

SCOLE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 16 September 2008 7.30 pm at Scole Primary School

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

In Attendance: Mrs M Cook (Clerk to the Council), 7 members of the public, Cllr Pitt Pladdy and PCSO Jason Dack

1. **To receive & accept apologies for absence**
Apologies were accepted from Cllr 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 Parish Council meeting held on 19 August 2008, having previously been circulated to all Members were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.
4. **To receive any Police Liaison Officer report**
Apologies had been received from PCSO Kate Yuill, but PCSO Jason Dack was welcomed to the meeting. He confirmed that Police from various departments had been made aware of the problems at Low Road Billingford and would be keeping a check on vehicles using that road.
5. **To report any correspondence or action, for information purposes, arising from the minutes**
462/1 Following Members acceptance of Stephen Buckles resignation a notice advertising all three vacancies has been posted in each of the Parish noticeboards. This has also been posted on the website and it was requested that it go in PostHorn.

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Letter received from Mott MacDonald (in partnership with Norfolk County Council) to say that the re-surfacing of the A1066 from the roundabout to the 30mph limit at Frenze Bridge has been postponed until 2009. This is due to extensive drainage problems along the road which have recently come to light. I have written to ask about the nature of the drainage problems and for assurance that this work will be scheduled for early 2009, and still in fiscal year 2008/09.

462/5/f

Following a site meeting with Fred Murphy from the Probation Unit I have received a letter to inform me that the Unit say that the Probationers are unable to carry out the work on the TROD between Thelveton and Scole because under Health & Safety rules the work is too dangerous for them.

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Further correspondence had been received regarding New Road, Thelveton and this would be reported at agenda item 12 b).

6. **To receive the Clerk's Report**

The Clerk's report was given under other headings on the agenda.

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

- The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7.45pm to receive comments from residents concerning A1066, telephone boxes, tree debris and road signs. Mrs Hillier, First Responders Co-ordinator, demonstrated the oximeter to which the Council had contributed.
- The County Councillor spoke about Unitary and New Road, Thelveton. He was asked by a Councillor if Norfolk County Council would be following Essex County Council in their support of Post Offices.
- The meeting was re-convened at 8.05pm

8. **To re-convene the meeting**

The meeting re-convened at 8.10pm

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

Items discussed included:

- Footpath opposite Memorial in need of urgent attention
- Disappointment expressed at standard of workmanship in resurfacing of Bungay Road and other areas.
- SNAP Meeting, at which it emerged that bus routes were to be re-organised in the light of Post Office closures.
- Speedwatch.
- E-mail had been sent to Police re their promise to contact Cllr Redgrave re Low Road, Billingford.
- Hedge round Chummy's Orchard, belonging to Hall Farm, encroaching on road.

PCSO left meeting at 8.20pm

- Attendance at Unitary meeting a South Norfolk not considered a benefit.
- Brambles near sign at Thelveton to be attended to by Highways.
- Borderhoppa. Figures now available re numbers of Scole Parishioners using buses. This item to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

10. **To receive a report from the General Purposes Working Group and make any decisions as appropriate with regard to grass cutting tenders**

A response had finally been received from Saffron Housing. The Chairman and Cllr Redgrave had attended a meeting with Steve Burns, Director of Asset Management, who, having suggested that we undertake all maintenance, will have figures available in time for the next meeting.

There had been no meeting of the General Purposes Working Group held. All reports about the Village Ranger were very favourable.

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

Application No: 2008/1732

Applicant: Mr G Collins

Location: 74 Scole Common, Diss Norfolk IP21 4ET

Proposal: Proposed two storey extension to existing dwelling

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

Application No: 2008/1793
Applicant: Mr T Llewellyn, Frenze Hall, Dark Lane, Scole IP21 4EZ
Location: The Coachouse, Dark Lane, Scole
Proposal: Single storey side extension forming new kitchen and garden wall
Parish Decision: A - we have no views or comments about this application

Planning Decisions made:

2008/1228 Land to the rear of the Thatched Cottage, Bungay Road, Scole
 Approved with Conditions by Committee

As the conditions made no mention of the drainage that Members felt might be a problem, the Clerk was asked to investigate.

