

Scruton Parish Council

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting at the Coore Memorial Hall
Thursday 11th May 2023 7:30pm

Three residents attended the meeting.

There were no questions from the floor.

The meeting was preceded by an address given by a representative from North Yorkshire Council Trading Standards on the prevalent scammers, both social media and doorstep type.

The Chairman thanked Mark Lacy for his enlightening delivery.

Christopher Barron, Clerk to Scruton Parish Council, 15th May 2023

2023-27 To receive apologies for non attendance.

There were no apologies

Attending the meeting were: Cllr. Nye (Chairman), Cllr. Widmer,

Cllr. Howe and Cllr. Daley with County Cllr. Wilkinson.

(Cllr. Thompson had resigned from the council previously).

The clerk Chris Barron also in attendance.

It was noted that both Chair and Vice-chair of the council were now commencing their second year at this position.

2023-28 To receive declarations of interest in items on the Agenda.

There were no declarations of interest.

2023-29 To accept the minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were presented to the Council.

Proposed by Cllr. Widme, seconded by Cllr. Howe and signed by the Chairman.

2023-30 To appoint representatives to the:

Scruton Playing Fields Association: Cllr Trevor Howe

Village Hall Committee: Cllr. Syd Nye and Cllr. Maurice Daley

Scruton Charities: Mr Chris Barron

All accepted their positions.

2023-31 To appoint an internal auditor.

Mr Derek Fielhouse had once again agreed to internal audit

the council's accounts.

2023-32 To set dates for 2023/24 meetings:

2023, 13th July, 14th September, 9th November,

2024, 11th January, 14th March, 11th April (APM), 9th May (AGM).

All dates were accepted.

2023-33 Finance.

Payments made:

Communi Corp (Coronation mugs) £584.40

St. Radegunds Church Council (50% clock) £141.00

Alan Jenkins (green bin tag) £ 43.50

Sam Turner & Sons Ltd. (mower service) £ 78.53

Zurich municipal (parish insurance) £193.20

Income received:

North Yprkshire Council (Parish Precept) £3,000.00

HMRC (VAT reclaim) £1,056.34

Councillors accepted the latest account presented by the clerk.

2023-34 To approve the accounts for the year ending 31st March 2023.

The financial account for the year 2022/23 was accepted.

2023-35 To arrange the next financial risk management inspection.

The next financial risk assessment would be undertaken by Cllr.Widmer in conjunction with the clerk.

2023-36 Parish Website:

The Webmaster of the village site had written to the clerk with a proposal relating to a change in the way the site was managed. This had been proposed some time previously, so councillors were aware of the proposal. This would involve a change in the media used to produce the site. Assurance was given that the site would remain a village site as well as a parish one.

It would simplify the site, so this was approved.

2023-37 Planning.

To receive the clerk's report on recent planning consultations

(No planning decisions from HDC)

2023-38 Committee Reports.

No committee reports were presented.

2023-39 Correspondence.

Two items of correspondence were presented to the council.

A letter from Kevin Hollinrake MP giving his support to the council over the solar appeal.

A second letter from a concerned resident relating to anomalies apparent on the village web site.

The clerk explained the reason and agreed to rectify the situation.

2023-40 Risk Assessment.

The latest risk assessment was presented to the council

With no major issues apparent.

2023-41 Data Protection Act 2018.

All councillors duly signed their Data Protection paper so that their contact details can be published.

2023-42 Pittfields parking.

The clerk presented correspondence from Together Housing in which the issue of residents from outside the complex were refused permission to park within it.

Many residents and councillors from a previous council expressed the view this had been agreed verbally, but the housing association was adamant that no documentary evidence was forthcoming.

The council therefore agreed to contact Together Housing in an effort to come to some compromise result.

2023-43 Any Other Business.

Coronation suggestions had been provided and when all had been assembled would be decided upon with consideration on location and cost. Once decided upon the result would be reported upon.

The proposed lending library was an ongoing project and would be reported on at a future meeting.

023-44 To agree any items for inclusion in the newsletter.

The chairman would provide items for the forthcoming newsletter, in conjunction with other members of the council.

The meeting finished at 9.38pm.

Next business meeting is Thursday 13th July 2023 .

Commencing at 7.30

All minutes in draft until signed by the chairman