

Scaldwell Parish Council

Annual Report 2009/2010

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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 2010

Meetings

Eleven 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.

The Council has continued to respond to concerns raised by villagers on a variety of matters such as dog fouling (a dog bin was purchased for the village green and the council has reported concerns to the DDC Dog Warden) and youths hanging around the tennis courts in late evening (the Police were contacted and soon resolved the matter).

Elections

The next Parish Council elections are scheduled to be held in May 2012.

Highways

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 and to press for quick repairs to potholes, damaged signs and replacement of salt in the salt bins. The Council is currently pushing for the resurfacing of Mill Lane following the failed experimental resurfacing work that took place a few years ago.

Playing field

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

The Council has secured the transfer of ownership of the playing field to Scaldwell Parish Council from Daventry District Council although the completion date is still to be confirmed. Our thanks to Angie Farmer and Carter Slater for acting on our behalf and forgoing their legal fees.

The Parish Council is delighted with the success of the fund raising efforts of the Scaldwell Playing Field Community Group and will continue to support their efforts to improve the facilities on the playing field.

Village greens

The Council always tries to keep the greens in good condition, many thanks to Michael Alcock for his help in repairing any damage as it occurs. During the year we have ensured the grass is cut regularly.

Planning Applications

Twelve planning applications were considered by the Parish Council during the year. These included the controversial proposals for wind turbines near Harrington and Kelmarsh.

Street lighting

The Parish Council pays for the electricity and maintenance costs of the village street lights. Following funding from the County Councillors' Empowerment Fund a new street light was installed on the High Street and the lantern on the light near the church was replaced.

Parish Council Website

The website has continued 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.

Training

All the councillors and clerk have attended training on the new Power of Well Being and the Council has become one of the first councils in the country to be eligible to use this power. The Clerk has attended training sessions organised by SLCC and NCALC.

Village Organisations

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

Speedwatch

The Council continue to support the Speedwatch scheme which operates in the village, and thank Phil Purcell for all his hard work . The scheme will operate this year from 27th June until 8th August, and we would encourage anyone who can spare a little time, to contact Phil, as the scheme does depend on volunteers and at present there are insufficient, to ensure that it will continue.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank Olive Wootton for all the advice, expertise and time that she has given as village Tree Warden and for Dylan Lewis for offering to take over this role. Thanks also go to Diane Kimbell for her continuing efforts as Footpath Warden.

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 2010

Year Ended 31 st March 2009		Year Ended 31 st March 2010
£		£
	RECEIPTS	
10750.00	Precept	11000.00
34.75	Bank Interest	10.92
290.27	NCC Grant towards grass cutting	301.30
11.50	e.on rent for underground cables	- -
<u>1793.24</u>	NCC Empowerment fund grant for lighting	<u>- -</u>
12879.76		11312.22
1000.00	Unpresented Cheque	- -
664.46	VAT Recovered	394.72
<u>14544.22</u>	Total Receipts	<u>11706.94</u>
	PAYMENTS	
2206.77	Parish grass cutting	2144.40
267.50	Annual Audit fees	273.92
571.88	Insurance	620.42
629.36	Street lighting - electricity supply	688.76
725.44	Street lighting - maintenance	1653.53
100.00	Hire of Hall for meetings	100.00
2005.99	Clerk salary /national insurance	2266.56
162.93	Clerk expenses/training fees	280.27
202.00	Annual subscriptions	205.95
1.00	Playing field - annual rent	- -
85.00	Playing field - inspection/maintenance	420.00
200.00	Grants to village organisations	- -
- -	Clock	570.00
1009.12	Election costs	- -
53.50	Village Design Statement	- -
<u>231.30</u>	Bus shelter / notice board / greens	<u>311.85</u>
8451.79		9535.66
406.41	VAT Paid	461.60
<u>8858.20</u>	Total Payments	<u>9997.26</u>

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Receipts and Payments Summary
For the Year Ended 31st March 2010

Year Ended 31 st March 2009		Year Ended 31 st March 2010
£		£
3162.94	Balance Brought Forward at 1.4.09	8848.96
<u>14544.22</u>	Add Total Receipts	<u>11706.94</u>
17707.16		20555.90
<u>8858.20</u>	Less Total Payments	9997.26
8848.96	Balance Carried Forward at 31.3.10	10558.64
These Cumulative Funds are represented by:		
500.00	Current Account - Royal Bank of Scotland	500.00
<u>8348.96</u>	Deposit Account - Royal Bank of Scotland	<u>10058.64</u>
8848.96		10558.64

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

For the Year Ended 31st March 2010

At 31/3/10 the following assets were held at replacement value:

Bus shelter	2546.86
Notice board	556.50
3 Teak Seats	1827.27
1 Waste Bin	122.74
Lamp outside Church	2468.52
Children's Swings	1290.75
Play Trail Climbing Frame	6870.05
Children's Slide	1897.38
Cricket strip	2092.65
Two goalposts & nets	613.53
Bench on Playing field	569.21
Parish clock on church	10203.70
13 street lamps attached to poles/houses	1239.70
1 street lamp on wooden pole	793.15
Sensor light on village hall	87.48
6 metal street lamps	<u>4758.95</u>
	£ 37938.44

At 31/3/10 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 31/3/10.

Section 137 payments: S.137 of the Local Government Act 1972 enables Parish Councils to spend up to the product of £6.15 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 2010 was £1611.30. There are 262 electors. During the year no payments were made under Section 137.

Signed
Chairman Responsible Financial Officer Date