



Scotton Parish Council

Caring for Community Together

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SCOTTON PARISH COUNCIL

Held in Scotton Village Hall on Monday 8th January 2024 at 7pm

Present Cllr Paley, Cllr Greensmith, Cllr Irvine, Cllr Barr, Cllr Dale, Cllr Whitehead, Clerk, and 2 members of the public.

101. **To receive apologies and accept reasons for absence** – none received
102. **To receive Councillors declarations of interest** - Cllr Paley agenda item 104. 1 and 104,4 104.3 Cllr Dale
103. **To approve minutes of the meeting held on Monday 4th December 2023 as a true and accurate record and discuss matters arising** – **RESOLVED** that they were an accurate record. Cllr Dale abstained as not at the last meeting.
104. **To receive information on the following ongoing issues and decide further action where necessary**
- 104.1 - To discuss allotment vacancies – allotment 2, 4 and 9 allocated
 - 104.2 – update on flooding – NYC flooding officer had said that they can do nothing unless a house floods inside. It was **RESOLVED** to not dig any holes as we would be liable as a Parish.
 - 104.3 – Christmas lunch feedback – very good feedback. It was noted that the kitchen needs some work to make it workable in the future and perhaps this can be done via grants with the new village hall committee.
 - 104.4 – Allotment update – Clerk raised concerns regarding the removal of rubbish it was **RESOLVED** that the next person on the list to be contacted and it to be taken as seen. Clerk also mentioned the fence needs fixing.
 - 104.5 – Play parks update – football nets been removed. **RESOLVED** for the clerk to ring NY Council regarding the inspections and reports.
105. **To consider questions from the public** - none received.
106. **To receive and consider updates from NY County Councillor for Jan 2024. To discuss the update which arrived too late to be considered in Decembers meeting. The report for the members allowances can be found on the NYC website. Agenda 7th November 2023 at 11am. The NYC Councillors allowance will increase from £15,500 to £ 17,000 an increase of £1,500. An increase of 2% for all Special Responsibility Allowances paid for members. Cllr Jones update below written report below**

The council has already made savings of £5M following unification. However, as all council are, we are facing a significant shortfall in terms for the adult and social care budget - around £100M. Luckily we have strong reserves for just such troubled times, and it is hoped central govt. will issue grants to help meet the shortfall.

Mayoral campaigns have started, with Kevin Foster standing for the greens and Keane Duncan for the conservatives. No other candidates have been announced.

Allowances for councillors have been raised to £17,000. The report detailing this decision is attached. The council is now heading into a challenging period in the transition as it looks likely that in-house competition for jobs will lead to redundancies.

This month will see the start of the consultation on boundary reviews for council elections in 2027.

Council make-up has changed following two by elections, one retained Conservatives and one Green loss to Lib Dems.

Cllr Jones update 8th Jan meeting. Response from last months meeting arriving

Thanks for alerting me to this. In terms of the increase in bins, I appreciate it is a significant increase, but the size of the bin has also increased, by over 2/3rds. That's the most commonly used size of wheelie bin, and it will help reduce our environmental impact and make it easier for residents by needing less regular emptying. I know that bin collection prices had been frozen for a number of years, but that isn't sustainable with budgetary pressures and inflation – hence the new charge is broadly in line with the average across Yorkshire and the Humber (£44). If they have any further queries please do ask them to contact me. There is also a [current consultation](#) on household waste recycling centres being held which closes at the end of the month, and I urge residents to share their views on our recycling programme.

Conscious that many residents will have Christmas trees at the minute – would be a good opportunity to remind them that bin men won't collect them by the roadside, but will if they are contained in bins.

We've received an extra £9M for the highways capital programme, which puts the road budget to just over £40M. We've also won a £5m grant from govt. to boost our ability to identify and address the health issues faced by residents.

- **Discussions took place and it was RESOLVED for the clerk to write to Cllr Jones** and ask the green bins, when collected, cost of bins where the old ones will go, fly tipping, green element of the bins. To invite Cllr Jones to our next meeting to discuss the boundary review.

