

Minutes for the Meeting of Scotton Parish Council

Monday 7th February 2022 At 7pm

Cllr Greensmith opened the meeting at 7pm.

1. Present Cllr Greensmith, Cllr Paley, Cllr Whitehead, Cllr Archer, Cllr Sparkes, Cllr Grant, Parish Clerk and one member of the public in attendance.

2. To receive Apologies for Absence – Cllr Matthews, Cllr Smith and RDC Cllr Middlemiss no apologies were received from Cllr Meades.

3. To Receive Councillors declarations of interest – none received.

4. Approval of minutes of the meeting held on Monday 10.01.2022 – It was proposed by Cllr Paley and seconded by Cllr Whitehead that they were accurate.

5. To receive questions from the public – One member of the public asked if we had any information regarding the sourcing of trees for Glebe wood. Cllr Whitehead said he would get back with more information.

6. Updates from County Councillor - She had attended the Richmondshire branch of YLCA and subsequently made a request of the new commissioner to attend to discuss drug use and distribution and what the police are doing to address concerns. She hoped the parish would engage in that. The commissioner agreed. Cllr Grant had attended the PCF panel meeting and read out the proposals for increased officers within the force. Some 78 officers are required.

She urged members to listen to the webinar on LGR which parishes had been made aware of. Most interesting is the election of a mayor for the combined authority in 2024.

She had pursued Hate Crime reporting monitoring and addressing the issue on Catterick Garrison.

Pleased to see the VAS working well; the bus shelter issue moving forward albeit slowly also the Scotton Gardens numbering which is very clear. She had spoken to Area 1 about the path at Hunton Road. She had received concerns from residents at Low Hall Lane about high trees. They are not RDC and DIO were checking their records. She sought any information the parish might have.

Current RDC surveys are related to planning (note there is no longer a duty planner); pest control and environmental health customer satisfaction.

Usual potholes and lights reported as she had spotted them.

At RDC

As always please do just get in touch with her on

Cllr.helen.grant@northyorks.gov.uk or cllr.h.grant@richmondshire.gov.uk ⁸

Further discussions took place regarding Le Cateau planning application for housing for the Service and family accommodation. It was resolved that the Parish Clerk to write to RDC planning with concerns to what is going to happen with the huge drop in service personnel and will the planning application now be needed?

Hunton Road footpath was also discussed and it was resolved that the Parish Clerk to write to RDC asking for the grant to be extended as we have no more information from Highways.

7. Updates from District Councillor – none received.

8. To discuss police report – the report was noted.

9. To discuss play park updates – Parish Clerk updated the Councillors regarding the trees that have been cut. The Contractor has so far done Meanni Park which has already been paid £420. Oak tree estate play park came under budget at £920. The allotment and car park works are due to be carried out at a cost of £720. Cllr Smith had sent a question to put the painting of the play park equipment back on the agenda as they are letting the overall look of the play parks down. Cllr Paley mentioned that R Bowland was happy to give us a price for cutting the grass next year the Clerk said she would add this to the agenda next month she also advised the Councillors that they need to see if anyone else would be interested and could be done so via facebook and Scotton Parish Council's webpage.

10. To discuss grants applications and play equipment for new parks and approve quotes. Scotton Gardens frame £10,626.19 excluding VAT Falcon Park £9,883.95 excluding VAT it was proposed by Cllr Whitehead and Seconded by Cllr Archer.

11. To discuss anymore updates on the bus shelter – Clerk informed the Councillors that a survey had been carried out by NYCC and no asbestos had been found in the bus shelter. NYCC's legal team have been in contact with the MOD to see if the ownership could be passed over to the Parish Council. Cllr Paley said she would liaise with the veterans to see if they could give us an idea of the cost to fix the bus shelter. Cllr Sparkes mentioned about the lack of buses and it was resolved that the bus timetable to be added to the website.

