

Scaldwell Parish Council

Annual Report 2010/2011

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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 2011

Meetings

Eight 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 attended meetings and continued to support the Council in many ways. Sgt Mike Grady attended the meeting in November to report on local police issues. Mr Jim Cosford from Northamptonshire County Council Rights of Way department attended the meeting in January to discuss and answer questions on local Rights of Way matters.

The Council has continued to respond to concerns raised by villagers on a variety of matters such as those concerning planning, Rights of Way and dog fouling. The Council communicates regularly with the District and County Councils and their representative councillors, with MGWSP on Highways and Rights of Way issues and with neighbouring parish councils. Councillors and the Clerk have represented the council at various meetings such as the local police Community Panel Meetings, local charities and village organisations.

Elections

Mrs Ann Coward stood down as a councillor in March; the Parish Council shall be co-opting a new councillor at the Annual Meeting this May. The next Parish Council elections will be held in May 2012. Anyone interested in standing as a councillor should look out for nomination details around March next year. Details will be advertised on the Parish Council website and noticeboard, and in the village newsletter. You are welcome to contact any of the current councillors or the clerk, or to attend any council meetings, to see the various roles and functions councillors perform.

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. It is hoped that the Temporary Vehicular Activated Sign near the church has helped in some way to raise awareness of the 30mph speed limit through the village.

Playing field

The Parish Council has been delighted with the success of the Scaldwell Playing Field Community Group in obtaining funding for the new play equipment. The council will continue to support their efforts to improve the facilities on the playing field and hope to start improvements to the entrance of the field in the near future.

Village greens

The Council always tries to keep the greens in good condition; many thanks to Michael Alcock and others for their help in repairing any damage as it occurs. This year we purchased a sign for the greens to help visitors to the village locate the village hall and playing field.

Planning Applications

Seventeen planning applications were considered by the Parish Council during the year; the council sent comments to Daventry District Council planning department about each of these applications.

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 are available to download from the site which is regularly updated with council news including details of recent planning applications. Over the past year the website received an average 172 visits per month.

Training

Several councillors and the Clerk attended training sessions organised by Daventry District Council and NCALE, including sessions on the Code of Conduct for councillors, Community Engagement and Accounts and Audit training.

Finance

The Council has made efforts to ensure it is getting best value for money. As a result of this for the forthcoming year the council has changed insurance company and the contractor for the grass cutting. This has helped the council maintain the same level of precept as 2010/11.

On behalf of the Parish Council, I would like to thank our village Tree Warden, Dylan Lewis, and our Footpath Warden, Diane Kimbell, for their efforts and advice to the Parish Council on various matters throughout the year. In particular, I wish to thank all the members of the Scaldwell Playing Field Community Group for their efforts and success in improving the equipment and use of the playing field; it really has been a tremendous effort which will be appreciated by children and all villagers for many years to come.

I would also like to thank my fellow Councillors for all their hard work and support over the year, and in particular to Margaret, who has been invaluable as Vice-Chairman, to Frank for his support at District level and to Ann for her work as councillor over the past three years. And finally thanks to Jonathan for his continued work as Clerk; he is a tremendous asset to the Parish Council, and we all greatly appreciate his dedication, commitment and unfailing good humour. Thank you.

Pam Long - Chairman of Scaldwell Parish Council

SCALDWELL PARISH COUNCIL Summary Receipts and Payments Account For the Year Ended 31st March 2011

Year Ended 31 st March 2010 £		Year Ended 31 st March 2011 £
	RECEIPTS	
11000.00	Precept	11250.00
10.92	Bank Interest	14.30
301.30	NCC Grant towards grass cutting	311.92
- -	NCC Playbuilder Grant	49300.00
- -	Insurance adjustment	<u>70.40</u>
<u>11312.22</u>		60946.62
394.72	VAT Recovered	4943.49
<u>11706.94</u>	Total Receipts	<u>65890.11</u>
	PAYMENTS	
2144.40	Parish grass cutting	2591.34
273.92	Annual Audit fees	275.31
620.42	Insurance	870.38

688.76	Street lighting - electricity supply	710.08
1653.53	Street lighting - maintenance	193.49
100.00	Hire of Hall for meetings	100.00
2266.56	Clerk salary	2266.56
280.27	Clerk expenses/training fees	336.21
205.95	Annual subscriptions	229.35
420.00	Playing field - inspection/maintenance	1455.06
- -	Playing field - equipment	25790.00
- -	Grants to village organisations	250.00
570.00	Clock	459.00
<u>311.85</u>	Bus shelter / notice board / greens	<u>759.66</u>
9535.66		36286.44
461.60	VAT Paid	4883.35
<u>9997.26</u>	Total Payments	<u>41169.79</u>

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Receipts and Payments Summary
For the Year Ended 31st March 2011

Year Ended 31 st March 2010		Year Ended 31 st March 2011
£		£
8848.96	Balance Brought Forward at 1.4.10	10558.64
<u>11706.94</u>	Add Total Receipts	<u>65890.11</u>
20555.90		76448.75
<u>9997.26</u>	Less Total Payments	<u>41169.79</u>
10558.64	Balance Carried Forward at 31.3.11	35278.96
	These Cumulative Funds are represented by:	
500.00	Current Account - Royal Bank of Scotland	500.00
<u>10058.64</u>	Deposit Account - Royal Bank of Scotland	<u>34778.96</u>
10558.64		35278.96

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
For the Year Ended 31st March 2011

At 31/3/11 the following assets were held at original cost value:

Bus shelter	2546.86
Notice board	556.50
3 Teak Seats	1446.81
1 Waste Bin	58.05
Lamp outside Church	2468.52
Children's Swings	320.78
Children's Slide	2467.48
Cricket strip	1915.25
Two goalposts & nets	616.88
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	4696.60
2 dog bins	694.27
Sign for village hall/playing field	568.80
Jungle Climber	7089.00
Monkey Bars	438.00
2 bay junior swing	2836.00
City Rota Bounce	2535.00
City Air Rider	1517.00
Lakeland Table	384.00
Sleeper Step	90.00
Embankment Ramp	896.00
Log Walk	48.00
Inclusive Orbit	3454.00
Small Fort	4160.00
Log Train	753.00
U Tube tunnel	2676.00
Playsand	3335.00
Safer Grass tiles	2574.00
Raised Edging Boards	588.00
Cushionfall/ loosefill	1617.00
Terram	409.00
Wobble Board	505.00
2 Cradle Seats	196.00
Wetpour	2162.00
Logs	<u>1987.00</u>
	£71,499.04

Liabilities for the year ending 31/3/11: Playdale Play Equipment £27061.51.

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 2011 was £1617.45. There are 263 electors. During the year no payments were made under Section 137.

Signed

Chairman

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Responsible Financial Officer

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Date