



Sole Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting, 20th October 2009, 7.30 pm,
Scole Primary School

Cllr.s present: G Moore (Chair), R Franklin, J Jones, C Moore, A Frith & R Philpot

In Attendance: Alex Pullen (Clerk), Jenny Wilby (District Cllr.), Martin Wilby (County Cllr.) Mark Walker, Saffron Housing and three members of the public

1. **Receive & accept apologies for absence:** Cllr S Redgrave & Cllr P Fisher
2. **Receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda:** None
3. **Confirm the minutes of the previous meeting:**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 15th September 2009, having previously been circulated to all Members, were agreed and signed by the Chair.

4. **Report any correspondence or action, for information purposes, arising from the minutes:**
5. The Clerks updated the members on two outstanding actions
6. **Adjourn the meeting to receive:**

Resident's questions or comments:

- J Foreman, Play Area funding, Scole Community Centre & Playing Field
- K Haykian, Wind Turbines at Eye, Suffolk

Report from District Cllr.

- Young Peoples Champion
- SNAP – keep an eye on play equipment in Diss & Mission Road. Also, lorries in Dickleburgh
- SN Benefits Team is the best in England

Report from County Cllr.

- Pride In Norfolk meeting last week
- NCC saving 140m over next 3 years. Central government grants frozen
- Cabinet meeting – Thorpe Council
- Hedge on the A1066 – Both Cllrs. A Frith and C Moore raised further concerns that although the hedge had been cut, there was a large amount of debris still on the path, ACTION Clerk

7. **Re-convene the meeting:** - The meeting was re-convened
8. **Receive the Clerk's report including the following:**

- Clerk confirmed the bank balances and reconciliation for the month of October
- Clerk proposed a new Financial Sub Committee of at least two members to confirm accuracy of the accounts on a quarterly basis. Transparent review process is required to enable the Parish Council to meet Quality Status. Proposed by Cllr. G Moore, seconded by Cllr. R Philpot
- Letter received from Trevor Raven, Posthorn requesting council permission to advertise their new URL on the Parish Council notice boards, agreed unanimously



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9. Affordable Housing:

Mark Walker updated the members informing them of a good turnout at the recent Consultation Event. A decision is due on the main planning in February 2010 and work is to start immediately. The development is scheduled to be completed in Nov / Dec 2010. There is some concern regarding the land at the rear of the development for possible future development and maybe access rights? The access issue may cause a delay in the submission due to legal complications. The proposed road plan is to remain as is with no alteration to the front of the development. Highways abolished the turning and are happier having a splitter island with a safe crossing for the school – only the new access road to be formed. Cllr. A Frith was concerned about the potential jams at the school

The Clerk enquired as to whether Section 106 money is due on the development as the council is seeking suitable land for allotments in the parish. Mark informed the members that Section 106 money may be available and that he may be in a position to securing funds for the extra play equipment required by the Community Centre & Playing Field in addition to enough funding to obtain land for the allotments? ACTION Clerk

10. Disbanding of Brownies

Quotes required for a brass bracket for the Brownie Flag to be hung in the church. Cllr. P Fisher to obtain quote – Members agreed in principle. Proposed by Cllr. A Frith and seconded by Cllr. C Moore. Agreed unanimously.

11. Wind Turbine - New Developments:

Following a lengthy discussion, the members agreed to organise a separate meeting (ACTION Clerk) to discuss both of the proposed developments at Eye and Tivetshall. There is an amendment to the original plan reducing the number in favour of larger turbines. The area is not considered a site of specific interest with no scientific values etc. The Members and residents have been invited to attend the site at Swaffham. Council's opinion is sought by 11th December 2009 for the Tivetshall site. Cllr. G Moore suggested broadening the meeting with Kim Haykian to include Tivetshall. A draft policy document is required by the November meeting – ACTION Cllr.R Philpot. Send to Clerk for onward distribution, ACTION Clerk. Clerk to send 4 Villages information to Cllr. R Philpot, ACTION Clerk

12. Poppies for the War Memorial:

The wreath was proposed by Cllr. R Philpot and seconded by Cllr. A Frith. Cllr. A Frith proposed that the wreath is no longer paid for from parish funds and that the members should consider paying for it through their own donations as it used to be. Proposed by Cllr. J Jones and seconded by Cllr C Moore. Donations were collected by the Clerk to be forwarded to John Baines, ACTION Clerk

13. **Play Area Funding:** It was agreed that this item would be deferred until the Clerk had received a response to the Section 106 money from the affordable housing development

14. **Planters for the Memorial Green** – Postponed until the November meeting

15. **Low Road, Billingford:** Postponed until February 2010 to allow for response from residents

16. **ISP for scolepc@btinternet.com and change of MSN**

The clerk is experiencing difficulty in using MSN for her work. The members agreed to pay the monthly fee of £12.50 per month (50%) towards an upgraded package, hosted from BT to a maximum of £150



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annually. The parish data is required to be backed up on a regular basis and BT provide a 'digital vault' offsite. It was considered to be a cost effective way forward.

17. Receive and discuss items from Parish Cllrs.:

- Several tyres have been reported in the ditch just passed Oaklands on the Norwich Road. Clerk to identify to owns the ditch, prior to a request for removal, ACTION Clerk
- An enquiry was made about the allotment situation? The Clerk is unable to locate a previous letter from Mr Tunmore and it was suggested to write to him further, ACTION Clerk
- Cllr. C Moore had hoped to have a skeleton document of the Parish Plan for the meeting. Item postponed until November but an additional meeting suggested for when the document is complete?
- The Thelveton milestone requires refurbishing. Enquiries to be made, ACTION Clerk
- Mr G Larkins had written to both the District & County Cllrs. with regard to traffic on the Bungay Rd and that he hoped to have the report completed within three weeks
- Cllr. J Jones was pleased with the recent work to cut back the brambles on the Thelveton bridge

18. Consider planning applications: 2009/1294 Agreed, 2009/1426, Ongoing, 2009/1337 Withdrawn

19. Confirm payment of accounts presented at the meeting, and note bank balances:

The schedule of payments, circulated to Members was discussed and it was RESOLVED that payment of the accounts totalling £1982.12 be authorised.

20. Receive a report from the Trustees of Scole Community & Playing Fields – Cllr. P Fisher

- We provided a hamper for the Church's Harvest Festival
- The football season is in full swing and they have made a good start. On top of our existing football teams we have a welcome addition of a veteran's league. This is giving some of our retired players (Over the hill at 35) a chance to show off their skills and keep fit. 17 teams in total
- The Bowls club have fertilised and scarified the green which will hopefully pay dividends next season
- Football clubs held a horse racing evening to raise funds for the hire of their training pitches in Diss

21. Receive any verbal report of Accidents within the Parish

Two accidents on the A143 one in the lay-by further along the A143. Police and ambulance in attendance at one of them; no further details available

22. Receive details of correspondence received, not dealt with elsewhere

- Details of mileage claims for the current year to be forwarded to the Clerk for recording purposes, ACTION All
- The adoption of three phone boxes from BT. Cllr. G Moore explained that this had previously been decided upon and an action was agreed for the Clerk to confirm and/or deal with, ACTION Clerk
- Proposal to transfer funds from the Reserve Acct. ensuring the Community Account doesn't become overdrawn. This has occurred twice in 2009. A £2k transfer was agreed unanimously.

The public meeting closed at 9.40pm to discuss the Clerk's contract which was concluded at 9.55pm.


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Chairman