

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING
SCOLE, THELVETON & BILLINGFORD
SCOLE PARISH
TUESDAY 20 MAY 2008 7.00PM - SCOLE PRIMARY SCHOOL

1. Welcome by Chairman of the Parish Council

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming eight Parish Councillors, the County Councillor, the District Councillor, 3 members of the Public and the Clerk.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 May 2007 were circulated and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

3. Reports from Local Organisations

The Clerk read the written reports (copies of which are attached) received from:

St. Andrew's Church PCC, Scole

Mother's Union

Scole Primary School

Billingford PCC - Mrs Redgrave read the report on behalf of St Leonards, Billingford
Scole Playing Field & Community Centre - Mrs Fisher read the report from the Playing
Field & Community Centre (copy attached)

Scole Dominoes Club - Mrs Stygall reported that the Dominoes Club meets every
Tuesday night during October to May and every two weeks in the Summer. They are a
happy and profitable Club

Scole Women's Institute - Mrs Hall read the report from the Women's Institute (copy
attached)

4. Report from County Councillor Fran Pitt Pladdy

Cllr Pitt Pladdy reported that he is currently serving on the following committees: -
Children's Services Area Working Group - Southern, Corporate Affairs Review Panel,
Fire and Community Protection Review Panel, Norfolk Joint Museums and Archaeology
Committee - Accounts Approval Sub Committee, Teachers Joint Consultative
Committee. He also acts as spokesperson on the Corporate Affairs Review Panel -
Commercial and the Norfolk Joint Museums and Archaeology Committee.

On outside organisations Cllr Pitt Pladdy serves on the Great Yarmouth Area Museums
Committee, King's Lynn and West Norfolk Area Museums Committee (substitute),
Breckland Area Museums Committee (substitute), Wherry Lines Community Rail
Partnership, South Norfolk Alliance (substitute). He spoke of the major events in
Scole from his point of view as being the success of the OSCARS trial on Old Norwich
Road, the achievement of the 40 mph speed limits through Thelveton and through
Waterloo Bends.

5. Report from District Councillor Jenny Wilby

Cllr Wilby started her report by thanking the Council for welcoming her to the
meetings and recommending people to attend. Last May saw a change of administration

at South Norfolk Council which is now made up of 38 Conservative Councillors and 7 Liberals. (One by-election pending in Diss)

Cllr Wilby reported that she serves on the South West Planning Committee, 2 Overview and Scrutiny Committees, the Older Peoples Forum, the Local Government Review Committee, the Waveney Valley Neighbourhood Forum, the Licensing and Appeals Committee.

5 Neighbourhood Forums have been set up across South Norfolk and to date have awarded 30 grants to local projects, as well as providing an area for local people to have their say on local issues. The Neighbourhood Forums will soon be merging with the SNAPs. She listed some of the achievements of the Council, so far, as providing more affordable housing for local people; being the best in the country for revenues and benefits; providing free phone numbers for callers to the Council; being rated the best on fly tipping; investing up to £1m in outdated leisure centres; providing better activity schemes for youngsters and supporting our Olympic hopefuls for 2012. South Norfolk has been awarded 'Excellent Council' by the Audit Commission. All this and for 0% increase on the District Council share of the Council Tax.

6. Chairman's Annual Statement

The Chairman referred to the Parish Council moving forward in various ways including the appointment of a General Purposes Working Group who were looking to propose the appointment of a Village Ranger for the Parish; support of the proposed Affordable Housing Scheme; all aspects of reducing speeding through the Parish; the pro-active attitude of the Council over the proposed Post Office closures. The Chairman thanked his fellow Councillors for their help in the past twelve months, and hoped that two more interested Parishioners could be found to join the Council to enable another step forward towards Quality Status.

7. Opportunity for members of the Public to speak

No members of the Public wished to speak.

8. To discuss any other items accepted by the Chairman

None had been advised.

There being no other business to be transacted, the Chairman thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting.

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Chairman

Please note - all Clubs and Society reports are attached separately, and thereby form part of these minutes.