

**SCOTHERN ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD IN THE METHODIST CHURCH,
MAIN STREET, SCOTHERN ON WEDNESDAY 4TH APRIL 2018**

MINUTES

Present: Councillors Mrs Cathryn Nicoll – Meeting Chairman
In attendance: Clerk – Mrs Christine Myers
 County Councillor Sue Rawlins
 District Councillor Steve England
 16 members of the public

1. WELCOME AND HOUSEKEEPING – given by Councillor Mrs Cathryn Nicoll.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – District Councillor Bob Waller, Councillor Barnaby Patchett.

3. PRESENTATION OF THE COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The 2017/18 Community Volunteer of the Year was awarded to Beverley Bell for her work in connection with fundraising for Ellison Boulters School and the running of the Baby and Toddler Group.

4. PRESENTATION BY WEST LINDSEY DISTRICT COUNCIL IN RELATION TO COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY/NEW HOMES BONUS/SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS

The Chair introduced District Councillor Steve England, Vice Chairman of the West Lindsey Prosperous Communities Committee.

DC England explained that the planning gain had previously been by a Section 106 Agreement between the District Council, Developer and Landowner until the new Community Infrastructure levy (CIL) was introduced in 2016. CIL is a fixed figure per development of £25 per square metre, paid twice yearly to the Parish Council. The funds may be used for the benefit of the parish. However CIL would not be payable on planning permissions on new residential builds granted prior to 22nd January 2018.

The New Homes Bonus – WLDC stance is that money received should directly benefit the community ie by contributing towards funding public services thus lowering the Council tax.

Residents commented as follows:-

- a) That too much funding was put into Gainsborough
- b) There was no consultation with communities, as required by law, as to what the funds should be spent on
- c) There was no funding available from any new homes built in Scothern
- d) That the cost of the emptying of the green bins were the highest in the county. .

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DC England agreed to take up points (a) – (c) with the WLDC Monitoring Officer.

It was considered that Item (d) could be taken further by the Parish Council.

5. REPORTS

a) County Councillor Sue Rawlins - Report attached.

Residents commented as follows:-

- The time between the gullies being cleared seemed to be lengthening. This was resulting in the gullies on Sudbrooke Road becoming blocked causing run-off from the highway entering residents' gardens. County Councillor Sue Rawlins was asked to take this matter up with Officers of LCC.
- That the County Council was becoming more remote with residents and spending funds on ineffective repairs.

b) District Councillor Bob Waller – Report submitted and attached.

c) Police - Report submitted and attached.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT — given by Councillor Cathryn Nicoll (see attached).

Councillor John Fotheringham added that a sponsor was required for the planter sited at Craypool Lane/Sudbrooke Road. Cost for sponsorship being £250.00.

7. REPORT/DISCUSSIONS IN RELATION TO SCOTHERN RECREATION CENTRE/SPIRIT OF SCOTHERN – VILLAGE HALL REVITALISATION

Mr Steve Taylor addressed the meeting explaining that a Charity runs the Village Hall, with a sub-committee – The Spirit of Scothern – set up to revitalise the Hall.

The hall is not sustainable as it is but unfortunately the revitalisation was not getting anywhere quickly due to lack of funding. It was debatable whether to refurbish the current hall or build a new one – no decision had been made. However funding remained the main issue, Chestnut Homes had offered a donation of 30k, Owen Day 20k. There was no funding to be received from planning gain.

Fundraising events had been held these being a 'Talk on India,' a 'Talk on Two Lancasters' and the continuing popular 'Flix in the Stix'.

A resident stated that she felt insufficient publicity was given to events and that the minutes of the sub - committee meetings were not published – Mr Taylor replied in that as much publicity as possible was given by the small committee and events advertised in the Scothern News, Clarion and Facebook.

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8. LOCAL ORGANISATIONS REPORTS

Baby and Toddler Group – Mrs Bev Bell reported that there was currently a low attendance to the Group. Those who did attend enjoyed the morning. There had been a fabulous Christmas Party. The group had a good Facebook page and welcomed new attendees.

9. PARISHIONERS ITEMS

A resident questioned approaches for building in the village and asked the relevance of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Chair explained the planning process.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.