

## SCOLE PARISH COUNCIL

### Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 15 April 2008 7.30 pm at Scole Primary School

**Present:** Cllrs S Buckle (Chairman) Mrs S Redgrave (Vice-Chair), Mrs P Fisher, R Franklin, A Frith, Mrs C Moore, G Moore, R Philpot.

**In Attendance:** Mrs M Cook (Clerk to the Council), 6 members of the public, County Councillor F Pitt-Pladdy and District Councillor Mrs J Wilby.

1. **To receive & accept apologies for absence**  
Apologies received and accepted in respect of Cllr Mrs Jackie Jones
2. **To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda**  
No declarations received.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting**  
The minutes of the Council meeting held on 18 March 2008, having previously been circulated to all Members, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.
4. **To receive any Police Liaison Officer report**  
There was no Police presence, and the Crime report showed no further updates since December 2007.
5. **To receive an update on the proposed Affordable Housing scheme**  
As there was no attendance by, or apology from, the representatives from South Norfolk District Council and Broadland Housing, the Clerk was asked to write and express the Members concern at non-attendance and more so, at no update on the scheme.

*7.35pm Cllr Pearl Fisher arrived*

6. **To discuss the proposed Post Office Closures and decide on any action to be taken**  
Cllr. G Moore, having attended the meeting at South Norfolk, called when it was officially known which Post Offices in the area were proposed for closure, distributed his notes on the meeting and further updated the Council meeting.  
It was proposed and unanimously agreed, that this Council supports the campaign against the closure of Scole Post Office  
It was further proposed that a Working Party be created to guide the campaign on behalf of the Council. The Members of the Post Office Working Party are to be Cllr Graham Moore, Cllr Roy Philpot, Cllr Alan Frith and (subject to confirmation) Mrs Kim Charles (Post Mistress)
7. **To report any correspondence or action, for information purposes, arising from the minutes**
  - a) Footpaths, Millers Lane/Angles Way (FP34) and Church to Bungay Road (FP30) have both now been completed by Norfolk County Council.
  - b) Mr David Moore (who was this Council's choice), was elected as additional parish representative on the South Norfolk Council's Standards Committee
  - c) Work has started on the South End of Norgate Lane, to close the road to vehicular access/exit to A143 permanently.
  - d) £200 received from South Norfolk DC for the recycling centre at Ransome Avenue
  - e) Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for South Norfolk 2008 – 2018. This is about the first draft for consultation and can be viewed on-line, for your views. This does not

- require a 'council' response, but is really for information because it will become part of the documents that should be considered when making other decisions as a Council.
- f) South Norfolk Local Housing /Delivery Plan 2008 -2011 – part of the Greater Norwich Housing Partnership.
  - g) Norfolk Minerals & Waste Local Development Framework Consultation deadline has been extended by 4 weeks to 25 April 2008.
  - h) Annual Return for 2006/2007 has been queried by the Audit Commission, an adjustment of about £40 has been made, and the Vice Chairman has had to initial that change.
  - i) As a result of a complaint Gary Overland (NCC) and Kelly Lunness (SNDC) have today contacted the owner of the Crossways PH asking him to remove from the Highway verges a total of 21 signs advertising his Public House. He has been told to remove them by pm. today.
  - j) As previously requested I queried previous reports about Travellers, and I am currently awaiting a reply from Highways.

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

**a) Parish Plan**

**b) General Purposes Working Group**

- Cllr Franklin - Street nameplates on Norwich Road have not been moved  
 -Trees at War Memorial have not been attended to  
 - Dayburning street light at Corner of Bungay Road
- Cllr Fisher - Light flickering in Bridge Road  
 - Brought to the attention of Members that Anglia Water invoices cannot be paid at the Post Office unless a charge is paid. Paypoint machines are available at Dickleburgh and Bungay, but recently the one at Dickleburgh has not been working and this caused great financial expense to a Parishioner.  
 - Car stolen in the Parish last month, held by a recovery company who finally contacted the owner, even though apparently the Police had the information. Police matter which must be taken up with them.
- Cllr Redgrave - Referred to two letters in PostHorn, to which she asked if the Clerk would reply.
- Cllr C Moore - Asked if there was any news regarding the clearing of the TROD between Thelveton and Scole. Clerk to chase.  
 - Pointed out the graffiti on the telephone box and on the school notices at Scole.
- Cllr G Moore - Informed Members that one of the dog bins had been sited on Norwich Road and was being used. Clerk to inform South Norfolk to add it to the list for clearing.  
 - Work had been continuing on the website and there were a number of links to and from other sites.  
 - Asked for confirmation that the Council intended taking a stall at the Village Fete. A suggestion that there would be an agenda item at the next meeting to take a stall, make a donation for £100, and donate a raffle prize was agreed by all
- Cllr Philpot - Reported that there was a shopping trolley full of rubbish on Bridge Road.
- Cllr Buckle - Suggested that if any was moved to organise a litter pick in the Villages, he would be willing to help.
- Parish Plan - Cllr Moore updated the meeting on the progress of the Parish Plan. The recent meeting had been attended by 17 people. The next step will be to carry out a Villages Appraisal to identify things in the Parish that need to be identified with a view to creating a questionnaire. This will be useful for Parish work and community groups.