12. Discuss insurance for playparks – defer till next month until we have information regarding equipment.

13. To discuss thermostat for the Village Hall and outside light- discussions took place regarding the thermostat and lights. It was resolved that Cllr Paley would get some quotes from electricians to mount the thermostat on the wall near the back doors of the Village Hall. This would solve the problems of users of the Village Hall turning the individual values on the radiators as they are getting damaged. Cllr Paley had found a thermostat from when the boiler had been installed and this will be used to save money. Discussions took place regarding the outside lights it was resolved that we would purchase two outdoor lights one for the back of the Village Hall and one for outside the entrance of the Village Hall. Cllr Paley would ask the electricians for advice and costing of this while getting a quote for the thermostat.

Discussions took place regarding other jobs that need to be done in the Village Hall and it was resolved to add Village maintenance onto the monthly.

14. Bank rec February - December and January bank statement. Appendix BACS payment – Proposed by Cllr Greensmith and Seconded by Cllr Sparkes.

15. Allotment updates – clerk informed the Councillors that all the allotment holders had paid their fees. She also informed the Councillors that there are no more people on the waiting list.

16. To receive update regarding flooding – Cllr Greensmith said she has sent a chaser to James from North Yorkshire County Council who needs to contact the farmer regarding Oak Tree Flooding.

17. Parish Clerks update – Clerk updated the Cllrs regarding some good training courses run by the YLCA she also drew their attention to some articles regarding Law and Governance. She advised the Cllrs that NALK standing orders had been altered so our standing orders will need be altered. She highlighted that one of the Noticeboards at White Shops needs attention and possibly removed. She asked the Cllrs to all have a look at the Noticeboards so she could have a second opinion.

18. To move into private to discuss quotes and grants for trees – Discussions took place and application number one met the criteria. Based on 3 quotes from applicant one, it was agreed that the Parish would pay half of the preferred quote of £550. Parish clerk to contact applicant one for details to pay for the works of £275. Applicant two also met the grant criteria. It was decided to pay

half of the preferred quote £1100. The Parish Clerk to contact applicant number two for details of who to pay £550 when the works are carried out.

It was agreed that the remaining £625 to be allocated for the maintenance for the trees at the allotments. The grant is now closed.

19. Burial Board Minutes and Agenda can be found on Scotton Parish Council's website

Next Meeting Monday 7th March 2022 at 7pm in Scotton Village Hall

Meeting finished at 9.30 pm

SCOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY BANK RECONCILIATION

26 Dec 21 to 25 Jan 22

Bank Balances as at

Account 21410482 - Current Account	B/F	£34,352.96	Actual	£33,138.51
Account 21410490 - Current Account-Savings	B/F	£6,990.81	Actual	
Account 91466844 - Current Account-Play Park	B/F	£7,034.43	Actual	
		<u>£48,378.20</u>		

Current Acc b/Fwd from previous month

£34,352.96

Income

Pilates Hall Rent Taylor	CR	£85.00	
K Kirby Allotment 12	CR	£35.00	
D Norman Allotment	CR	£35.00	
C Macrury Allotment	CR	£35.00	
CHQ 407080 Allotment	CR	£35.00	
R Walker-Smith Allotment	CR	£35.00	
B Rowden Allotment	CR	£35.00	
V Wood Allotment	CR	£35.00	
J Sharma Allotment	CR	£35.00	
CHQ 407080 Allotment	CR	£105.00	
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C Richards Allotment	CR	£35.00	
J Garvey	CR	£35.00	£575.00

Expenditure

Business Stream	DD	£9.00
December Wage	BP	£161.04
December Wage	BP	£428.55
E.On NEXT	DD	£45.00
Business Stream Allotment water	BP	£169.99
HMRC PAY/NIC CUMB	BP	£107.60
NYCC VAX Pole	BP	£360.00
R Bowland Dec Cut	BP	£468.00

Bank Charges	DD	£12.00	
E.ON NEXT	DD	£28.27	-£1,789.45

Balance C/Fwd as at

£33,138.51

BACS Payments for Approval

Jan Wage	£167.64
Jan Wage Clerk	£628.93
COEVAL IN 5041 VAS Panel Solar Panel	£4,958.04
COEVAL Solar Panel Inv 5042	£812.22
COEVAL Solar Panel Inv 5043	£812.22
S.A. Stockdale Oak tree play park tree cut	£920.00
Inv 0390 under budget	