107. To consider planning applications - ZD23/00564/FULL Dear Sir/Madam Full Planning Permission for Proposed Development to Erect a New Community Building Including Food Preparation Areas and Attached Multi-use Space 1912 sq m (use class E and F1), a Covered External Canopy 444 sq.m, Creation of new Public Square and MiniPlaza (1724 sq m), Car Parking and Delivery Bay, External Plant Room, Bin Store and Covered Cycle Shelter, 6.0m High Lighting Columns and Building Mounted Lighting, 2.0m High Perimeter Fencing and Gates, Removal of Trees, Associated Earthworks, Hard and Soft Landscaping and to Include Demolition of Buildings on Site (a Number of Changes, Including Additional Technical Assessments and Minor Elevational Changes Due to Technical Development of the Scheme) at Land To The East Of 42-44 Richmond Road Catterick Garrison - AMENDED PROPOSAL -no objections

108. To note or discuss police reports – Clerk informed the Cllrs that she had contacted the police regarding the traffic offences. They had been tickets for the MOT/Tax or

seizing vehicles. They had been out as much as possible with the speed guns. It was **RESOLVED** to send a thank you and to ask if Hunton Road had been done with the speed gun. Discussions took place regarding the lighting near Louis and it was **RESOLVED** to ask for someone from DIO to meet up for a night time walk as lights are out near Louis and this is where some assaults had taken place. To also ask Cllr Jones to attend.

Anti-social behaviour	Auto crime	Burglary	Criminal Damage	Theft	Violence Against person	Crimes including drugs	RTC/Road Related
3	0	0	0	1	6	4	7

109. Parish Clerk's update and Correspondence
 109.1 - Local Plan presentation – Concerns were raised regarding the number of Cllrs representing us all
 109.2 - Area constituency meeting – Clerk advised the Parish that we can attend the meetings, ask questions which do not need to be on the agenda.
 109.3 - Local plan consultation – Clerk confirmed that this had been filled in and that it's a really important document.
 109.4 - To discuss expressions of interest for free .gov domain website and emails via the YLCA – Clerk informed the Cllrs that we have registered for this.
 109.5 - To consider full council training – discussions took place and it was **RESOLVED** that we would book the 6th of April.
 Emergency item regarding the handle for the disabled door handle and lock on the noticeboard. It was **RESOLVED** to pay £168.
110. To discuss and consider making two new committees one for open spaces and one for the Village Hall and discuss potential funding for Village Hall – It was **RESOLVED** to send out a reminder and for the Clerk to look at the committee structure.
111. To discuss Financial Matters
 111.1 Bank rec January 2024 – November and December bank Statement 2023 - Appendix BACS payment – Proposed by Cllr Whitehead and Seconded by Cllr Greensmith that they were accurate
 111.2 HP ink increase of £2 to try the ink – **RESOLVED** to cancel the HP ink
112. To discuss Cllrs vacancies and co-opt candidates – **RESOLVED** to co-opted Emma Fulton
113. Burial Board Minutes and Agendas can be found on Colburn, Hipswell, Scotton Joint Burial Authority
114. Employment matters – Training agreed

115. To discuss and consider items for the next agenda – it was **RESOLVED** to discuss the Clerks salary, gardening competition, summer fair, afternoon teas, 80th anniversary of the D Day, biodiversity policy, games afternoon, makers market and allotment competition.

116. To confirm the next meeting Monday the 5th of February 2024 at 7pm

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Meeting finished at 8.45

SCOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY BANK RECONCILIATION

26 Nov to 25 Dec 2023

Bank Balances as at

Account 21410482 - Current Account	B/F	£36,992.82	Actual
Account 21410490 - Current Account-Savings	B/F	£17,167.79	Actual
Account 91466844 - Current Account-Play Park	B/F	£17,212.15	Actual
		<u>£71,372.76</u>	

Current Acc b/Fwd from previous month

£39,538.41

Income

Chq 407080 Bowls Hire	£48.00
Twyman Hall hire	£48.00
Palmer Hall Hire	£20.00
Taylor Hall Hire	£136.00
Norman allotment 17	£35.00
Kirby allotment 12	£35.00
Prendergast allotment 3	£35.00

Expenditure

£357.00

J D Robinson bench base	£850.00
Scottish Water bus	£18.50
Nov Wages	£852.77
Tesco Mobile	£7.50
A England Hall purchases	£3.49
A England working from home expenses	£312.00
L Hodgson HP ink	£9.99
RichmondPrint Ltd leaflets	£253.00
HMRC	£4.39
Inv 43 Christmas Lunch	£450.00
Bank charges	£10.00
E.ON. NEXT gas	£130.95

-£2,902.59

Balance C/Fwd as at

£36,992.82

BACS Payments for Approval

Dec Wages overtime and back pay	£1,331.30
Telephone DD	£7.50

HP ink	£9.99	
H. E Woolley fire extinguisher check	£34.80	
HMRC	£178.54	
ILCA training	£144.00	
		£1,706.13