

**RECORD OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF
SCOTTON PARISH
HELD ON TUESDAY 1ST APRIL 2014
IN THE VILLAGE HALL, SCOTTON AT 6.00PM**

PRESENT: 12 PARISHIONERS, 3 VISITORS, CHAIRMAN & CLERK, DISTRICT CLLR MEWIS

APOLOGIES: JAMES MCCAGUE; ANDREW MCCAGUE; MARY SMITH; CHRISTINE HINDLE;

1 **WELCOME**

The Chairman, Cllr B Hill, welcomed everyone to the Annual Parish Meeting.

2 **MINUTES AND ANNUAL REPORT**

Chairman Cllr B Hill presented the record of the Annual Meeting 2013.

Proposed: M Clarke; Seconded: Mrs P Mirkin; Unanimous

The record was agreed and signed as a true record.

3 **MATTERS ARISING FROM 2013**

There were no matters arising.

4 **ANNUAL REPORTS**

The Annual Report and Financial Statement was circulated accepted.

5 **OTHER REPORTS**

BUILDING CONTROL PRESENTATION given by Phil Westmorland and Trevor Durant WLDC Building Control Officers.

Mr Westmorland explained that Building Control was separate to Planning although the two departments worked closely together. Building control are concerned with the fabric of the building i.e. drainage, fire safety and to ensure that minimum standards were met with regard to insulation and welfare of inhabitants. Because of these laws, Mr Westmorland said that Britain had some of the safest buildings in the world.

There are two ways of obtaining Building Control permission. Small extensions etc. can just be given a building control notice, whilst larger projects such as full dwellings need a full permission with checks carried out to ensure that building regulations are being met. If anyone fails to apply to building control permission because they didn't realise they needed it, then retrospective applications are accepted. If no permission is ever granted when the householder sells the property there could be all sorts of implications. Exempt erections are porches which have two doors i.e. new outside door and original door in place and conservatories which must have a door between the property and the conservatory. These cannot have a solid roof or be joined to the house with no separating door because this makes them an extension and different rules apply. Work carried out before 1985 is not covered by the current legislation.

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POLICE REPORT given by PCSO Thomas who said that crime had fallen this year. Last year there were 12 incidents reported and this year there were 10. These were rural crimes i.e. thefts from outbuildings etc. PCSO Thomas explained that he had looked at the reported problems regarding Beck Lane. Any motorbike rider who is legal to ride on the road can use this unrestricted road up to Green Lane. Any rider who has not got a licence, insurance etc. and especially those under 16 are liable to prosecution as this road is classed as any other public road. PCSO Thomas said that if residents were concerned that illegal riders were using the area they should ring 101 although unless the culprits are caught in the act there is nothing the police can do.

DISTRICT COUNCILLORS The Chairman read a small report from Cllr Chris Day and introduced Cllr Pat Mewis who said she was very pleased to represent the people of Scotton. Cllr Mewis lives in Scotter and replaces William Parry who was a very good friend of hers.

VILLAGE HALL REPORT given by Mrs L Wetherall who said that the new Chairman was Mrs Mary Smith and that the committee were working hard to fulfil some of the requests submitted in the recent questionnaire. Refurbishment of the hall and furniture was planned and new outdoor equipment being sourced. Mrs Wetherall said the Village Hall were grateful to the Parish Council for their continued financial support regarding the play area. As there are new items planned, the Village Hall have asked for an increase in support to £2500. As this is an asset to the whole community the Parish Council have increased their precept accordingly.

SCOTTON W.I. report given by Mrs Jean Renton, President of the W.I. Mrs Renton said that the W.I. met monthly and continued to be very well supported with a full programme of speakers. They have been able to welcome several new members and are always happy to be able to do this.

SCOTTON ART GROUP report given by Mrs Chris Wood who said that from a very small group, numbers had grown to 19 and there were several more interested people. They meet every Wednesday afternoon and have a friendly and enjoyable couple of hours. Occasionally a guest is invited to give a demonstration and last year there was a display of work which was very well supported.

EAU VALLEY SINGERS report given by Mrs Pat Mirkin
The group was started in April 2011 and the choir has grown into a lovely group of people who have entertained in a wide variety of venues. They have had a very busy year and are going from strength to strength. Members come from Gainsborough, Kirton Lindsey, Messingham, Scotter and Scotton and new members are always very welcome.

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SCOTTON INDOOR SHORT MAT BOWLS CLUB report submitted by Mr Peter Jackson. Bowls are played in the Village Hall every Tuesday evening from September to March at 7.30pm.

The bowls are played in a spirit of fun and relaxation, a great deal of camaraderie and banter with even the most wild shots often greeted with equally wild acclaim. This year there have been some new members and games have been played every week. The club recesses from the end of April to September. Anyone interested should just come along - no equipment is needed – all woods are supplied along with a cup of tea!

FRIENDSHIP CLUB report submitted by Mrs Mary Smith. The Friendship Club meet on Thursday afternoon from 2-4pm for a get-together, a game of bingo, a chat sometimes a game of dominoes and a raffle. They pay £1 each and usually meet in the Village Hall. However, if the weather is bad they meet at the home of Peter and Dianah Crick. Dianah kindly provides transport for those who need it. They also enjoy going out for the occasional meal. There is no age limit, upper or lower, everyone is welcome please ring Mary Smith on 762636 for more details.

SCOTTON MOTORCYCLE CLUB report given by Malcolm Clarke. The club meet in the Village Hall every 2nd Sunday of the month in the afternoon. Everyone is very welcome – members don't have to own a motorcycle, just be interested in them. There are usually about 30 to 40 people at these meetings and every year a charity is nominated. This year it was Prostrate Cancer and MacMillan Nurses and the club raised £7000 thanks to two vintage members riding vintage motorcycles from Lands End to John O'Groats.

SCOTTON WHIST CLUB reported submitted by Mrs Mary Smith. Scotton's whist drive season is from the beginning of September to the end of the following April with all money from the weekly Wednesday evening drives going to Scotton Village Hall funds as we pay no rent for the use of the hall. Last season the amount raised together with the Christmas Whist Drive and Draw came to £772. This season – with five more weeks yet to go we have already raised £763. Anyone who fancies a game of cards will be very welcome.

INTERNAL AUDITOR report given by Mr Stewart Smith who has acted as internal auditor for the past few years since retiring from the Parish Council. Mr Smith explained about the finances and the audit process. He said the most important thing to remember is that the money belongs to the Parish and therefore the Parish Council have to be very strict when using this money. All cheques are signed by two councillors and every finance transaction is minuted.

ALL THE ABOVE WERE THANKED BY THE CHAIRMAN.
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6 **BEST KEPT VILLAGE**

Last year the Community Council decided it was too costly to support the Best Kept Village Competition and CPRE Lincolnshire took over the running. Unfortunately, there were lots of mistakes and Scotton were just notified that they had not reached the final round.

- 7 **LUDDINGTON TRUST** - Report given by Mr Stewart Smith on behalf of Rev Langford. The original Trustees were Rev. Thomas Harris, Thomas Oxley, James Arthur Musgrave and George Kirby. Present trustees are: Mr S Smith, Mrs B Hill, Rev D Langford and Richard Coleman are Trustees
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.

8 **ALLOTMENT WARDENS**

Mr John Kirman and Mr John Laughton have kindly agreed to carry on for another year as allotment wardens.

9 **OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was reported.

10 **MEETING CLOSED**

Cllr B Hill declared the Annual Parish Meeting closed at 7.13 pm.

- 11 **REFRESHMENTS** were served by Mr Bob Millward