12. **To discuss and progress the situation at**

a) Low Road Billingford

Cllr Redgrave updated the meeting on Low Road, Billingford and the SNAP Meeting at which she brought the subject to the attention of the Panel.

Members decided that the Council would correlate the responses from the various agencies and try to progress the situation.

b) New Road, Thelveton

The Chairman referred to correspondence received, and to a letter received by Cllr Pitt Pladdy from Highways. As this letter had not been received by this Council, discussion on its contents was not able to take place, and the Clerk was asked to request an extension to the date that the letter was reported to contain. This item to be placed on the agenda for next month.

13. **To confirm payment of accounts presented at the meeting, and note bank balances, as detailed on the attached schedule**

M Cook	£242.78	Salary to 16 September 2008
E-on Energy	£111.78	Power supply August 2008
Pearce & Kemp	£102.23	Streetlight maintenance August 2008
Mr V Buckle	£139.40	August 2008
SLCC	£ 70.00	Membership fee
Glasdon UK Ltd	£321.71	3 no dog litter bins & fixings
Mazars Ltd	£158.62	External Audit 2007/2008
Scole Primary School	£ 15.00	Room Hire 15 July 2008

Letter to bank to transfer £1161.52 from Stepsaver account to Current account to cover these payment

Current account balance as at 9 September £1,200.51 and Business Reserve as at 11 September £14,717.58

On the motion of Cllr Redgrave, seconded by Cllr Frith it was

RESOLVED that payment of the accounts listed above be approved and payment authorised.

14. **To agree the wording of the letter to the Boundary Committee re Unitary Status**

As members were well aware that at this point 'Status Quo' was not an option, and not seeing the need to decide on any of the three options the letter was to be written in such a manner as to include the following points:

- Accountability would be too distant

- Too many questions regarding the membership and structure of the Community Partnership Boards
- Too many questions regarding the involvement of the Community Partnership Boards in the running of the Parishes, and how political they will be
- Parish Councils need more local ownership
- Concerns that the voice of the smaller Parishes will not be heard above the larger Councils
- Concerns over how funding will be granted / allocated
- Concerns over redundancies and use of buildings

15. **To progress Parish Noticeboards**

Chairman to investigate a firm known to him who construct wooden noticeboards. Clerk to continue searching for grants.

16. **To consider Adoption or Sponsorship of Telephone Boxes**

After discussion it was Resolved to Adopt the red telephone boxes at Upper Street, Billingford and at Lower Street, Billingford. The one at Scole Common is the subject of too much vandalism, and as it is unused it was decided to let that one be removed.

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

Councillors had received a copy of the minutes of the last meeting of the Trustees. Cllr Fisher to request a financial report for the next meeting.

Youth of the Village would be attending the next meeting to discuss with the Trustees the sort of things they would like to see happen at the Playing Fields.

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

Two vehicles in Low Road, Billingford involved in an accident with no injuries and therefore not reported to the Police by those involved.

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

- Norfolk Police Authority – Policing Plan 2008/11 Performance & Delivery Plan, Executive Summary taken from the Policing Green Paper ‘From the Neighbourhood to the National’ plus questionnaire
- Letters of thanks have been received from Borderhoppa for the donation of £250.00
East of England Ambulance Service £500
- Copy of the Playing Fields Association Newsletter
- Completed Audit Return for y.e. 31.03.2008 has been received from Mazars LLP (External Auditors) with no comment. The Notice of conclusion of audit was posted on all three noticeboards on 30 August.
- 10 letter requesting the provision of Allotments had been received. This item to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

The meeting closed at 10.00pm

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Chairman