

***Scaldwell Parish
Council***

***Annual Report
2012/2013***

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SCALDWELL PARISH COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT 2012/2013

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Chairman's Report

This has been another busy year for the Parish Council – the following report is a summary of our activities, but further details can be found on our website or by contacting any of the Councillors.

Parish Council Activities during the year to 31 March 2013

The Parish Council held 6 Statutory meetings during the year including the Annual Parish Meeting and an additional three Extraordinary meetings to consider Planning issues. Notice of meetings is given on the website and on the notice board near the bus shelter. We have been very fortunate to have many of our meetings attended by District Councillors Liz Wiig and Steve Pointer. We are also very grateful to County Councillor Chris Millar for all his support over the years and wish him well for the future.

Parish Council elections were held last May, which resulted in Annie Curtis and Jenny Lewis joining the Council to serve for a term of four years as with all the re-elected Councillors.

This year has seen various changes for Parish Councils with the introduction of the new Localism Act and with the new responsibilities that we undertake. It is important that we keep up to date with developments and have therefore attended meetings and training sessions organized by NCALC (the association of Local Councils) CPRE (protection of Rural England) and the Community Police panel meeting.

The Parish Council are also represented on various organisations and Charities within the village.

Highways.

We have dealt with the Highways Agency to fill potholes, repaint road markings and fix signposts. We have also dealt with shortages of salt in freezing conditions, and taken up the issue of drivers who damage the greens. Speeding is always a concern, and whilst the possible purchase of a speed gun for the village proved impractical and expensive the Council did consider other warning signs, but their lasting effectiveness is uncertain in our village considering the large outlay and possible visual

disfigurement they would bring. Other issues were the length of time taken to repair broken lights, and representations have been made to the maintenance contractors.

Grass Mowing

The weather last year made it particularly difficult for our Contractor to maintain our Greens and keep them looking tidy – this year we have appointed a different company and hopefully they will provide us with the service that the village expects. As with all expenditure undertaken by the parish Council, we do seek several quotes before appointing contractors, and always strive to achieve the best possible value for money for our parishioners.

Trees

This year has seen a great many planning applications regarding work to trees, and this is because trees within a conservation village, such as ours, are protected, and must have planning permission before any work can be carried out. The tree officer at Daventry, Michael Venton is happy to discuss work to trees, and although the Parish Council are consulted, the decision is made at Daventry, as with all planning applications. We are most grateful to our tree warden Dylan Lewis, who advises the parish council on a purely voluntary basis.

Playing Field

The Playing Field remains an outstanding tribute to all those who have worked so hard to achieve such a wonderful asset for the village. We now have a 'friends group' who have taken over from the Playing Field Committee and will continue to maintain the Playing Field. Two volunteers have recently undergone training to ensure that our weekly safety inspections remain effective and that the Playing Field and all the equipment comply with Health and Safety regulations. We are very proud to have been granted Queen Elizabeth playing field status which will ensure that it remains as an open space for the village in perpetuity. The field has been such a success that at times, we have encountered problems with parked cars from other visitors but this is being monitored carefully. The remaining funds are earmarked for the field entrance – the final stage of the improvements.

Parish Council Website

The number of hits per month has leveled out to around 200 and it is apparent that the Agendas and Minutes are regularly viewed. For those who have no internet access we shall continue to use the noticeboard as we have a legal obligation to display paper notices

Finance

A copy of the Annual accounts is available in this report. It is worth noting that most of the large expenditure on the Playing Field was funded by grants.

Due to changes in the way Council Tax is now calculated, the Parish Council was obliged to ask for a small increase in the Precept to raise the same amount as last year. The increase is minimal (less than £2 per annum for most households) and we shall continue to monitor our costs very carefully whilst maintaining the village to the best of our ability.

