

SCALDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Wednesday 15th July 2009
in Scaldwell Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Mrs P Long (Chairman)
Mrs A Coward
Mrs J Randell
Mr A Tait
Mr F Wiig

In attendance: Mr J Harris (Clerk)
2 villagers

09/074 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs M Vinton (Vice-Chairman); also from Mr C Millar (County Councillor) and Mrs E Wiig (District Councillor).

09/075 Declaration of Interest

Mr F Wiig : District Councillor and Chairman of Daventry DC Planning Committee; did not participate in the decisions relating to planning applications.

At this point the meeting was adjourned for comments and questions from parishioners

09/076 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th May 2009

The minutes were approved and signed.

09/077 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

These were covered in the various agenda items.

09/078 Planning Applications

For consideration:

a) Planning Appeal APPY2810A092106443WF Tudor Barn, Old Road, Scaldwell First Floor extension to single storey barn conversion

The PC comments on planning applications are sent by DDC to the Planning Inspectorate for appeal items. It was felt further comments were not required.

b) Planning Application DA/2009/0483 Land off Old Road, Scaldwell All weather practice area for horses

No comment.

For information:

c) Planning Application DA/2009/0362 The Hollies, High Street, Scaldwell Work to trees in a conservation area PC no comments

09/079 Playing Field

a) Weekly inspection reports These were received from Mr A Tait who will continue the inspections.

b) Update on transfer of ownership of playing field and its entrance

The legal documents for the transfer are now ready. It was agreed transfer should take place once the issues regarding the entrance to the playing field have been resolved. Action - F Wiig to contact R Saunders (DDC) regarding this. Clerk to contact solicitor to add 'reasonable costs' for PC expenses incurred if the DDC buy-back option is taken up.

09/080 Highways - report on highways issues raised since the last meeting

The overgrown hedge along the footpath off Old Road was reported to MSWSP Rights of Way officer - matter resolved.

09/081 Financial matters - general

a) Monthly accounts to 1 July 2009

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

b) Money received :

i) Bank Interest to 1st July 2009 - £2.89 Received 1/7/09

09/082 Financial Matters - the following payments were approved

Glasdon	Dog bin	£358.62	Paid 15/7	Chq 576
Blades	Grass mowing in May'09	£295.50	Paid 15/7	Chq 577
Blades	Grass mowing in June'09	£558.60	Paid 15/7	Chq 577
WeedWise	Spraying of nettles on playing field	£258.75	Paid 15/7	Chq 578
S A Lally	Sensor light on village hall	£87.48	Paid 15/7	Chq 579
e.on	Street lighting maintenance	£66.95	Paid 15/7	Chq 575
e.on	Street lighting VAT on chq 572 (installation of light)	£68.70	Paid 15/7	Chq 574
J Harris	Clerks expenses 21/1/09 - 30/6/09	£72.59	Paid 15/7	Chq 581

Action - Clerk to contact bank for form to update bank mandate

09/083 To approve Clerk booking to attend SLCC National Conference Open Day for smaller parishes (£30+VAT)

Approved.

09/084 Update on repairs and service to the Church Clock

The broken suspension has been taken away for repair by English Clockmakers.

09/085 Update on signs for village hall

Three new signs to be made: 1. New sign on village hall to be made using wood originally planning for the bus shelter sign. 2. New finger post sign on existing post on green to point to village hall. 3. New finger post sign at playing field entrance to point to playing field.

09/086 To consider location of dog bin

Location - on village green near Old Road. Action - Clerk to check when this will be installed.

09/087 To consider arranging NCALC Power of Well Being ‘train the Council’ sessions at £18 per person

Brixworth PC will be contacted to check when their training is planned.

09/088 Correspondence:

a) MGWSP - Parish Enhancement Gangs - to consider use in Scaldwell.

Action - MGWSP to be contacted for help with new finger post signs (item 09/085).

b) Urban Development Corporations’ Quinquennial Review Consultation (for WNDC) - responses by 18th September. No response sent.

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

09/089 Councillors’ reports

1. Information on grants received in the PC correspondence will be forwarded to the Playing Field Community Group. Northampton Community Foundation & WNDC Community Grant details will also be passed on.

2. Harrington Wind Farm - Mr F Wiig gave an update on this application. The deadline for the removal of the wind mast at Mercedes will be checked.

3. Tennis courts - concern has been raised that villagers are often unable to access the courts due to the number of non-villagers using them. Richard Kendrick (Sports Club) will be contacted to ask if a request for more support from villagers to help run the Sports Club can be put in the newsletter. (Action - S Dodds-Smith)

4. Holcot Lane - concerns over the horse being kept on the Bridleway were again discussed. F Wiig to get a map to clarify where the Bridleway ends. Rights of Way officers to be kept informed.

5. Bus shelter - concerns were raised over condition of the wood and whether it needs a preservative putting on it; this will be considered at the next meeting.

09/090 Items for the next agenda

Condition of bus shelter.

09/091 Date of next meeting

Next statutory meeting - Wednesday 23rd September at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.