

Scaldwell Parish Council

**Minutes of the Meeting of Scaldwell Parish Council held on Tuesday
29 July 2014 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, School Lane, Scaldwell**

Councillors in attendance: Mrs Pam Long Mrs M Vinton
Mrs J Lewis Mrs J Randall
Mrs A Curtis Mr M Alcock

District Councillors in attendance: Mr I Barratt, Mr K Parker

Public in attendance: Mr D Lewis

14/87 To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence. Vice-Chair Councillor Long chaired the meeting in the absence of the Chairman, Councillor O'Leary. Council received apologies from Councillor O'Leary. Council accepted his apology and approved his reason for absence.

14/88 To receive any declarations of interest for items on the agenda. None.

14/89 Public address: to receive comment and take questions from the public
Dylan Lewis reminded the Council of the need for an inspection schedule.

14/90 Felling of 2 lime trees on the Green

- a) To consider the analysis and recommendation in the report received from Jonathan Hazell, appointed Independent Arboricultural consultant. The Clerk had circulated the analysis and recommendation to Councillors in advance of the meeting. Council discussed the Arboricultural Association and acknowledged that all contractors on the tender list were approved members of the Association. Although recommended and used by parishioners, David Deacon was not a member of the Arboricultural Association and on this basis Jonathan Hazell had not recommended adding him to the list of contractors invited to tender. The recommended contractor, based on price, was Beechwood Trees and Landscapes Limited. Councillor Curtis queried the level of insurance they held. The Clerk will double check this point as she could not advise at the meeting but suggested the tender documentation would have required a suitable level of insurance to be held. Following question, the Clerk confirmed she had advised NCC Highways, Ian Boyes, of the intended emergency felling works and had also sought advice from him regarding any possible NCC funding streams to assist with the work; none had been recommended at this time. The Clerk also confirmed the Greens were, as suspected, owned by the Council as she had now been able to locate a copy of the land registry documents.
- b) To consider the allocation of funds to pay for the works and to agree appointment of the felling works contractor. Beechwood had quoted a price of £1,450 which included stump grinding. As per the Jonathan Hazell recommendation, Council agreed to their appointment. The quoted prices were slightly lower than Council had been expecting. Council had discussed funding at the last meeting and had agreed they had sufficient reserves to fund the works but acknowledged this would be a substantial draw upon them. Grant options were again discussed and the general feel was that grant aid was more likely to be forthcoming for the parish clock, although the Clerk will continue to look into sources of financial assistance for the tree works.

14/91 Repair to parish clock: to consider means of funding the repair and to agree if instruction for repair work can be placed. The Clerk confirmed a letter of application had been submitted to Scaldwell Parish Trust. Bearing in mind the cost of the tree felling works was less than the

£3,000 to £5,000 envisaged, having submitted an application to the Trust and with Empowering Councillor grant application also possible, Council agreed to instruct Smiths of Derby to carry out the repair. Council hoped grants would cover the full cost, but if not it was accepted and agreed that the use of reserves may be required.

14/92 Finance: general

- a) To receive and approve financial report and bank reconciliation for the period since the last meeting. No income received since the last meeting. The reconciliation to the bank statements of 1 July 2014, £24,564.41, outstanding cheques £2,315.45, true balance £22,248.95.
- b) To approve the following payment. Approved by Council.

Date	Chq no	Payment to	Description	VAT	Total (inc VAT)
29/07/14	814	Jonathan Hazell	Lime tree felling tender and contracting *1		£300.00
Total					£300.00

14/93 Reports from Councillors: to receive reports and agree any actions

Councillor Curtis acknowledged and thanked for the grass verge having been cut by the chevron signage.

Councillor Randall referred to concerns raised with her regarding the playing field. On a day last week older boys from outside of the village had been behaving in a boisterous manner and this had intimidated others. The boys had also been sitting on the goal posts. Council discussed the options available to them to try and prevent these types of incidents. Council agreed signage should be placed asking people to respect the equipment and other users of the playing field. The notice should also detail the police 101 number so people are aware they could report such incidents. The Clerk will liaise with Georgina to organise.

Councillor Lewis spoke of the overgrown condition of the footpath at the end of East End lane as it leads into Holcot lane. There was uncertainty as to whether this was a public Right of Way and who would be responsible for cutting back the vegetation. The Clerk will check the definitive map she holds and enquire regarding the responsibility for clearing the path. There was suggestion it might be a good idea to place a copy of the map into the bus shelter for all to see. This was agreed by Council and the Clerk will look into the matter..

Councillor Alcock notified of the work weekend 6/7 September to raise funds for the air ambulance.

14/94 Forthcoming meetings: to note the meeting dates for the remainder of 2014: 17 September and 19 November.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Minutes Reference	Statutory Provision	Reference to Council's Decision within the Minutes
*1	Open Spaces Act 1906, ss 9 and 10	14/73 a) and 14/86