

SCOLE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25 March 2024 at 7.00 pm at Scole Community Centre, Ransome Avenue, Scole.

Councillors Present: Cllr P Jones (Chair), Cllr G Blakesley, Cllr C Brooks, Cllr G Fisher, Cllr Lady R Mann, Cllr T McEwen, Cllr L Trevail, Cllr J Ward & Cllr D Ward

In attendance: County Councillor M Wilby

The Clerk was unable to attend. Minutes taken in the absence of the Clerk by Cllr P Jones.

1. **To consider accepting apologies for absence:** Apologies received and approved for Cllr C Blakesley. Cllr Mann was absent to apologies received.
2. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 22 January 2024:**
The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 26 February 2024 (pages 1-5 of 5 Approved, to be approved formally at the next meeting.
3. **To record declarations of interest and approve any requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests or other interests:**
Cllr C Blakesley – C & G Trenching
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Cllr J Ward – Scole Parish Hub
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Cllr Jones – Scole Community Centre and SNTT
Cllr C Brooks – SNTT
Cllr G Fisher – SNTT
Cllr L Trevail – SNTT
4. **To receive questions or comments from the parishioners:**
Members of the public raised the following:
 - A member of public raised the issue of the tight time frame for submitting comments to SNDC regarding the proposed development by Hopkins Homes.
5. **To receive the reports from the District & County Councillors:**
County Cllr Wilby – Councillor Wilby read out his report. The chair read out the reports submitted by District councillors Clayton Hudson and Delme Thompson.
6. **To receive the Clerks Report:**
No report.

7. To receive an update on the installation of a plaque on the south side of Scole Bridge:

Gary Waterfield to install plaque, highways engineer contacted and will inspect as the work is being completed.

8. To consider a policy for organisations wishing to display advertising signs on fencing belonging to the Parish Council:

It was agreed that there will be no signs on this site as it will be impossible to control the posting of signs that have not been authorised.

9. To consider how the Parish Council can improve the play area in the parish:

The members of the public that raised the issue of the playground did not attend the meeting.

10. PLANNING

10.1. To Comment on and recommend for Approval/Refusal any Current planning applications:

2024/0391

Location: Trinity Cottage Upper Street Billingford Norfolk IP21 4HR

Proposal: Replace 9 x rotten windows

Application Type: Listed Building Consent

Council Comment: Listed Building's have the knowledge, no comment.

Item deferred to a later date in April.

10.2. To receive an update on any previous planning applications:

None

11. FINANCE – Deferred to next meeting.

12. To receive reports from Working Groups:

12.1. Employment Working Group (PJ, CAB, LT) – Nothing

12.2. Internal Control (PJ, JW, TM) – Will be meeting to approve the Year End.

12.3. Cycle Path Group (PJ,) - Nothing

12.4. Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan (DDNP) (Graham Moore, Corinne Moore, DW)
Nothing.

12.5. Scole Nature Trails Trust Group (COB, LT, GF)

New battery for CCTV camera has arrived.

Clive will be approached about cleaning out the ditch on low road. Much of the work has already been completed by volunteers.

Leaky dams on Low Road the other side of the bypass also need cleaning out. South Norfolk Council to be contacted about this issue.

12.6. Community Centre (PJ)

Quality of products available from the bar has been improved. Some vandalism occurred, damage to the football dugouts. Perpetrators identified and the matter is being investigated by the Police.

12.7. Scole Parish Hub (DW, JW)

Business case re-written, assistance given by SNDC.

13. To report any incidents of overflow, spillage and discharge into the river during the month:

- Councillor Fisher has arranged with Gary Waterfield to have the ditch near his bungalow redirected and deepened to improve the flow.
- No reports of overflow, spillage or discharge.

14. To consider any training requirements for Councillors:

None

15. To receive and discuss items from Parish Councillors:

- Wreaths removed from the War Memorial. The parishioner who removed the wreaths with the best of intentions has been spoken to and asked to consult the council before removing them in the future.
- Splay on Junction of Diss and Bridge Road: no response from highways.
- Retention tanks on A143: are they being maintained?
- Community fridge in Diss: open Thursdays 6—7 pm.
- Highways are using the road in Thelveton to train staff in traffic management. It is requested that a letter be sent to highways questioning if this is a suitable location and complaining of the disruption to residents of Thelveton.
- Pot hole on the "roundabout" in Reeves Close.
- Pot holes in Billingford between the A143 and the bridge over the Waveney.
- There will be a summer fete to be held on the playing field on June 23rd at 2.00 pm.
- Is the speed sign at Waterloo working? Councillors asked to confirm when they travel back to Scole from Diss.
- The footpath at Waterloo is covered in silt washed off the fields. Clerk requested to contact highways to get it cleared.

16. To receive an update on correspondence received:

All relevant correspondence has been circulated to Councillors.

17. To receive items for the next Agenda:

Any other items for the next Agenda please contact the Clerk.

18. Next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 29 April 2024 at 19:00.

Meeting closed at: 20:15