

Minutes for the Meeting of Scotton Parish Council

Held on Monday 6th December 2021 At 7pm

Cllr Greensmith opened the meeting at 7.00pm.

1. Present - Cllr Greensmith, Cllr Paley, Cllr Smith, Cllr Whitehead, Cllr Sparks. NYCC and RDC Cllr Grant. Parish Clerk Lorraine Hodgson. There were three members of the public in attendance.

2. To receive Apologies for Absence – Cllr Meades, Cllr Matthews, Cllr Archer. RDC Councillor Cllr Middlemiss and the Police

3. To Receive Councillors declarations of interest - None

4. Approval of minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st November 2021- Cllr Smith questioned item number 5 from the minutes regarding the grant for £2000. She mentioned that this grant was only for one year and that we would need to put it on next month's agenda it was RESOLVED to put this item on the agenda for the next month. Information regarding this issue to be found in previous minutes and brought to the next meeting. It was Proposed by Cllr Whitehead and Seconded by Cllr Paley that the minutes were accurate.

5. To receive questions from the public – They asked about the trees. Cllr Whitehead informed the members of the public that he had been in touch with the woodland trust and the trees would be free. Discussions took place regarding planting seasons. Discussions took place regarding who the trees belonged to, the TPO's on the trees, planning permission and quotes for the removal of the tree. One member of the public mentioned that one tree had fallen and damaged her property. Cllr Smith mentioned claiming the land to sort it out. It was RESOLVED that the members of the public to send some quotes to the Parish Clerk.

6. Updates from County Councillor - She had been asked to sign off the approval to have Scotton Social Club registered as a community asset and was very pleased to do so.

She had addressed various flooding concerns that had occurred particularly at the Oaktree Estate. She stressed that it is very important that all councillors use the REPORT IT facility at both North Yorkshire County Council and District Council and don't wait until a meeting. If there are any problems after members have reported an incident then please let her know when she can follow it up.

She had shared the various responses related to leaf debris both on the Hunton Road path and street drains. (Noted also that phase 3 of the paths is still to take place).

She was pleased that there was unlikely to be a charge to Scotton or other parish and town councils for the upcoming election in May 2022. She had made a representation on a number of occasions (at County, District and YLCA) to try and ensure that there would be no charge.

She noted that there was a planning application related to the treebank behind Grebe Avenue seeking to improve the situation there.

Lastly, it was noted that the local government review continues and it is likely that the footprint which has been submitted will be the one which is rubber stamped by government. As previously stated, it was her intention to stand in the forthcoming elections where she hoped to be returned and to continue representing Scotton and the Lower Wensleydale element as well.

Helen wished all residents and members a very happy Christmas and New Year.

Cllr Greensmith mentioned about a tree on Mallard Road near the junction that is leaning very heavily on the road Cllr Grant said she will look into it.

7. Updates from District Councillors – Cllr Middlemiss sent a brief update to say she fully supported Scotton Social Club to become a registered community asset. She will update the Council in January after the NYCC Scrutiny of Health meeting.
8. To discuss planning applications – none were received.
9. To discuss police report – Parish Clerk told the Councillors that the Police were no-longer allowed to attend meetings due to the new covid strain.
10. Discuss playparks updates – Cllr Smith informed the Parish that only two grants were successful. She then mentioned that she was advised that wet pour would be cheaper to maintain because the current tiles were not easily repaired. Discussions then took place regarding getting rid of the wet pour areas altogether and putting matting down instead as in the long run it would be cheaper to maintain. It was discussed moving the mound of soil to fill in the wet pour areas. Members of the public asked about getting some adult equipment for the future.
11. To discuss grants applications and play equipment for new parks – Cllr Paley and Cllr Greensmith to bring information back to the next meeting.
12. To discuss anymore updates on the bus shelter – to follow up with a letter to see what is going on.
13. Discuss insurance for playparks and adding anymore equipment annual check – Parish Clerk needs to know how many pieces of apparatus in all the playparks before getting quotes. Cllr Paley offered to do this. Discussions took place regarding the quotes still needed to paint the metal frames.
14. Precept – Clerk advised the Councillors that the paper work had now arrived for the precept and that depending on how many houses were band D and above depended on what the precept increase would be.
15. Update on VAS poles – 10th of December is the date given to install the new pole.
16. Bank rec October- November Appendix BACS payment – Parish Clerk informed the Councillors of a payment that needed to be added to the list. Proposed by Cllr Greensmith and Seconded by Cllr Whitehead.
17. Allotment updates - new allotment holder has been informed and would like to take the plot on. Letters to go out to allotment holders regarding payment in January.
18. To receive update regarding flooding – no update. Discussions took place regarding surface water at the house on Thief's Gill. Cllr Smith to send photos to the Parish Clerk and forward them to the planning department.
19. Parish Clerks update – Parish Clerk informed the Councillors that the allotments had been charged for sewerage and surface water and that we should be getting some rebates. She mentioned about a non-payment for the Village Hall and is going to start to send bills. Discussions took place regarding putting a Thermostat in the Village Hall. Cllr Paley offered to get some quotes and this will be added to the agenda for next month.
20. Burial Board Minutes and Agenda can be found on Scotton Parish Council's website

Meeting finished at 8.55

Next Meeting Monday 10 January 2022 at 7pm in Scotton Village Hall

SCOTTON PARISH COUNCIL MONTHLY BANK RECONCILIATION

October and November

Bank Balances as at

Account 21410482 - Current Account	B/F	£35,383.57	Actual
Account 21410490 - Current Account-Savings	B/F	£6,990.69	Actual
Account 91466844 - Current Account-Play Park	B/F	£7,034.31	Actual
		£49,408.57	

Current Acc b/Fwd from previous month**£55,766.67****Income**

CHQ Village Hall 407080	CR	£40.00	
Taylor Eva Hall Rent	CR	£90.00	
Richmond DC	CR	15,000.00	
CHQ Village Hall 407080	CR	£40.00	£15,170.00

Expenditure

Wel Medical Limited Farnborough	VIS	£43.20	
Business Stream	DD	£9.50	
INV 3541 Caloo Ltd	BP	£32,400.00	
October Wage	BP	£177.86	
October Wage	BP	£509.99	
HMRC PAYE/NIC CUMB	BP	£132.00	
INV 100003677 Grit NYCC	BP	£630.00	
SPC Expenses L Hodgson	BP	£52.42	
220002916 VAS Pole NYCC	BP	£1,500.00	
E.ON NEXT	DD	£45.00	
E.ON NEXT	DD	£53.13	
			-£35,553.10

Balance C/Fwd as at**£35,383.57****BACS Payments for Approval**

November Wage	£160.84	
November Wage	£346.91	
R Bowland October Grass Cut	£387.60	
HMRC Income TAX	£87.60	
YLCA Training July	£48.00	
H.E.Woolley Fire Protection	£44.40	
A England Village Hall expenses.	£13.00	
J Greensmith expenses	£45.00	
A England allowance	£180.00	£1,313.35