

Scaldwell Parish Council

Annual Report 2008/2009

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Chairman's Report

This has been another busy year for the Parish Council. The following list, briefly outlines the activities of the Parish Council over the past year, but further information is available on our website, or from any of the Councillors:-

Parish Council activities during the year to 31 March 2009

Meetings

Twelve Council meetings were held during the year. All meetings are open to the public. Notice of meetings and the agenda are displayed on the bus shelter notice board and Parish Council website approximately one week prior to the meeting. District Councillor Liz Wiig and County Councillor Chris Millar attended meetings and continued to support the Council in many ways.

Elections

Elections were held in May 2008 with a respectable turnout of 53%; Ann Coward, Alisdair Tait and Frank Wiig were newly elected. Sadly in October 2008, Councillor David Watts passed away following illness. David had served on the Parish Council since 2004. In January 2009 Joan Randell was co-opted onto the Council.

Highways

Following requests from the Parish Council the pavements and kerbing along Old Road and the High Street were resurfaced.

The Parish Council has continued to request for remedial action to make the roads safer to walk on in cold weather.

The Parish Council has been in regular contact with MGWSP and Northamptonshire County Council to ensure the roads and signage are maintained to a good standard.

Playing field

Weekly safety inspections are carried out by Councillors and an annual inspection is undertaken by Wicksteed.

Due to delays by Daventry District Council's legal representatives, the Council are still in the process of securing the transfer of ownership of the playing field to Scaldwell Parish Council; the Council is continuing to keep this moving forward and completion of the transfer should hopefully be completed in the next few months.

The Parish Council is delighted with the formation of the Scaldwell Playing Field Community Group and will be supporting their efforts to improve the facilities on the playing field.

Village greens

The Council always tries to keep the greens in good condition. During the year the trees along the main road were trimmed back to improve visibility

Planning Applications

Twenty one planning applications were considered by the Parish Council during the year. These included the controversial proposals for wind turbines near Hanging Haughton and at the Mercedes site.

Parish Councillors and the Clerk have attended several Planning Committee meetings at Daventry DC to speak about planning applications in Scaldwell. Councillors have also attended several site visits in and around Scaldwell to consider planning applications.

Street lighting

The Parish Council pays for the electricity and maintenance costs of the village street lights. During the year the Council received a grant from the County Councillors Empowerment Fund to enable the street lighting in the village to be improved. Part of this funding has been used to replace the visors on the street lights.

Parish Council Website

The website has grown in visitors and has proved to be a very useful method of keeping villagers informed of Council activities and village matters. Copies of the

agendas and minutes of Council meetings and details of Council procedures are available to download from the site. The site is regularly updated with news including details of recent planning applications. The Council News page of the website now receives an average of over 200 visits per month.

Consultations

The Parish Council responded to many consultation documents and surveys from various authorities, relating to both local and national issues, during the year.

County and local events

The Parish Council sent representatives to meetings held by CPRE, the Police, Northamptonshire County Council and Daventry District Council.

Village Organisations

Councillors continued to support and have representatives on local organisations and charities.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank Olive Wootton our tree warden for all the advice, expertise and time that she has given over the past year, and to thank Diane Kimbell for offering to take over the role of footpath warden from Eddie Cockram, whose efforts over the years have been much appreciated.

I would also like to thank my fellow Councillors for all their tremendous hard work and support over the year, and in particular to Margaret, who has been invaluable as Vice-Chairman. Our clerk, Jonathan continues to keep the Council running smoothly and efficiently, whilst ensuring that we comply with all the Statutory requirements. His duties are always carried out with diligence and good humour, and we appreciate how fortunate we are to have him. Thank you.

Pam Long - Chairman of Scaldwell Parish Council

SCALDWELL PARISH COUNCIL
Summary Receipts and Payments Account
For the Year Ended 31st March 2009

Year Ended 31 st March 2008		Year Ended 31 st March 2009
£		£
	RECEIPTS	
10000.00	Precept	10750.00
35.82	Bank Interest	34.75
290.27	NCC Grant towards grass cutting	290.27
520.12	Donations towards bus shelter / greens	- -
- -	e.on rent for underground cables	11.50
<u>- -</u>	NCC Empowerment fund grant	<u>1793.24</u>
10846.21		12879.76
- -	Unpresented Cheque	1000.00
- -	VAT Recovered	664.46
<u>10846.21</u>	Total Receipts	<u>14544.22</u>
	PAYMENTS	
2304.12	Parish grass cutting	2206.77
246.00	Annual Audit fees	267.50
538.00	Insurance	571.88
460.61	Street lighting - electricity supply	629.36
211.40	Street lighting - maintenance	725.44
72.00	Hire of Hall for meetings	100.00
2431.79	Clerk salary /national insurance	2005.99
129.48	Clerk expenses/training fees	162.93
194.00	Annual subscriptions	202.00
200.00	Playing field - annual rent	1.00
40.00	Playing field - annual inspection	85.00
1275.00	Playing field - purchase costs	- -
- -	Grants to village organisations	200.00
- -	Election costs	1009.12
- -	Village Design Statement	53.50
<u>531.11</u>	Bus shelter / notice board / greens	<u>231.30</u>
8633.51		8451.79
272.67	VAT Paid	406.41
<u>8906.18</u>	Total Payments	<u>8858.20</u>

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 Receipts and Payments Summary
 For the Year Ended 31st March 2009

Year Ended 31 st March 2008		Year Ended 31 st March 2009
£		£
1222.91	Balance Brought Forward at 1.4.08	3162.94
<u>10846.21</u>	Add Total Receipts	<u>14544.22</u>
12069.12		17707.16
<u>8906.18</u>	Less Total Payments	<u>8858.20</u>
3162.94	Balance Carried Forward at 31.3.09	8848.96
These Cumulative Funds are represented by:		
500.00	Current Account - Royal Bank of Scotland	500.00
<u>2662.94</u>	Deposit Account - Royal Bank of Scotland	<u>8348.96</u>
3162.94		8848.96

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

For the Year Ended 31st March 2009

At 31/3/09 the following assets were held at replacement value:

Bus shelter	2402.70
Notice board	525.00
3 Teak Seats	1723.84
1 Waste Bin	115.80
Lamp outside Church	2328.80
Children's Swings	1217.69
Play Trail Climbing Frame	6481.18
Children's Slide	1789.99
Cricket strip	1974.20
Two goalposts & nets	578.81
Bench on Playing field	536.99
Parish clock on church	9626.14
12 street lamps attached to poles/houses	1079.57
1 street lamp on wooden pole	748.26
6 metal street lamps	<u>4489.58</u>
	£ 35618.55

At 31/3/09 the following lease was in operation, in a period of 'holding over' at a cost of £1pa, under the terms of the former lease, prior to finalising the purchase of the Recreation Ground. The former lease expired on 24/3/08:

Lessor	Purpose	Annual Lease	Year of Expiry
Daventry District Council	Recreation ground	£200 payable pa	2008

There were no current liabilities for the year ending 31/3/09.

Section 137 payments: S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Parish Councils to spend up to the product of £5.86 per head of electorate for the benefit of people in the area on activities or projects not specifically authorised by other powers. The limit for this Council in the year ended 31st March 2009 was £1588.06 . There are 271 electors. During the year ending 31/3/09 the following payment was made:- Village Design Statement £53.50.

Signed
 Chairman Responsible Financial Officer Date