

SCALDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Wednesday 17th March 2010
in Scaldwell Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Mrs P Long (Chairman)
Mrs M Vinton (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs A Coward
Mrs J Randell

In attendance: Mr J Harris (Clerk)
Mr C Millar (County Councillor)
Mrs E Wiig (District Councillor)
One villager

10/031 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr M Alcock, Mr A Tait and Mr F Wiig; also from Mr N Bunting (District Councillor).

The meeting started with a quiet moment of prayer to wish for an improvement to the health of Mr F Wiig.

10/032 Declaration of Interest

Mrs J Randell - item 10/046 - member of PCC.

10/033 Comments or questions from parishioners

None.

10/034 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council held on 20th January 2010

The minutes were approved and signed.

10/035 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 1st February 2010

The minutes were approved and signed.

10/036 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 24th February 2010

The minutes were approved and signed.

10/037 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

It was noted that it is important for as many councillors as possible to attend the Parish Council meeting, particularly when possible contentious planning applications are being considered.

Item 10/007 - A Deed of Dedication for the playing field is not necessary as this is explicit in the transfer of ownership document.

It was noted that there is a new 'Scaldwell' sign at the entrance to the village. Funding for new signs could be applied for under the Empowering County Councillor scheme.

10/038 Planning Applications

For consideration:

- a) DA/2010/0100 Construction of a wind farm comprising five turbines with a maximum height of 126.5 to blade tip and two turbines with a maximum height of 121m to blade tip, control building, anemometer mast and ancillary infrastructure Land To The South Of The A14 And North Of Haselbech, Kelmarsh**

An objection to this application will be sent along similar grounds to that of Harrington Wind Farm. It was noted that the grounds of Kelmarsh Hall have recently been listed grade 2* by English Heritage. (Action - Clerk)

For information:

- b) DA/2009/0917 Detached garage (amended position) Fairview, 3 School Lane, Scaldwell.** DDC approved 25/1/10
- c) DA/2009/0168 Harrington Wind Farm** DDC refused 27/1/10
- d) DA/2010/0024 Extension above existing lounge, replacement conservatory. Antler Cottage, Hunters Court, Scaldwell** DDC approved 1/3/10
- e) DA/2010/0030 Work to trees in a conservation area Old Barn, High Street, Scaldwell** DDC approved 1/3/10

10/039 Playing Field

- a) Weekly & annual inspection reports**

Annual inspection has been booked with Wicksteed for March. Weekly reports have been undertaken by Mr M Alcock who will be asked to continue these up to the next meeting.

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

The documents have now been signed and returned to DDC solicitors; completion is therefore close.

- c) Report from Scaldwell Playing Field Community Group**

The recent meeting with the group with the Chairman & Clerk was reported on. The success of the group in attaining funding from PlayBuilder was noted.

- d) To consider action to improve the condition and use of the entrance to the playing field**

This item was deferred for open discussion with villagers at the Annual Parish Meeting.

- e) To consider pressure washing the cricket strip to improve the safety of the surface** (approximate cost £150)

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

10/040 Highways

- Report on highways issues raised since the last meeting**

The condition of Mill Lane, particularly the junction of the A508, will again be reported to Street Doctor and also to Nick Gore (NCC). (Action - Clerk)

10/041 Financial matters - general

- a) Monthly accounts to 28 February 2010**

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

- b) Money received:** HM Customs & Excise VAT reclaim 1/12/08 to 31/1/10 £394.72
Received 3/3/10

c) To review the Council's Financial Regulations

These were reviewed and it was agreed that they do not need updating.

d) To review the effectiveness of the Internal Audit

This was reviewed. It was agreed to continue using the NCALC Internal Audit scheme.

e) To review the effectiveness of the Internal Control

This was reviewed. It was suggested that Mr F Wiig continue to act as Internal Control for the Council's finances.

10/042 Financial Matters - the following payments were approved

English Clockmakers	Service and repair to clock	£655.50	Paid 8/2/10	Chq 602
e.on	Street lighting revised invoice	£44.73	Paid 24/2/10	Chq 603
J Harris	Clerk's expenses 16/11/09 to 28/2/10	£33.27	Paid 17/3/10	Chq 604

Blades will be contacted to request restarting the grass mowing. (Action - Clerk)

10/043 Risk Assessment

i) Risk Assessment report on Parish Council assets

The bi-annual inspection was reported to the Council. Councillors was agreed to meet to clean the bus shelter on 27/3/10 at 10am.

ii) Review of Risk Assessment policy and procedures

This was reviewed and it was agreed it doesn't need updating.

10/044 Insurance

i) Review of the Parish Council's insurance requirements

This was reviewed. It was noted that the insurance will need to be updated if there are changes to the equipment on the playing field.

ii) To consider increasing the level of Infidelity Guarantee to £12000

This was approved.

10/045 To consider including an article in the Brixworth Bugle and have one edition delivered to houses in Scaldwell at a cost of £50

This was approved. It will be mentioned in the newsletter with a request for feedback to be given to councillors. Mrs M Vinton agreed to contact the editor and ask Mrs S Dodds-Smith to put the article together.

10/046 To consider request from PCC for funding towards a toilet and servery in the church

More details will be requested.

(Action - Mrs J Randell)

10/047 Update on clock; to consider arranging an annual service of the clock

Smiths of Derby will be contacted regarding repairing the motor and for a quote on regular servicing.

(Action - Clerk)

10/048 To consider suitable commemoration for the 60th anniversary of Scaldwell Parish Council (6th July 2010)

This item was deferred until the next meeting

10/049 To consider adopting the new Model Standing Orders for Local Councils

It was agreed to put these forward for adoption at the Annual Meeting.

10/050 Report on re-accreditation requirements for Quality Status (due 2011)

There are two new requirements:

- i) Promoting Democracy - it was agreed to encourage villagers to use their vote in the forthcoming District Councillor election and General Election through the newsletter.
- ii) Engaging with Communities - it was agreed that the Clerk should attend the NCALC training session on this subject in May.

10/051 Update on progress towards becoming eligible to use the Power of Well Being

The training session for Councillors has been arranged for Monday 22nd March in the village hall, led by the NCALC Training Officer. Providing six councillors are trained the Parish Council should be able to pass a resolution at the Annual Meeting to confirm it is eligible to use this Power.

10/052 Update on signs for village hall and playing field

Meeting to be arranged with Abbot Signs (Action - Mr M Alcock) to get quotes for the signs. It was noted that funding could be available from the Empowering County Councillors scheme.

10/053 Correspondence:

- a) NCALC consultation on 'Parish Partnerships – the Northamptonshire's Council Charter Clerk to respond
- b) Northamptonshire County Council – Creating Sustainable Communities consultation Responses by 26th March 2010. No response to be sent.
- c) Northamptonshire County Council – Draft Council Plan 2010-2014 Responses by 29th March. No response to be sent.
- d) Correspondence for information only (list available on request)

10/054 Councillors' reports

None.

10/055 Items for the next agenda

- i) Resolution to confirm Scaldwell PC has satisfied the prescribed statutory criteria to qualify as an eligible parish council to exercise the Power of Well Being.
- ii) To adopt the new Model Standing Orders for Local Councils
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10/056 To arrange the date of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

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The meeting closed at 8.45pm.