General Purposes Working Group

- Cllr Redgrave circulated a written report on the conclusions reached by the group and its suggestion to Council. She informed the meeting that three requests for tenders had been sent out in respect of the grass cutting function. The proof for an advert advertising for a Village Ranger was passed round, and there was unanimous approval for this to be placed in the noticeboards.

**9. To adjourn the meeting to receive a) residents questions or comments  
b) reports from District & County Councillors**

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 8.40pm to receive

**a) residents questions or comments**

- Mr Barry Skipper from Thelveton said that he understood there were vacancies for Parish Councillors and he would like to put himself forward for co-option.
- Mrs Kim Charles, Postmistress having joined the meeting after closing the Post office for the day, said she was pleased to have the support of Parish, District & County Councils. There was little or no contact from the Post Office except to tell her that action from her could result in losing her pension. She is to join the Working Group in organising support against closure.

**b) reports from District and County Councillor**

County Councillor reported on

- NCC Website on Post Closures
- Local Government Review and the criteria for decisions on Unitary
- Waste Minerals consultation
- Shortage of LEA Governors at most Schools
- 25 year streetlighting contract awarded to Amey

District Councillor reported on

- 4- unitary bid for Norfolk / Suffolk
- Norgate Lane, that there was another post to go in.

The meeting re-convened at 9.10

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

None had been received since last meeting

**The District Council decision on the following Planning application was reported:**

<b>2008/0191</b>	Scole Lodge, Norwich Road, Scole
Proposal:	Extension of home to create improved facilities and new care facilities and associated accommodation
Decision:	Refused - Delegated
<b>2008/0322</b>	6 Clements Close, Scole
Proposal:	Proposed conservatory to rear of property and porch to front of dwelling
Decision:	Approved - Delegated
<b>2008/0265</b>	Hedgehog House, 65 The Common, Scole
Proposal:	Conversion of garage to accommodation and erection of single storey extension
Decision:	Approved - Delegated

**12. To confirm payment of accounts presented to the meeting**

M Cook	£242.78	Salary to 15 April 2008
E-on Energy	£111.60	Power supply 01- 31 March 2008

Pearce & Kemp	£ 98.36	Streetlight maintenance March 2008
NCAPTC	£209.30	Subscription 2008/09
Suffolk Acre Fields	£701.71	Insurance 2008 – Scole Community Playing Fields
NRCC	£ 25.00	Subscription 2008/09

Letter to bank to transfer £1388.75 from Stepsaver account to Current account to cover these payments.

On the proposal of Cllr Franklin, seconded by Cllr Fisher and agreed unanimously it was resolved to make the payments.

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

- Open Gardens Thelveton & Scole 21 and 22 June 2008 to include Art exhibition at Thelveton Church, and Gardeners Question Time on Saturday evening. Tickets at PO. All proceeds to Playing Field Extension Fund.
- Ongoing discussion on increase of space for various groups, and negotiations with Sir Rupert for additional land.
- MUGA is progressing, as is children's play area designs
- Warning of new spate of thefts in the area especially places with one arm -bandits.

14. **To discuss Support for the Community**

The Clerk reminded Councillors this idea had been mooted at previous meetings and was the point where items to benefit the Community in future could be discussed.

15. **To receive verbal reports of any accidents within the Parish.**

There had been a three car accident on the afternoon of the 25 March between Scole & Billingford on A143.

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

- The first draft for consultation of the Sustainable Community Strategy (SCS) for South Norfolk 2008-2018 is on website for viewing. As it is 23 pages anyone wishing for a hard copy to contact Clerk.
- New streetlighting maintenance contract from Pearce & Kemp will be brought to next meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.40pm

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Chairman