

SCOLE PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 28 November 2022 at 7.00 pm at Scole Community Centre, Ransome Avenue, Scole.

Councillors Present: Cllr P Jones (Chair), Cllr C Blakesley, Cllr G Blakesley, Cllr C Brooks, Cllr G Fisher, Cllr T McEwen, Cllr L Trevail and Cllr J Ward

In attendance: Sara Campbell (Clerk), 1 members of the public

1. To consider accepting apologies for absence:

Apologies for absence were received and approved from Cllr Lady R Mann and Cllr G Blakesley. Cllr J Brewer was also absent.

2. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24 October 2022:

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 24 October 2022 (pages 1-5 of 5) previously circulated to all members, were proposed for approval by Cllr Brooks seconded Cllr Ward and unanimously agreed.

3. To co-opt Dola Ward to the current vacant position on the Council

Dola gave a 5 minute presentation to the Council on why she would like to join the Parish Council.

Councillors voted unanimously to co-opt Dola ward who signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the meeting.

4. 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
Cllr D Ward – Scole Parish Hub
Cllr Jones – Scole Community Centre

5. To receive questions or comments from the parishioners:

None.

6. To receive the reports from the District & County Councillors:

County Councillor M Wilby

- Norfolk Libraries are taking part in the Warm Welcome Campaign to provide a free, welcoming space for communities across the UK ensuring nobody is left to suffer on their own this winter. To find the nearest library go to www.norfolk.gov.uk/findalibrary
- The consultation for Norfolk residents on council tax is taking place to request a copy of the budget consultation either call 0844 800 8020 or email haveyoursay@norfolk.gov.uk

- Nominations are open until 12 December for the Broadland & South Norfolk Business Awards. All details can be found at www.southnorfolkandbroadland.gov.uk

District Councillor C Hudson

- South Norfolk District Council office at Long Stratton closed on 4/11/22, the Octagon at Diss Mere is open for South Norfolk Council business, planning meetings are now held at Broadland offices in Thorpe.

7. To receive the Clerks Report:

The Clerk brought to the attention of the Council:-

- An email from SNC updating the Council on the new email addresses and website address.
- An email regarding Highways Rangers visits currently they have no visits to Scole planned.
- An email from Diss Town Council informing us that the Diss Town Mayor has been invited to afternoon tea at Oaklands Care Home in Scole.
- An email from South Norfolk & Broadland Council regarding the Revised parliamentary boundaries 2023 the creation of a new constituency Waveney Valley County Constituency is the proposal effecting the Beck Vale, Dickleburgh & Scole Ward.

8. To receive an update on the progress of the Scole Parish Hub:

Meetings have been held with South Norfolk Council who are very enthusiastic about the project and have been extremely helpful.

8.1. To receive an update on the Agreement for Lease and Lease

There has been some communication between Jackamans & Wellers Hedley, Clerk is trying to get clarity from Wellers Hedley on suggestions made by Jackamans, current contact is handing over to Roger Taylor.

– **Clerk to keep pushing to get this resolved.**

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

Clerk to complete the necessary paperwork for approval.

10. To approve the replacement of the streetlight on Clements Close:

New column has been installed waiting for UK Power Networks to connect the power, Cllr Fisher is frustrated by the time this is taking to resolve and would like to chase UK Power Networks. **Clerk to send details.**

11. To approve the CCTV Policy for use at the Scole Pocket Park:

Clerk to prepare policy and circulate prior to the next meeting.

12. PLANNING

12.1. To Comment on and Recommend/Object any Current planning applications:

None

Details	CR	DR	
Cash Book Balance Carried Forward (=A+B-C-D) Community Account Balance			9,720.06
Business Saver Account Opening Balance 1/4/20 - £4,630.31			
6/6/22 Interest Transferred from Community Acct Transferred to Community Acct (from reserves)	0.35 29,327.91	2,333.00	
5/9/22 Interest 28/11/22 Transferred to Community Acct	8.86	750.00	30,884.43
Cash in Bank			40,604.49
Allocated Funds (Listed Below)			30,875.57
Community Account + Business Saver Account - Allocated Funds = AVAILABLE TO SPEND			£9,728.92

13.4. Allocated funds for the financial year commencing 1-4-22:

Details	Opening Balance 1/4/22	CR/DR	Balance
Proposed Village Hall Site (Lease) I Garnham Fencing 31/8	1,897.00	-1,344.00	553.00
Street Lights	1,478.68		1,478.68
Contingency Fund CCTV 31/8 Grant SCC Platinum Jubilee 31/8 Tree Pollarding @ Pocket Park	12,979.80	-789.00 -200.00 -750.00	11,240.80
CIL Payment receive 20/4/22	1,371.93	15,091.16	16,463.09
Neighbourhood Plan	0.00		0.00
Cycle Path	1,000.00		1,000.00
Post Horn Payment made 3/5/22	400.00	-400.00	0.00
Room Hire	140.00		140.00
Electricity Payment made 3/5/22	670.73	-670.73	0.00
TOTAL £	19,938.14		30,875.57

14. To receive reports from Working Groups:

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

14.2. Internal Control (PJ, JW, TM) – Nothing

14.3. Cycle Path Group (PJ,) - Cllr Jones has spoken with a member of the public from Harleston who is keen to set up a cycle path from Harleston to Diss via Scole. The Waveney Valley Cycle Way uses quiet lanes and there are many routes available.

14.4. Diss & District Neighbourhood Plan (DDNP) (Graham Moore, Corinne Moore, Dola Ward)

Dola Ward updated the Council that the Regulation 16 Consultation commenced on 2nd November for 6 weeks. South Norfolk Council said they would publicise, so Graham Moore & Dola decided not to undertake the leaflet drop in Scole. The Plan is available in the shop with a comment box. Responses can also be made online.

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

- The willows in the classroom have been pollarded and the chips used on the permissive path.
- Step to the permissive path is completed.
- The stray bantam has been re-homed.
- Last bit of fencing to be completed then the CCTV is due to be installed.

14.6. Community Centre (PJ)

- Final plans should be received this week. The Football Federation to be contacted re funding.

15. To consider any training requirements for Councillors:

Cllr Jones – Planning in December.

Cllr D Ward to be booked onto Induction Training.

16. To receive and discuss items from Parish Councillors:

Cllr Jones

- recently attended a meeting with Thelveton Estates & Hopkins Homes. Invited Hopkins Homes to present plans to the Parish Council before planning application submitted.

Cllr Blakesley

- War memorial looked good for Remembrance Sunday.

Cllr McEwen

- Has chased the repair of the streetlights on Norwich Road and Bungay Road.

Cllr J Ward

- Asked who is responsible for footpaths? The landowner, Cllr Brooks does cut some around the village, NCC Highways also have a responsibility for footpaths.

Cllr Fisher

- It would be good to have the pavement swept on Bridge Road – **Clerk to report.**

17. To receive an update on correspondence received:

The correspondence list was circulated to all Councillors' if any Councillor would like a copy of any correspondence, please contact the clerk.

18. To receive items for the next Agenda:

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

19. Next meeting of the Parish Council is on Monday 19 December 2022 at 7.00 pm.

Meeting closed at: 20:20 pm.

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