

SCALDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council held on Wednesday 18th January 2012 in Scaldwell Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Mrs P Long (Chairman)
Mrs M Vinton (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs J Randell
Mr E O'Leary
Mr F Wiig

In attendance: Mrs E Wiig (District Councillor)
Mr J Harris (Clerk)
Three villagers

12/001 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr M Alcock and Mr A Tait; also from Mr C Millar (County Councillor). Clerk to contact DDC regarding six-month attendance rule.

12/002 Declaration of Interest

None.

12/003 Comments or questions from parishioners

None.

12/004 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council held on 16th November 2011

The minutes were approved and signed.

12/005 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

These were covered in the various agenda items.

12/006 Planning Applications

For consideration:

a) DA/2012/0005 Demolition of existing garage and construction of replacement garage. The Old Coach House, High Street, Scaldwell

The following concerns will be raised with DDC:

- potential structural damage to the adjoining property
- the height of the proposed garage imposing on the neighbouring property and covering the hayloft door in the main building
- the discrepancy over the use of the building (referred to as garage and workshop in different parts of the application; it can't be accessed by a car)
- the proposed window in the new garage roof overlooking the adjoining property should be frosted glass

No concerns were raised regarding the proposed change of window design in the main house; similarly it was agreed that the existing garage is in poor condition.

The reasons for refusal by the Planning Inspectorate to the previous application DA/2008/0514 will be checked.

For information:

b) DA/2011/1028 Listed Building Consent – reinstate size of kitchen windows and one door to utility, open up existing internal rear door to toilet. The Grange, High Street, Scaldwell.

PC No Comments

c) DA/2011/1003 Work to tree within a Conservation Area. Village Green, Scaldwell.

Awaiting DDC decision. If approved, Clerk to obtain quotes for work.

d) DA/2011/0975 Installation of 168 photovoltaic solar panels on existing agricultural building. Scaldwell Lodge, Old Road, Scaldwell. PC no comments.

e) DA/2011/0936 Formation of vehicular access. 2 Old Road, Scaldwell.

i) Update on suggested amendments to access; there is ongoing communication with Highways & Planning Department.

ii) Update on ownership of trees/green area on Old Road. There is still uncertainty over ownership but it is probably owned by NCC Highways or Daventry DC.

f) DA/2011/0817 Work to trees within a Conservation Area. The Hollies, High Street, Scaldwell. DDC approved 17/11/11

g) DA/2011/0821 Work to trees within a Conservation Area. St Peter & St Paul's Church, Old Road, Scaldwell. DDC approved 22/11/11

h) DA/2010/0100 Kelmash Wind Farm – 6 turbine scheme. Planning Inspectorate approved 19/12/11

12/007 Playing Field

a) Weekly inspection reports

Weekly reports were received from Mr E O'Leary who agreed to continue the inspections until the next meeting. The Clerk will contact Mr M Lohn regarding trimming back the trees overhanging the playing field.

b) Update from Scaldwell Playing Field Community Group

None received.

c) Update on QEII Fields Status

This has been successful but we are awaiting Fields in Trust to confirm the Deed of Dedication.

d) Improvements to entrance – update on grant application and funding options

The improvement work is currently taking place. QEII funding through Sita will be applied for to finish the work to the entrance (deadline for submission 19th March).

e) Update on application to Woodland Trust Community Tree Planting Scheme and to consider arranging Tree Planting Event

This application was successful; 105 trees should arrive in early February.

12/008 Highways

Report on highways issues raised since the last meeting

The request to re-locate the salt bin from slope on East End was submitted to Street Doctor in November. This will be followed up. It was noted that the road surface on Back Lane is starting to break up in places. The surfacing on Mill Lane is also in poor condition in sections.

12/009 Financial matters - general

a) Monthly accounts to 31 December 2011

The monthly accounts were circulated to Councillors before the meeting together with a bank reconciliation.

b) Money received:

i) Northamptonshire County Council – Section 136 Grass Mowing 2011 Payment - £280.73
Received 16/12/11

ii) Scaldwell Playing Field Community Group – grant towards new play equipment - £3240.00 Received 4/11/11

iii) Scaldwell Playing Field Community Group – grant towards new play equipment - £269.68 Received 15/12/11

12/010 Financial Matters - the following payments were approved

Forever Green	Grass cutting October 2011	£180.00	Paid 16/11/11	Chq 674
Mark Harrod Ltd	Cricket nets	£323.62	Paid 16/11/11	Chq 678
Ian Richardson (Heyford Moles)	Moles on playing field	£25.00	Paid 16/11/11	Chq 677
Mr E Cockram	Work to repainting of street signs	£75.00	Paid 18/1/12	Chq 679
E.ON	Street lighting maintenance quarterly payment	£70.68	Paid 18/1/12	Chq 680
Northamptonshire ACRE	PC supporters package	£34.00	Paid 18/1/12	Chq 681
J Harris	Clerk's expenses 25/9/11 to 31/12/11	£30.80	Paid 18/1/12	Chq 682
E.ON	Street lighting electricity quarterly payment	£186.40	Paid 18/1/12	Chq 683

12/011 Listed Building Status for Telephone Kiosk on village green

The K6 Telephone Box became a listed building on 8/12/2011 (List Entry number 1402129). It was agreed to meet on 18/2/12 at 10.30am to clean the bus shelter, phone box and post box (to be included in newsletter).

12/012 Update from area Neighbourhood Watch Scheme

It has come to the council's attention that Scaldwell isn't on the official Neighbourhood Watch Scheme; Clerk to follow up getting Scaldwell on the scheme.

12/013 To consider response to NCC regarding the reduction of the bus service

Clerk to write to NCC to request a review into the bus service to Scaldwell.

12/014 Update on DDC Dog Control Orders

DDC Environmental Crimes Reporting Booklets (for reporting incidents of litter dropping, fly tipping and dog fouling) will be left with councillors; this will be mentioned in the newsletter.

12/015 Insurance: update on cost of insuring new playing equipment

The new equipment has been insured (additional cost until the renewal £57.92); this brings the annual insurance to £1083.46.

12/016 Correspondence:

a) Northamptonshire County Council – Consultation on Draft Budget 2012/13 Response to be sent regarding PCSOs.

b) Northants Police – proposed budget cuts to PCSOs. Clerk to respond against the proposed cuts to PCSO funding.

c) MGWSP Parish Satisfaction Questionnaire. No response to be sent.

d) Daventry DC – Changes to the Development Control Consultation Procedures Response already sent against proposed changes to neighbour notification and stating objection to Parish Councils not receiving hard copies of planning applications.

e) Correspondence for information only (list available on request)

12/017 Councillors' reports

Footpath Warden – it was noted that the footpath warden has moved out of the village. Mr W Marsden will be asked if he will take on the role.

Bus shelter – Clerk to obtain quotes for maintenance work.

East End grass triangle – it was noted that it is not worth repairing this until the work traffic to and from the playing field has stopped.

12/018 Items for the next agenda

Annual review of council policies.

Set dates for Annual Meeting of the Parish Council and Annual Parish Meeting.

12/019 Items for newsletter

Details of 2012/13 budget. Parish Council elections in May. Environmental Crime Reporting Booklets. 18/2/12 meeting at 10.30am for bus shelter cleaning.

12/020 Date of next meeting

Next Statutory meeting – Wednesday 28th March 2012 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm.