

SCOLE PARISH COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES

MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 11 April 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 T McEwen, Cllr L Trevail, Cllr J Ward

In attendance: District Councillor C Hudson and 19 members of the public

1. **To consider accepting apologies for absence:** Apologies received and approved for Cllr C Blakesley, Cllr Lady Mann & Cllr D Ward.

2. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 March 2024**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 25 March 2024 (pages 1-3 of 3) previously circulated to all members. These were amended:

- Minutes of 26 February 2024 -Cllr McEwen not present.
- 4. Cllr Wilby confirmed all comments on the proposed 112 home development would be read up until the Planning Committee meet.
- 8. Deferred to next meeting
- 10.1 No comment. This is a listed building; therefore, the Listed Building team at SNC have the knowledge to comment.
- 13. Anglian Water do not have a permit to discharge into the River Waveney in this area.
- 13. Ditch will be widened not deepened.

Following the amendments the minutes were proposed for approval by Cllr C Brooks seconded Cllr G Fisher and unanimously agreed.

3. **To record declarations of interest and approve any requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests or other interests:**

The following Councillors had an interest in item 5.

Cllr C Blakesley – Tenant

Cllr J Ward – Pre-determined

Cllr P Jones – Scole Community Centre

Cllr C Brooks – Ad hoc grass cutting for the land owner

Cllr Brooks completed an Application Form for Dispensation, without a dispensation the Council would not be quorate to comment on the planning application 5.1, the Clerk approved the Dispensation.

Cllr Jones addressed the members of the public in attendance regarding the proposed Planning Application and left the meeting.

Councillors unanimously agreed to appoint Cllr L Trevail to Chair the rest of the meeting.

4. To receive questions or comments from the parishioners:

Members of the public raised the following:

- The Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan (DDNP) approved in October 2023 allowed for – 81 homes including affordable housing:-
 - * 25 allocated behind Flowerdew Meadow
 - * 6 Scole Engineering Site
 - * 50 Land East of Norwich Road, Hopkins Homes site
- DDNP Policy on density is 25 homes per hectare, this development is 38 per hectare
- Impact on nearby listed property
- Acoustic protection for neighbouring properties is insufficient
- Drainage of surface water
- Previous flooding and increased risk
- The current failing sewage system
- Water outages and the poor water pressure at that end of the village
- The increase in traffic
- Too large for the village
- Pressure on Doctors surgeries
- Pressure of Dental clinics

Cllr G Blakesley & Cllr J Ward left the meeting.

5. PLANNING

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

2024/0558:

Location: Land East of Norwich Road Scole Norfolk

Proposal: Construction of 112 residential dwellings (including affordable homes), garages, parking, vehicular access onto Norwich Road, open spaces, landscaping, drainage and other associated infrastructure.

Application Type: Full Planning Permission

Council's comment: Cllr Brooks proposed the Council object to the planning application on the following grounds:

- The DDNP approved in October 2023 is part of the statutory Development Plan. The Neighbourhood Plan must be taken into account when assessing planning applications
- Concerns regarding the increased flood risk
- No plans for improvements to the already failing sewage system
- The lack of a sufficient water supply
- The increase in traffic in the village

Seconded Cllr McEwen and unanimously agreed.

District Council Hudson gave his opinion:

- The DDNP carries a lot of weight and must be considered by the planning officers.

- The Lead Local Flood Authority LLFA are a consultee and still to comment on the surface and foul water provisions
- The proposed new football pitch is only accessible from current pitch over a ditch, no indication of an entrance to existing pitch.
- Concerns that parking for the new football pitch will be on the roads of the proposed development
- Insufficient community benefit

Cllr J Ward rejoined the meeting.

6. FINANCE

6.1. To approve payments: Proposed Cllr Brooks, seconded Cllr McEwen and unanimously agreed.

PAY TYPE	PAYEE	DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL AMOUNT	VAT	PAYE
Online	Npower	Electricity February 2024	405.08	19.29	
Online	Cozens	Streetlight maintenance	66.00	11.00	
Online	Sara Campbell	Salary & Expenses	797.06	29.27	
		TOTAL £	1,268.14	59.56	

Proposed Cllr Brooks, seconded Cllr McEwen and unanimously agreed.

6.1. Receipts (B):

Date	Account	Received From	Amount
27/2/24	Community	Cozens – credit re streetlight	312.00
		Community Acct TOTAL £	312.00

6.2. To receive the Responsible Finance Officer's Report:

Details	CR	DR	
Cash Book Balance Brought Forward (Community Account 00473138) A	6,207.95		
Receipts this month (Community Account) (listed above): B	312.00		
Transferred from Savings Account			
Payments this month (listed above): C		1,268.14	
Cash Book Balance Carried Forward (=A+B-C-D) Community Account Balance			5,251.81
Business Saver Account Opening Balance 1/4/23 - £31,691.34 23/5/23 Transferred to Community 1,750.00			

Details	CR	DR	
5/6/23 Interest	65.51		
4/9/23 Interest	80.40		
4/12/23	105.01		
Poppy Wreath payments	176.80		30,482.63
4//3/24 Interest	113.57		
Cash in Bank			35,734.44
Allocated Funds (Listed Below)			33,749.00
Community Account + Business Saver Account - Allocated Funds = AVAILABLE TO SPEND			1,985.44

6.3. Allocated funds for the financial year commencing 1-4-23:

Details	Closing Balance 31/3/23	CR/DR	Balance
Proposed Village Hall Site (Lease)	553.00	1,000.00	
26/2/2024 Ian Garnham - £1,400.00		-1,400.00	153.00
Street Lights	1,478.68	500.00	1,978.68
Contingency Fund	11,240.80	3,013.43	
22/5/23 £100 for streetlight Clements Close		-100.00	14,154.23
CIL	16,463.09		16,463.09
Cycle Path	1,000.00		1,000.00
Insurance re: Clements Close Streetlight		1,650.00	1,650.00
22/5/23 Westcotec re repair of streetlight		-1,650.00	0.00
TOTAL £	30,735.57		33,749.00

Next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 22 April 2024 at 19:00.

Meeting closed at: 20:51