



Scotton Parish Council

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SCOTTON PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES

Held in Scotton Village Hall at 7pm on Monday the 12th May 2025

17. **Present** – Cllr Paley, Cllr Greensmith, Cllr Fulton, Cllr Kitching, Cllr Bennett, Cllr Whitehead, Cllr Dale, Clerk and 6 members of the public.
18. **To receive apologies for absence** – no apologies received
To receive and consider, reasons given by Councillors for their absence
19. **Nominations are invited for the Election of Chairman for 2025-2026 and declaration of acceptance of office** – Cllr Dale proposed Cllr Whitehead, Cllr Paley proposed Cllr Greensmith, Cllr Fulton seconded Cllr Whitehead, Cllr Greensmith happy to support Cllr Whitehead vote was taken and Cllr Whitehead was elected the new Chairman for Scotton Parish Council.
20. **Nominations are invited for Election of Vice Chairman for 2025-2026** – Cllr Dale proposed Cllr Fulton and was seconded by Cllr Kitching.
A vote of thanks was given to Cllr Paley for all her hard work for the two years she has been elected as the Chairman.
21. **To note minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2024** - noted
22. To receive individual reports from members of Committees – Cllr Paley read a statement which is attached
23. **Appointment of committee Members** -
 - **Burial Board** - Proposed for Cllr Greensmith, Cllr Fulton and Cllr Whitehead to represent the Burial Board. Burial board have introduced a wild flower meadow, lots of trees, natural burial, every year flowers on put on the children. Grave yard tidied up on a regular basis.
 - **YLCA Member** – Cllr Bennett
 - **Garrison Partnership Member** – Cllr Fulton and Cllr Dale
 - **Planning Committee** – Cllr Whitehead if urgent
 - **Allotment Member** – Cllr Greensmith and Cllr Dale
 - **Village Hall Committee** - **RESOLVED** for the Village Hall and Open Spaces to become one committee and to brought back to the meeting next month.
 - **Open Spaces Committee**
24. **Arrangement of the dates and times of meetings for 2025 – 2026**
 - Monday the 2nd June 2025 to commence at 7pm
 - Monday the 7th July 2025 to commence at 7pm
 - Monday the 1st September to commence at 7pm
 - Monday the 6th October to commence at 7pm
 - Monday the 3rd of November to commence at 7pm
 - Monday the 1st December to commence at 7pm
 - Monday the 5th January 2026 to commence at 7pm

Monday the 2nd February 2026 to commence at 7pm

Monday the 2nd March to commence at 7pm

Monday the 13th April to commence at 7pm

Monday the 11th May to commence at 7pm and Annual Meeting 6.30pm

Scotton Parish update for 2024 to 2025

We started the new year with a new dedicated website, new .gov domain name for the Parish and also for the Councillors. This making Scotton Parish Council up to date with recommended good practice and will soon be legislation.

We also had our first Summer Fair which incorporated a garden, allotment and other categories competitions. This was very successful and we are building on this for our next one which is due in July 2025

We purchased a new laptop and smart tank printer which has enabled us to print out our own newsletters in a cost effective way, they were delivered in November.

Our internal auditor recommended us to find a proper accounting system and through recommendations we opted in to Scribe which has proven to be very successful and will help with the budgeting forecasts.

We had another successful Christmas Dinner which was sponsored by Cllr Tom Jones.

We have removed 3 Ash trees which have been causing problems as they had ash die back.

Hawthorne play park has seen a big update which was helped with an awards for all £20k award. We removed the tired equipment and put new swings, zip wire, activity frame, goal/rugby posts, basketball posts and muga repaired. This has been a huge success and lots of children and adults are now using this. We have also been consulting on Meanee play park which is currently closed as needs repairs doing to it. We would like to change the use of the park into a garden which will be less costly to maintain and more beneficial to the residents. As a Parish we are aware that lots of the play equipment is nearing its end of life so we have an account for this and precept money into the account.

We have given the go ahead for the fencing on Hawthorne park, both sides of the allotments fence to be replaced which is due to commence in June.

We have given grants of £500 to the Citizen advice and CRAGGL as lots of the residents who reside in Scotton use them.