**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SCOTTON PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON THE 1ST of OCTOBER 2026 AT SCOTTON VILLAGE HALL 6PM**

1) **PRESENT – Cllr S Walker (Clerk and RFO), Cllr R Walker (Chair), Cllr H Alexander, Cllr J Deville, Cllr Y Huddleston, County Cllr. C Reeve & District Cllr K Carless**
2) **PUBLIC SESSION – No members of the public present**
3) **APOLOGIES – Cllr K Ibbeson**
4) **REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

**District Councillor made the following points.**

a) **Cllr Carless stated that Greenbelt who are in charge of maintenance for Westfield and other housing developments in this area, including one at Blyton, are proving to be very difficult to cancel due to the fact that there is no cap on charges and that these charges can be put on homeowners mortgages. It is still to be established whether these charges are applied to renters. A motion is to be put to WLDC to see whether any help can be given to people caught up in this.**
b) **The LGR proposed has been challenged and will now be subject to a judicial review.**
c) **The May 2027 elections will take place as planned**
d) **Summer activities in Gainsborough were well received and the Christmas lights switch on will take place on the 20th of November 2026.**
e) **The Trinity Arts Centre has recently been subject to repairs and is now seeking a new heating system as well as a possible expansion to the building.**
f) **Proposals are in place to provide a "Squaddie Box" at a location in Gainsborough. This will enable homeless persons to have access to a secure mailbox. Priority will be given to homeless veterans.**
g) **WLDC/Scampton Holdings have been unsuccessful in their bid for RAF Scampton. It has been obtained by an aerospace company**

**County Councillor Reeve made the following points**

a) **Following a report by the CQC it was concluded that LCC social services need urgent improvement. LCC have identified many factual errors within the report and have made complaints about both the marking of and the quality of the inspection itself. Legal letters are now in circulation and the matter is ongoing**
b) **Regarding reporting faults Cllr Reeve stated that people should keep reporting these on Fix My Street. Cllr Huddleston stated that the footpath running from Holly Tree Nursing home to its ending is in very poor condition. Cllr Reeve asked that she report this on Fix My Street and then forward the reference number obtained to him.**
c) **Cllr Reeve stated that for matters such as anti-social behaviour should be reported via 999/101/Crimestoppers according to the urgency of the matter. Photographs and videos are always a good idea as back up to the report. Following extra funding there will be extra PCSO's allocated**
d) **The £250 County Councillor grant for each of Cllr Reeves parishes is still available to Scotton. If not taken up immediately it can be carried forward to next year.**

5) **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS – Remain unchanged**
6) **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 3/9/2026-The minutes were Accepted as a true and accurate record of the proceedings**
7) **FINANCE**
   a) **Grass cutting to Mr Williams £200 - Agreed**
   b) **Microsoft due 7/10/26 – Agreed £104.99**
   c) **Cloudnext - Agreed £179.98 (2 invoices)**

8) **PLANNING – Following a report received by Cllr R Walker it was agreed to monitor the situation and defer till the November meeting**

**9) VILLAGE HALL – The VHMC have decided to start a GoFundMe page to purchase an extra play item for the toddler area of the playground. A poll will be put out for suggestions as to what this should be**

**10) PENFOLD – The planters at the penfold are still in good condition and have attracted positive comments throughout the summer. Cllr Huddleston stated that the right side planter appeared to be slightly off centre. Assurance was given that it has always been like that.**

**11) ORCHARD – Following the very hot weather and ensuing drought some of the fruit trees have been lost. After a discussion it was agreed to approach families with plaques in the orchard to ask their opinion as to what should be done. This could be a memorial tree/memorial stakes.**

**12) COUNCILLORS REPORTS – None**

**13) AOB – Cllr Deville asked if the Parish Council were planning anything to mark Remembrance Day. Nothing is planned. Cllr Deville then asked if a permanent memorial could be considered within the village. District Councillor Carless stated that it may be possible to obtain a memorial complete with engraved names free of charge. To send details through to the clerk.**

**14) NEXT MEETING – Thursday 5th November 2026**