

SCOLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 20 January 2009 7.30 pm at Scole Primary School

Present: Cllrs. G Moore (Chairman) , R Franklin, A Frith, Mrs C Moore, R Philpot, Mrs S Redgrave.

In Attendance: Mrs M Cook (Clerk to the Council)
District Councillor J Wilby
1 member of the public

1. **To receive & accept apologies for absence**
Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Mrs P Fisher and Mrs J Jones.
2. **To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda**
There were no declarations of interest.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting**
The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 16 December 2008, having previously been circulated to all Members, were unanimously confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.
4. **To receive any Police Liaison Officer report**
There was no Police presence or report. As there was not even an apology for non-attendance Councillors asked the Clerk that a report of non-attendance was brought to the Inspectors attention.
5. **To report any correspondence or action, for information purposes, arising from the minutes**
The lights reported at the last meeting had now been attended to.
6. **To adjourn the meeting to receive**
 - a) **residents questions or comments**
 - The Clerk was asked if the School, having increased the fees, would now provide better seating for members of the Public.
 - b) **report from District & County Councillors**

The District Councillor reported on the following:

 - South Norfolk Budget increase would be under inflation
 - Increase in the number of Benefit claims
 - Joint core strategy identifying that there would be 11,000 new homes in South Norfolk.

The County Councillor had sent a written report which was read by the Clerk, and reported on the following:

 - Road damage and the poor quality of top dressing on local roads
 - LGR News that Boundary Committee will not publicise decision on Unitary until mid February.
 - A140 will be closed again February.
 - Safer Neighbourhood Meeting at Diss Corn Hall on February 5th at 7.00pm
 - Speedwatch – people willing to be trained can download application form from www.norfolk.police.uk/artPDF/CommunitySpeedwatchBooklet.pdf
 - County Council Budget is being finalised and there will be more details in ‘Your Norfolk’ magazine.
7. **To re-convene the meeting**
The meeting was re-convened at 7.47pm

8. **To receive and discuss items from Parish Councillors**

Items discussed included:

- Road surfaces especially in Bungay Road, where pedestrians are complaining of loose gravel being thrown up. Clerk was asked to write to Highways.
- Top dressing outside shop went straight over the road markings.
- A1066 where footpath still needs clearing to allow pedestrians more room to walk
- Postal box remains over full at times
- Pipe between two ditches at Playing Field
- Pot hole in New Road
- Bushes near the Playing Field (Mr Whyberd to be requested to cut back)
- 40mph sign at junction of A143/Bungay Road at an angle
- Parish Plan report during which Members offered thanks and noted that it had only reached this point due to the amount of hard work put in by Councillor Moore, and was only being carried out by the Parish Council due to the lack of support from the Public, with whom the responsibility for the Plan should lie. Questionnaires would be delivered to households by PostHorn volunteers and help in completing them, if necessary, would be given in the Billingford area by Cllr Redgrave, Thelveton by Cllrs G & M Moore, and Scole by Cllrs Philpot, Frith and Fisher.
- Noted that Diss Speedwatch cannot get enough volunteers
- Noted that having received another document on Windfarms, it had been reported that in general all windfarms cause problems between masts and receivers of TV reception etc.
- Parking problems on Diss Road again, and Cllrs discussed the possibility of some sort of restricted parking between 0800 and 1700hrs each day.

9. **To consider planning applications as notified by South Norfolk Council**

There were no applications to be considered.

Planning Application Withdrawn

2008/2202 30 St Andrews Road, Scole
Erection of 1.8m fencing

Report of Decisions Made:

2008/2069 Corner Cottage, Upper Street, Billingford
Approved with conditions

10. **To a) confirm payment of accounts presented at the meeting, and note bank balances** The schedule of payments, circulated to Members was discussed, bank balances noted, and it was **RESOLVED** that payment of the accounts totalling £635.79 be authorised.

Letters amending a standing order payment and requesting a signatory mandate change were also signed.

To b) receive the receipts & payments and reconciliation to 31.12.2008

The analysis of payments and receipts to 31 December 2008, having previously been circulated to Members was received and noted.

11. **To receive a report from the Trustees of Scole Community & Playing Fields**

It was decided to ask a minimum of 3 Trustees to attend quarterly meetings to bring the Council Members up to date on plans and progress. This was highlighted because of the absence of Cllr Fisher who Members felt unfairly bore the burden of Councillors questions.

Cllrs Philpot, Redgrave and G Moore would endeavour to attend the next meeting of the Playing Fields Committee (an open meeting) and convey to the members that they were looking to assist a way forward in the approach to Sir Rupert Mann for land.

12. **To discuss the Management of the Grass cutting contract**

Contracts with Norfolk County Council, Saffron Housing and Mr Whyberd to be progressed by the Clerk.

Mr Whyberd will be requested to inform the Clerk what day he will be in the Parish.
He will not take instruction from anyone other than the Council, via the Clerk, and in the absence of the Clerk, the Vice Chairman, Councillor Redgrave.
It was proposed and agreed unanimously that Mr Whyberd be requested to attend to the bushes at the entrance to the Playing Fields for £70.

13. **To receive an update on the Affordable Housing Scheme**

The Clerk had received a verbal update from Mark Walker at Broadland Housing Association as neither he nor Abi Dennington-Price from South Norfolk was able to attend the meeting.

- Contracts ready to exchange on land purchase
- NPS will sell the ditch at the front of the site to enable access
- Planners have approved site layout, and have only to comment on elevations
- Consultation should go ahead mid February.
- Similar schemes have recently received funding

The meeting was adjourned for the District Councillor to make a comment.

The meeting was then re-convened.

14. **To receive an update on the acquisition of Allotments**

The Clerk reported that she had contacted Sir Rupert Mann regarding the purchase or lease of land for an Allotment site but he had declined to discuss the situation in depth pending discussions with the Playing Field Committee on their proposals for additional land for which he was still waiting for information.

15. **To discuss the Village Fete**

After discussion it was proposed that Cllr Redgrave would attend the forthcoming Fete meeting, inform the organisers that the Council would like to take a stall, and would as last year, offer a £100 donation. This was agreed unanimously.

16. **To discuss and progress the Noticeboards**

Having received and discussed two quotations for Noticeboards it was proposed and unanimously agreed to accept a quote from Ken Southall to supply three no. double wooden noticeboards at a cost of £1,025.00 for Low Street, Billingford, Thelveton and Scole (specific locations to be decided upon) It was noted that the noticeboard at Upper Billingford had been repaired by Mr John Redgrave, and thanks were given.

17. **To receive any verbal report of Accidents within the Parish**

It was noted that the crash barrier towards the end of the dual carriageway near to the Thelveton/Dickleburgh roundabout had been considerably re-shaped presumably as the result of an accident.

19. **To receive details of correspondence received, not dealt with elsewhere**

- Letter re East of England Plan to 2031 – EERA will consult in 2009
- Norfolk Police Authority Open Meeting Thursday 29 January at Wymondham
- Coastlines Newsletter Winter 08 from Environmental Agency
- Consultation document on ‘Communities in control’ – Code of recommended practice on local authority publicity

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

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Chairman