

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF SCALDWELL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2008  
in Scaldwell Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Present:** Mrs P Long (Chairman)  
Mrs J Jones (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr M Alcock  
Mrs J Partridge  
Mrs M Vinton  
  
Mr J Harris (Clerk)  
Mr F Wiig (District Councillor)  
Fourteen other parishioners attended

### **1. Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Mr D Farmer, Mr D Watts, Mrs S Dodds-Smith, Mr C Telling, Mr J Haynes, Mr M Monk, Mrs K McRae, Mrs A Curtis and Mr E Wiig.

### **2. Confirmation of the minutes from the Annual Parish Meeting of Scaldwell held on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2007**

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **3. Matters arising from the minutes**

There were no matters arising.

### **4. Report from the Chairman of Scaldwell Parish Council**

This was the final year in office for the existing Parish Council and I am pleased to report that it has been very eventful. We have achieved success on several fronts; we have been awarded Quality Council status - this required a great deal of hard work by our clerk Jonathan, for which we are most grateful. We have also initiated a Village Design Statement, although this has been entirely produced by Christopher and Maggie Angeloglou and their committed team of helpers.

We are also delighted to have secured the playing field for the village through negotiation with Daventry, and this will enable us to apply for funding for some new sports and play equipment.

We have established a parish council web site, which is proving to be a useful resource for many villagers.

As in past years, planning matters have taken up much of our time, as well as responding to the vast number of consultations and surveys which we receive. The other important issue for the village is Highways, and this year our side streets have been re-surfaced, although we are still in discussions with Highways to try to resolve the problems that have subsequently arisen. We are informed that our pavements are due for re-surfacing next and then finally the High Street.

Speeding continues to be a concern, and we have held meeting with Highways to ask for their help in addressing the problem. We also invited the local police to attend our meeting in September to address the village and to discuss their concerns.

Maintaining our village greens is always a high priority for us, and approximately one third of our precept is spent on grass-cutting. We are constantly having to repair damage to the greens and we have now received permission to place posts on the most vulnerable corners.

We have looked at the current level of street lighting and have applied for funding to replace all the visors which should make a noticeable improvement. If necessary we will also consider installing additional lights on the High Street.

Regular weekly inspections are made of the playing field, and we are currently looking into the best way of dealing with the nettles on the mound. Last year we asked for volunteers to help clear the area, but received very little support so we must now consider employing someone to deal with the problem.

In March, a clean up of the village green and bus shelter was organised and we were very grateful to all those who supported us.

A reminder that the elections for the parish council will be held on May 1<sup>st</sup> in the Village Hall, and I hope that everyone will take a few moments to cast their vote - we really do need the council to represent the wishes of the whole village.

I would like to end by thanking some of the members of the village who have taken on various responsibilities namely, Olive Wootton our tree warden, and Eddie Cockram our footpath warden. I would also like to thank Frank and Liz Wiig, our Daventry District Councillors, for all the advice and support that they have offered during the year - it has been very much appreciated.

Finally, I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for all the support that they have given me over the last four years - it has been a pleasure working with them, am particularly grateful to Jane , who has been a wonderful vice chairman and an excellent sounding board.

Lastly, I would like to thank Jonathan, for being such a marvellous clerk. He is helpful, diligent and good natured, and has always managed to keep us informed of correct procedures. He has made my role as Chairman so much easier, and I think that we are extremely fortunate to have had him working with us over the last three years.

Thank you.

## **5. Parish Council accounts for 2007/2008**

These were distributed at the meeting and explained by the Clerk. The Parish Council's Annual Report, which includes the accounts, will be distributed to every household in the village with the next newsletter.

## **6. Reports from village organisations**

### **a) Village Hall Management Committee**

The report was read on behalf of Mr J Haynes.

### **b) Village Design Statement**

Mr C Angeloglou presented the report.

### **c) Scaldwell Parish Trust**

The report was read on behalf of Mrs S Dodds-Smith.

### **d) Scaldwell Relief in Need Charity**

The report was read on behalf of Mrs S Dodds-Smith.

### **e) Parochial Church Council**

The report was presented by Mr D Keir.

**f) Scaldwell Sports Club**

No report was received.

**g) The Foundation of Thomas Roe**

The report was read on behalf of Ursula Morris.

**h) Scaldwell Charity**

The report was read on behalf of Mr C Telling.

**i) Scaldwell Club**

The report was read on behalf of Mr M Monk.

**j) Indoor Bowls Club**

The report was read on behalf of Mr B Draper.

**k) Coffee Club**

The report was read on behalf of Mrs A Curtis.

**l) Scaldwell Mums & Tots**

The report was read on behalf of Mrs K McRae.

**7. Comments from electors present on matters concerning the Parish of Scaldwell**

a) Comments were made about the planning application for the barn off Holcot Lane and concerns raised that the footpath to the barn has been cleared.

b) Some commented that the Annual Parish Meeting is very informative and that more people should be encouraged to attend.

c) Scaffolding will be erected at the church while the roof is repaired. Those present were asked to be vigilant following concerns of lead being stolen from church roofs.

d) The damaged signs and posts at the bend on the High Street will be reported to Street Doctor.

The meeting ended at 8.20pm.

Signed .....

Chairman

Date .....