

Scruton Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 10th March 2022 at 7.30 pm

No residents attended the meeting.

There were no questions from the floor.

Christopher Barron, Clerk to Scruton Parish Council, 16th March 2022.

2022-14 To receive apologies for non-attendance .

Apologies were received from Cllr. Simon Britton and District Councillor Brian Phillips.

Attending the meeting were Cllr's. Nye (Chairman), Howe, Widmer and Thompson, County Councillor Annabel Wilkinson, with the clerk Chris Barron.

2022-15 To receive declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

2022-16 To accept minutes of the previous meeting:

The minutes were accepted, proposed by Cllr. Widmer, seconded by Cllr. Thompson and signed by the chairman.

2022-17 Finance.

Payments made:

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| R. C. Barron (clerks salary) | £ 250.00 |
| Rezolve I.T. (newsletter printing) | £ 216.60 |
| Scruton Cricket Club (refund 50% VAT/grant) | £ 775.80 |
| Scruton Playing Field Assoc. (refund 50% VAT/grant) | £ 775.80 |

Income:

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| Brian Gibbens (donation to stump removal) | £ 50.00 |
| HMRC (VAT refund) | £1,231.77 |

The financial statement was presented to councillors by the clerk .
Councillors accepted the financial statement, with the clerk explaining the current state of council finances.

2022-18 Planning:

To receive the clerks report on recent planning consultations:

20/02448/FUL. Erection of a detached dwelling, Land adjacent to The Old Manor House, Scruton.

Decision deferred for materials confirmation.

2022-19 Committee Reports:

There were no committee reports presented.

2022-20 Correspondence:

The clerk presented three letters of correspondence regarding the proposal to erect a street light outside the village hall. All three correspondants were against the proposal.

Correspondence was also received relating to footpath rights of way. The clerk to follow this up with the help of the County Council Rights of Way officers.

2022-21 Risk Assessment:

Risk assessments were presented to councillors, and were accepted with no major concerns.

No report had been presented for the month of February

2022-22 Hamhall Lane Flooding:

Cllr. Howe reported that the drain repair was now completed, and seemed to be working well, with no flooding of Hamhall Lane during the winter months.

2022-23 Footway Lighting:

As previously reported there was opposition to street lighting outside the village hall.

Cllr. Annabel Wilkinson would investigate options for extra lighting in other locations within the village.

2022-24 Business Continuity:

The clerk presented a resume of all files and documents held by the clerk

Discussion continued over the position of clerk, should the clerk be unavailable.

The clerk to investigate a temporary replacement.

2022-25 Parish Elections:

The clerk reported that all current parish councillors had expressed a wish to stand again for the parish, with the clerk explaining that if no further candidates came forward there would be no need for a parish election.

Closing date for nominations was to be 5th April 2022.

2022-26 Any Other Business:

Proposed footpath A684 (Cllr. Nye).

Cllr. Nye explained to the council that the discussions with the land owner were ongoing.

Lending Library (Cllr. Nye)

This item deferred pending further information.

Councillor Wilkinson then gave a short description on the projected aims and targets of the reorganise County Council.

2022-27 To agree any items for inclusion in the newsletter:

The chairman would provide a column of council information for the next newsletter.

The meeting finished at 8.36 pm.

**The next business meeting is Thursday 12th May 2022.
This is the Annual General Meeting of the Council
Commencing at 7.30pm.**

Note: All minutes in draft form, until signed by the chairman.