Finally

I should like to take this opportunity to thank my fellow Councillors for all their hard work during the year, and particularly to my Vice Chairman Margaret Vinton for all her help and support. We work very much as a team, and I am most grateful to all of them for their contribution. I should also like to extend my thanks to our clerk Ian Barrett who took over from Jonathan Harris during the year and has done an excellent job for us. Sadly for us, he has had to resign as he has just been elected as a District Councillor. We wish Ian every success in his new role at Daventry. I am also very grateful to Diana Kimbell our footpath Warden, Dylan Lewis our tree warden, Sue Dodds-Smith our Neighbourhood Watch co-ordinator, and all of those involved with the Playing Field.

The amount of time that everyone gives for the benefit of the village is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Pam Long.

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Summary Receipts and Payments Account
For the Year Ended 31st March 2013

Year Ended 31 st March 2012		Year Ended 31 st March 2013
£		£
	RECEIPTS	
11250	Precept	11800 .00
17.14	Bank Interest	16.80
280.73	NCC Grant towards grass cutting	280.73
<u>53366.08</u>	Grants	<u>5249.75</u>
64913.95		17347.28
5479.76	VAT Recovered	<u>11139.92</u>
<u>70393.71</u>	Total Receipts	28487.20
	PAYMENTS	
2060.00	Parish grass cutting	1680.00
540.31	Annual Audit fees	545.00
987.06	Insurance	1080.75
710.08	Street lighting - electricity supply	712.51
235.60	Street lighting - maintenance	226.05
80.00	Hire of Hall for meetings	95.00
2471.76	Clerk salary	2280.99 salary
		230.19 HMRC*
		2511.18
306.62	Clerk expenses/training fees	205.78
242.56	Annual subscriptions	168.50
221.37	Playing field - inspection/maintenance	2299.66
65932.48	Playing field - equipment	18325.30
0	Grants to village organisations	0
0	Clock	195.00
455	Bus shelter / notice board / greens / trees	210.00
0	Election	806.03
<u>0</u>	Signs – Neighbourhood Watch	<u>15.00</u>
74242.84		29075.76
13172.94	VAT Paid	3600.43
<u>87415.78</u>	Total Payments	<u>32676.19</u>

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Bank Receipts and Payments Summary
For the Year Ended 31st March 2013

Year Ended 31 st March 2012		Year Ended 31 st March 2013
£		£
35278.96	Balance Brought Forward at 1.4.12	18256.89
<u>70393.71</u>	Add Total Receipts	<u>28487.20</u>
105672.67		46744.09
<u>87415.78</u>	Less Total Payments	<u>32676.19</u>
18256.89	Balance Carried Forward at 31.3.13	14067.90

	These Cumulative Funds are represented by:	
500.00	Current Account - Royal Bank of Scotland	500.00
<u>17756.89</u>	Deposit Account - Royal Bank of Scotland	<u>14779.61</u>
18256.89	Held at bank at 31 st March 2013	15279.61
	Less uncashed cheques at 31.3.13	<u>1211.71</u>
		14067.90

On-going liabilities at 31st March 2012
Uncashed cheques (3) £220.09

On-going liabilities at 31st March 2013
Uncashed cheques £1211.71

SUPPORTING STATEMENT
For the Year Ended 31st March 2013

At 31/3/13 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	1987.00
Cricket Nets	269.68
Sign	119.89
Willow Tunnel Kits	301.00
Roll Over Bars	238.00
Safety Grass (96 of 1.5Mx1M)	234.00
25m Timber & Steel Cableway	4250.00
Bespoke Table	785.00
Multi Sports System, Round Closed Goal, Goal Post	3610.00

Flymobile Roundabout	1481.00
Rock N Bowl Dish Rotaplay	1675.00
Cockerel 3 way Bounce about	1032.00
Sit in Spring Mobile	871.00
Monmouth Litter Bin	330.00
Topsoil & turf 85 sqm	1190.00
Outdoor sports gym equipment	3434.40
Shed	330.00
Neighbourhood Watch signs	15.00
Cycle stands	168.00

Total £91833,01

Liabilities for the year ending 31/3/13 uncashed cheques totalling £1211.71

Money owed to the Parish Council for the year ending 31/3/13 HMRC VAT £191.69 refund applied for and awaiting

During the year no payments were made under the Power of Well Being. There are 253 electors

Signed
Chairman

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Responsible Financial Officer

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Date