

SCOLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 18 March 2008 7.30 pm at Scole Primary School

Present: Cllrs. Mrs S Redgrave (Chair) Mrs P Fisher, R Franklin, A Frith, Mrs J Jones, Mrs C Moore, G Moore, R Philpot.

In Attendance: Mrs M Cook (Clerk to the Council), 1 member of the public, County Councillor F Pitt-Pladdy and District Councillor Mrs J Wilby.

1. **To receive & accept apologies for absence**
Apologies from Cllr S Buckle
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 19 February 2008, having previously been circulated to all Members were unanimously approved and signed by the Vice-Chairman acting as 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 report any correspondence or action, for information purposes, arising from the minutes**
 - a) The Clerk attended the Safer Neighbourhood Action Panel (SNAP) Meeting on 27 February in the Corn Hall in Diss
Priorities for the next three months are
 - Dickleburgh - continuation of work with Anti Social Behaviour problems.
 - Mere Street, Diss - parking and driving through Mere St. (Pedestrian Zone)
 - Fisher Road, Diss - parking in the area has been highlighted as a problem by the residents.

It would seem that many areas have parking/traffic concerns and the police confirmed that they have spoken to the owners of Jade to alleviate the problem of cars parking on Diss Road, and they are also pushing highways to get the bus stop remarked adequately. Separately, Highways have reported that the relining of the bus stop which carries with it its own 'no parking restrictions' is scheduled to be done as soon as possible after 1 April and certainly by July 2008.

Councillors are urged to forward details of vehicles parking illegally (i.e on the highway and for sale) or inconsiderately, to the Clerk, as Highways have said they will prosecute if they have the evidence.
 - b) Clerk responded to the Norfolk County Council proposal of 40mph speed limit through Waterloo Bends, by saying that Members welcomed the proposal but would like County to consider extending the limit through to Frenze Bridge and the Diss 30mph limit. For a number of reasons Highways Department said this would not happen, but there would be additional signage and flashing warning lights on the western approach.
 - c) Next meeting of the Waveney Valley Neighbourhood Forum is on Thursday 3 April 7.30pm at Terence Airey Court, Harleston.

d) Together with Cllrs Corinne & Graham Moore the Clerk attended the NCPATC meeting arranged for the Boundary Committee to present information on the timetable and answer questions on the proposed Unitary bids at present being considered for Norfolk & Suffolk.

e) Millers Lane Footpath and Church to Bungay Road footpath.

NCC Footpath Officer is in discussion with the Thelveton Estate at present regarding storage of materials and access arrangements.

f) Affordable Housing - there is nothing new to bring to the meeting at the moment.

g) Billingford Horseshoes. The owner of the land has been requested to submit an application for permission for building work going on there.

h) Dog litter bins should be being emptied now at Billingford Common, and our two other sites. Dog litter bins for new sites – Norwich Road opposite Last's Garage, and on Bridge Road have been purchased. Grit bin has been taken for installation at Billingford.

i) Street nameplates for Norwich Road and Bungay Road in Scole will now be relocated to their correct positions

j) Michael's Mowers - The up to date position regarding appeals were dismissed by the Inspectorate and the enforcement notice upheld. Mr Edwards has until the 30 May 2008 to cease the unauthorised use. If he does not cease within this period he would be liable to prosecution for failure to comply with the enforcement notice

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

a) Parish Plan

Georgina Hirst from South Norfolk will be speaking about Parish Plans, on Wednesday 9 April, in the Community Centre. Cllr Moore noted a suggestion about Peoples Lottery bids currently being advertised as available.

b) General Purposes Working Group

Work was discussed and the Group is to meet again to discuss what work could be done and by whom. Cllr Fisher is to keep a check on dates when Contractors cut the grass in Reeve Close and Ransome Avenue.

Cllr Frith asked for the streetlight outside Tanglewood, Bungay Road to be repaired.

Cllr G Moore told the meeting that the Borderhoppa issue appeared to have not reached a final conclusion yet as a family member had received a questionnaire, and there was an anomaly between the journeys paid for by Suffolk, who also allow the use of bus passes, and those paid for by Norfolk.

Cllr C Moore suggested that the Parish Council have a stall on 12 July at the Village Fete to raise its profile. This met with general agreement. She also asked about Local Development Framework information and maps of the area, (Clerk offered the LDF folder, and to find out about any training sessions), and mentioned areas for travellers and comparison of precepts for other parishes.

Cllr Fisher asked about the possibility of calming measures in Ransome Avenue as some traffic going to and leaving the Community Centre area seemed to do so at speed. She reported criminal damage in the Reeve Close area e.g. car stolen, fencing down, break ins, moped stolen and then burnt out. These have been reported to Homewatch and the Police.

The Village quiz will be on Friday April 25 and the PC (Cllrs, G Moore, C Moore and J Jones) will enter a team.

