

SCALDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Wednesday 25th March 2009
in Scaldwell Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

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

09/026 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr A Tait; also from Mr C Millar (County Councillor).

09/027 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.

09/028 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28th January 2009

The minutes were approved and signed.

09/029 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th March 2009

The minutes were approved and signed.

09/030 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

Minute ref. 09/024 Bus shelter notice - a decision on the wording of the notice will be deferred for the time being.

Minute ref. 09/024 Lamport Wind Farm - Lamport Estate have decided not to proceed with the possible wind farm.

Other matters were covered in the various agenda items.

09/031 Planning Applications

For consideration:

a) DA/2009/0093 Demolition of agricultural buildings, change of use of agricultural buildings to B1A office, retention of existing workshop buildings, extension of residential dwelling, formation of car park area.

Scaldwell Lodge Farm, Old Road, Scaldwell

PC no objections following site visit. DDC - application to be considered by the Planning

Committee; recommendation refusal.

b) DA/2009/0141 Alteration and extension of existing garage and change of use to cattery with timber post and mesh fencing to side. Porters Lodge, Old Road, Lamport

PC no objections.

09/032 Playing Field

a) Update on Scaldwell Playing Field Community Group's funding applications and plans

An update was received. The group will be invited to show their plans to villagers at the Annual Parish Meeting in May. Details of potential funding from Anglia TV will be passed to the group.

b) Weekly inspection reports

These have been received from Mr A Tait who will continue the inspections. The posts between the fields will be replaced by Mr M Alcock as previously agreed by the PC.

c) Annual inspection report

The annual inspection has been carried out by Wicksteed; report to follow.

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

This is still at the solicitors but progress is being made.

09/033 Highways - report on highways issues raised since the last meeting

The recent accident on the bend of the High Street was discussed; details of the vehicle involved will be passed onto Highways (Action - Clerk).

Residents of Back Lane have been concerned that the road may be dug up to replace the overhead telephone wires with underground cables but the relevant company have now said this won't happen.

09/034 Financial matters - general

a) Monthly accounts to 28 February 2009

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

b) Money received :

i) Bank Interest to 2/1/09 - £6.37 Received 2/1/09

ii) HMRC - VAT reclaim 1/1/07 - 30/11/08 - £489.46 Received 23/1/09

c) Updated standing order for Clerk's salary from April'09 - £186.47 per month
Approved.

09/035 Financial Matters - the following payments were approved

J Harris	Clerk's backdated pay for 1/4/08 to 31/3/09	£46.97	Paid 25/3	Chq 564
Wicksteed Leisure Ltd	Annual Inspection	£51.75	Paid 25/3	Chq 567
e.on	Street lighting maintenance	£63.02	Paid 25/3	Chq 566

Blades	Grass cutting April'08	£308.85	Paid 7/5/08	Chq 540
C Judge	Repairs to notice board	£21.30	Paid 23/7/08	Chq 548
e.on	Street lighting supply	£330.41	Paid 23/7/08	Chq 549

09/036 To review the effectiveness of Internal Audit & Internal Control

This was reviewed and it was agreed to continue as at present.

09/037 Risk Assessment

i) Risk Assessment report on Parish Council assets

The bi-annual risk assessment report was received; no action required.

ii) Review of Risk Assessment policy and procedures

This was reviewed and it was agreed to continue as at present.

09/038 Review of Emergency Planning & procedures during heavy snow

This was reviewed. Details of farmers who can help with snow ploughs will be passed onto MGWSP.

09/039 Review of the Parish Council's Insurance requirements

This was reviewed and it was agreed to continue as at present.

09/040 Street lighting

a) to approve a new street light on post new Old Rectory, High Street

Approved. Eon will be asked to proceed and the nearby residents informed.

b) to approve payment for a new sensor controlled light on Village Hall

Approved. Village Hall Management Committee will be consulted.

c) to consider requirements for street lighting in other parts of the village

Low level forms of lighting will be looked into.

09/041 Report on condition of Holcot Lane Bridleway

Concerns raised regarding dogs and the horse at Brimlands Farm; no action to be taken - situation to be monitored.

Concerns raised about the amount of litter and dog fouling along Holcot Lane, and dogs being walked without being kept under control.

Action - contact DDC Dog Warden re. dog fouling signs, keep your dog under close control signs and purchasing two dog fouling bins for the village (one to be placed at the end of the green near Old Road). Contact DDC re. litter problem and arranging litter picking down Holcot Lane. (Action - Clerk)

09/042 Correspondence:

a) SLCC - Letter re. Support to Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. No action.

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

09/043 Councillors' reports

1. Posts around the green - request for information and meeting from Mr L Gatehouse; the information requested will be passed on and Mr Gatehouse invited to attend the Parish Council meeting in May if he wishes to raise this matter directly to the Parish Council. It was noted that the PC decision not to put posts around the green (minute ref. 08/142) cannot be reversed until at least 6 months have passed from the time the decision was made.
2. Church clock - Smiths of Derby have been asked to quote on repairs needed to the clock and the cost of having it serviced.
3. CPRE roadshow on 21st April - Chairman to attend.
4. White lines on roads - the lack of white lines at the West End / High Street junction following resurfacing work has already been reported to Highways but will be reported again. Fading white lines on the High Street bend will be reported. (Action - Clerk)
5. Grass cutting - Blades will be asked to continue as in previous years.

09/044 Items for the next agenda

None mentioned.

09/045 Date of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council

Extraordinary meeting to discuss two recent planning applications (Tudor Barn and Harrington Wind Farm) Wednesday 8th April at 7.30pm.

Annual Meeting of the Parish Council - Wednesday 20th May at 7.00pm.

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The meeting closed at 9.10pm.