of coffee and play bingo or other games. The club also enjoy occasional meals out and wine and cake on birthdays. There are presently nine members and everyone of any age are welcome to come to the Village Hall on Thursday afternoons.

Whist Club. Mary Smith gave a report regarding the whist club which continues to meet on Wednesday evenings from September to the end of April. Although there are only between 12 and 16 players the club has managed to raised £330 for Village Hall Funds. The Christmas Drive and Raffle raised £500, also for V.H. funds and the Kidney Whist Drive raised £155 for Kidney Research.

Village Hall: Chris Musgrave gave the report and said 8 committee meetings took place over the course of the year (March, April, July, September, October, November, January and February) under the new Chairmanship of Mark Schofield. There has been much happening and must still to happen in respect of planned developments.

The prospect of new windows took a little longer than anticipated but the intention to replace the windows has sat alongside other considerations in terms of heating, insulation and other development ideas culminating in a prioritised wish list.

Some progress has been made during the year and lighting has been replaced with LED tubes which have met with a mixed reception. The ladies WC basin taps are to be replaced.

WiFi connection at the hall is now secured in place and is a useful addition to facilities.

The Air Walker limiter on the playpark has failed and the whole piece of equipment is due to be replaced. Plans are being discussed to plant bushes to grow around the perimeter fence.

ROSPA once again inspected the play park and committee are to monitor the EPDM, swing shackles and bushes.

The VH continues to benefit from an annual Parish Council grant towards the maintenance of the outdoor recreation facilities for which the committee are most grateful. In addition we were the local Co-Op Community Champion for a three month period and received £426.44p towards the replacement

window fund. Quiz nights and further donations were received from the W.I. and Eau Valley Singers which enables an application to be made for grant funding for the remainder of the window cost. The Annual Fete increased the coffers again and the organisation of the even and raffle will be subject to new co-ordinators this year as the previous organisers have stood down.

The VH hosted one performance from the Rural Touring Scheme at Christmas and hall bookings continue to be plentiful.

The Committee were pleased to endorse the nomination of Stewart and Mary Smith for the John Barker Trophy and they received an award for their active long service.

New members and supporters are still need and the VH are extremely thankful for the stalwards to continue to give whatever time they have for the benefit of the village.

Aikido: Mark Schofield reported that membership is currently 6 but two of these are going to University after the summer. However, the club will continue as everyone enjoys the activity.

Bowls Club: Report submitted by Peter Jackson. This year's session began on 1<sup>st</sup> September and will continue each Tuesday at 7.30pm until 9.30pm finishing for the year on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April.

There was a short break for Christmas during which members enjoyed an annual Christmas dinner at The Three Horseshoes. The current regular number of bowlers is only 7 and new members would be very welcome. The club is purely social and does not play competitively with other clubs.

Goldstar Motor Cycle Club: Report given by Malcolm Clarke who said that around 40 to 50 people attend. No-one has to be a member, people are always welcome to attend and have a cup of coffee and talk motorbikes. There is always a raffle the proceeds of which go to a nominated charity. Last year £700 was raised for Hospices and this year the charity will be Air Ambulance.

Eau Valley Singers: Report given by Christine Musgrave who said that the community choir consists of about 24 members, mainly women, with the odd man thrown in. There have been major changes this due to the departure of MD Denise Kavanagh and her husband. Denise Llewellyn has stepped into the role of MD and led a short programme at the Scotter Arts Festival. This was followed by a summer concert when Denise and Stuart Kavanagh returned to the helm for the final time. This was followed by the annual dinner at the Jenny Wren and a presentation to the Kavanaghs. There is now a programme which will be performed around the local area and concerts have already been held in various venues and a cheque for £500 was presented to Scotton Village Hall windows fund. In total the choir have raised £700 in the past year and are now practising for the summer concert to be held in Scotter Village Hall. Thanks are to be extended to Pat Mirkin, founder of the choir, who has worked tirelessly but has now decided to step down from the Committee while remaining a member of the sopranos. There is a new website and a Facebook page to enable everyone to keep up to date with news.

Scotton Art Group: Report given by Chris Wood who said that the group started with 8 members and now has 19 who meet weekly on a Wednesday afternoon during term time from 2-4pm in the Village Hall. Last year the group provided a display for St Genewys Church open weekend and will once again display their work in church this year. In the coming term two members of the group are going to do demonstrations in their own personal style. One member paints upside down to great effect, whilst the other will do a pastel sunset. Members may join in and do their own variation of the pictures and the results will be on display in the church during Festival of Open Churches weekend.

Luddington Trust: Report submitted by Revd D Langford. 'The Board of Charity Commissioners for England and Wales set up the Luddington Trust in 1897. It is an amalgamation of 3 charities, namely

Henry Luddington, an unknown donor and a charity known as Foxthorns. The original Trustees were Revd Thomas Harris, Thomas Oxley, James Arthur Musgrave and George Kirby whilst the present Trustees are Revd David Langfor, Beverly Hill, Richard Coleman and Stuart Smith.

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 with the Parish may approach the Trustees (in strictest confidence) who will then proceed with further enquiries.

## 6. PARISHIONER REQUESTS

### 6.1. Bus Shelter.

It was agreed amongst the attendees that there is no safe place to put such a shelter.

### 6.2. Litter.

This matter to be referred to Parish Council to organise a village litter pick.

Thanks go to WLDC for their rapid response to most requests especially regarding fly tipping. Thank you letter to be sent.

### 6.3. Christmas Tree

Matter referred to Parish Council.

### 6.4. Defibrillator

Parishioners agreed this would be a worthwhile purchase and matter to be referred to Parish Council.

## 7. BEST KEPT VILLAGE

Despite getting excellent marks last year, the village once again failed to gain an award. The Parish Council decided not to enter for the year 2016 as no constructive criticism was given and the Parish Council do not know how further achievement can be made.

## 8. ELECTION OF ALLOTMENT WARDENS

Mr Kirman and Mr Laughton are to be asked if they would be prepared to carry on. In addition it was resolved to ask the present tree warden if he would join them.

## 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman thanked, on behalf of the Parish, the Councillors both present and those who have recently resigned. Some interest has been shown in filling these places and this will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting.

Parishioner, Mr S Smith enquired about the New Development Plan and Clerk is to loan him the Parish Council copy as technically this plan should be looked at online. The consultation period is over and the plan is now in the final stages for approval.

Mr M Clarke has done a lovely presentation frame for the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Coin and this was officially presented by the Chairman of the PC to the Chairman of the Village Hall for display.