

The Minutes of the Scothern Annual Parish Meeting 2024

Held on Wednesday, 22nd May 2024 at 7.30pm at Scothern Methodist Chapel, Main St

Present: Cllr N Reyner – Chair of Scothern Parish Council, L Brooks-Sleight – clerk/RFO,
WLDC Cllr B Velan, LCC Cllr S Rawlins and 10 residents

1. The Minutes of the APM held on 8th March 2023 were approved as a true & correct record. **Resolved**
2. Chairs Report – please see attached document
3. Cllr S Rawlins LCC gave a report on the village flooding issues, looking at the whole system – all working together to solve the issues. Highways – condition of roads in the area, unclassified roads in a terrible state and an update on the AW pipeline. Craypool Lane – serious work required between highways & AW, a continuous relationship to get action done.
4. Cllr B Velan WLDC – main concerns he has received from residents is about the flooding; he will follow up all calls & emails and attended a meeting for an update with LCC Flood & Highways team. An update was also received about RAF Scampton
5. The Grange Park working group were concerned that the PC didn't involve them in the new Terms of Reference for the group and the Memorial Bench & Tree Policy. It was explained that the internal auditor had raised concerns over the responsibilities of the group with the finances & decision making and recommended that the council set out and approve a new Terms of Reference for the Grange Park working group. A working party or group should not have delegated powers. A committee may be used if delegation is needed, however, it would need to comply with the council's Standing Orders – by holding public meetings, issue of formal agendas and minutes and have a quorum of three members of council. A working group of this nature should refer all its reports and recommendations for consideration at meetings of Full Council to ensure that the decisions taken are fully transparent to the public.
5. No reports from village organisations
6. Open Forum - the Chair opened the meeting for comments or points to the residents –

The points raised & discussed – what can children do in the village? Nothing for the younger children. The park area needs updating with younger children's play equipment. The tennis courts look a mess and not used. Need a new slide. Grange Park could have picnic benches/animal houses/nature area.

Speedwatch – hasn't been seen in the village. Need to advertise for volunteers to get back up and running.

A resident thanked all the council members for everything that they do in the village – it's not an easy task!

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 8.42pm