Cllr Redgrave reported that the 50mph outside the Billingford Horseshoes is almost flat apparently from an accident, and the 50mph sign opposite the turning to Scole on the 143 is facing the wrong way.

Cllr Buckle had asked for it to be said that he will not be standing as Chairman at the Annual Meeting and has asked Councillors to consider whether they might wish to stand for election.

7. **To adjourn the meeting to receive**

The Chair adjourned the meeting to receive

a) residents questions

Questions were asked and answers given concerning

- the allocation and spending of the precept
- parking outside the PO/Shop in Scole
- extension of the white lines on the Diss Road
- what support are we giving to the Post Office

b) reports from District and County Councillor

County Councillor reported on

- Travellers
- Waste plant at Costessey

Cllr Redgrave asked the County Councillor if anything could be done to find out the facts behind the possibility that the out of hours Surgery at the Cherry Tree Stables in Diss is being run down prior to closure, and the nearest place to go would then be the old West Norwich Hospital, in Norwich.

District Councillor reported

- Parish Councils to be invited to South Norfolk for a meeting on Unitary
- South Norfolk is having meetings re: Post Offices with County taking the lead on petitions
- reason for South Norfolk not allowing use of bus passes on Borderhoppa could be due to the fact volunteer drivers are used
- attendance at a training on Homelessness

8. **To re-convene meeting**

Meeting was re-convened

9. **To elect an additional member of the Standards Committee**

Having been circulated with supporting statements from candidates for the above position the members of the Council, by a majority decision, voted for D G Moore of Tasburgh PC

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

Application No: 2008/0357

Applicant: Mr Gary Banks, Bay Tree Barn, Low Road, Scole IP21 4DS

Location: Bay Tree Barn, Low Road, Scole IP21 4DS

Proposal: New double garage

Parish Decision: A - we have no views or comments about this application

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

2008/00025

Bethany Diss Road, Scole

Erection of double garage

Under delegated powers officers refused permission. The Parish decision was no comment

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

M Cook £343.22 Salary to 18 March 2008 £242.78 plus mileage for the year £100.44 (schedule attached)

E-on Energy £111.60 Power supply 01-29 February 2008

Pearce & Kemp	£ 98.36	Streetlight maintenance February 2008
Glasdon UK Ltd	£365.83	1 no grit bin & 2 no dog litter bins and fixings
Scole Primary School	£ 60.00	Hire of Hall for meeting Dec – March 2008
South Norfolk Council	£120.60	2 no dog bin emptying 2007/2008
Mrs S Redgrave	£ 6.00	Hire of St Andrews Meeting Room 24 Jan 2008

Letter to bank to transfer £1105.61 from Stepsaver account to Current account to cover these payments.

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

12. **To confirm renewal of membership of Norfolk Rural Community Council for the year 2008/2009**

It was unanimously decided to renew membership to the NRCC in the sum of £25.00

13. **To discuss the Scole Community & Playing Fields and make any decisions as appropriate**

Having been circulated with information on the current situation with the Community & Playing Fields, and after considerable discussion, Members decided on the following actions:

- to request the Trustees and Committee, by an extraordinary general meeting, to amend the constitution to read that at any meeting 'seven shall form a quorum, of which at least 3 must be Trustees'.
- that in considering the current appointment, (Mr D Kaufmann), the Council Members have no objection to a non-trustee taking the post of Treasurer at this time with Trustees authorising payments
- that all legal and financial documents must be kept up to date if the Parish Council is to become more involved in both financial and non-financial terms
- that the Parish Council will, as in the past, re-imburse the Scole Community and Playing Fields for the cost of Insurance for the year in the sum of £701.71

Community Support is to be placed on the Agenda of a future meeting

14. **To confirm the date of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Council**

After discussion it was decided that the Annual Parish Meeting will be held at 7pm on the same day as the Annual Meeting of the Council which will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20 May.

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

Unwitnessed reports of accidents at Thelveton and Billingford

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

- Rural Post Office Closure Programme – letter from South Norfolk Council enclosing posters and car stickers (available at meeting)
- South Norfolk Alliance – letter requesting nominations for election to South Norfolk Alliance Executive Board (more details available at meeting)
- Car Parking in South Norfolk – letter from South Norfolk to inform of progress
- Norfolk County Council in partnership with Care Choices Ltd has produced a new directory to help people find the right care for themselves or a relative. Phone 0844 800 8014 for free copy
- Norfolk Waste Partnership – twice yearly magazine should be delivered with newspapers, can be viewed on-line, extra copies available if anyone requires. Annual conference will be at John Innes Centre, Norwich on 23 October 2008 and if you have any suggestions for topics or ideas for exhibits please let me know and I will contact.

The meeting closed at 9.50pm

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Chairman