

# Scaldwell Parish Council Annual Parish Meeting

**Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting of Scaldwell Parish Council held on Wednesday  
21 May 2014 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall, School Lane, Scaldwell**

**Councillors in attendance:** Mr E O'Leary (Chairman) Mrs Pam Long  
Mrs M Vinton Mrs J Lewis  
Mrs A Curtis Mrs J Randall  
Mr M Alcock

**District Councillors in attendance:** Mr I Barratt, Mr S Pointer, Mrs E Wiig  
**Public in attendance:** Mr R Archer, Mr P Purcell

- 1. To note any apologies.** All Parish Councillors present. County Councillor Boardman sent her apologies to the meeting.
- 2. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held 15 May 2013.** The minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.
- 3. To consider any matters arising from the minutes.** None.
- 4. To receive report from Scaldwell Parish Council Chairman covering the activities of the Parish Council for the year to 31 March 2014.** The report was included with the Parish Council's Annual Report. The report had been previously circulated to Councillors and copies were available at the meeting. The Chairman read the report to the meeting. The report covered the parish council activities for the year, with particular reference to the increasing pressure to take on new responsibilities and keep up to date with developments and legislation, highways, grass mowing, street lighting, planning applications, statutory consultations and works to trees, the playing field, communications and finance. The Chairman thanked all her fellow Councillors and the Clerk for their contribution. Thanks were also given to the Footpath Warden, Diane Kimbell, the Tree Warden, Dylan Lewis, the Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator, Sue Dodds-Smith and all those involved with the playing field and in particular Georgina Carter and Michelle Wharton.
- 5. To receive Scaldwell Parish Council accounts for the year ending 31 March 2014.** The accounts were included within the Parish Council's Annual Report. The report had been previously circulated to Councillors and copies were available at the meeting.
- 6. To receive reports from the County/District Councillors**  
**County Councillor Boardman**  
The Clerk advised she had received report that County Councillor Boardman had very recently stepped down. Councillor Boardman had emailed at the end of April with a report for the meeting. The report was read to the meeting and included reference to the extent of the Brixworth Division, Highways, Superfast Broadband, Libraries, the International Women's Cycling Tour and the Empowering Councillors Grant scheme  
**District Councillor Barratt**  
Councillor Barratt thanked all for the opportunity to report. He spoke of general planning issues relevant to the area with reference to the West Northants Joint Core Strategy and the outcome waited to drive forward the Daventry Local Plan. He then went on to explain the Council Tax charging system and what the parishioner effectively got for their money, referencing the various services the council provide. Councillor Barratt ended his report

be reminding all he was always available to offer guidance and help with any problems or concerns people may have.

**District Councillor Wigg**

Councillor Wigg spoke of the work involved in being a District Councillor with reference to the many meetings attended.

**District Councillor Pointer**

Councillor Pointer referred to the work of the Parish Council and acknowledged the importance of the role they play in communicating through to the District.

**7. To receive reports from the village groups and organisations**

**Friends of the Playing Field.** Report read by Councillor O'Leary. Key points included bin emptying and the desire for bins with lids, repair of the boundary stone wall, planting of saplings, the inspection regime, changes to the volunteer rota system and a summary of fundraising events and forthcoming ideas for fundraising for next year.

**Tennis Club.** Report read by Councillor O'Leary. Membership was reported as good and plans are being made to have the court surfaces cleaned in the coming year.

**Parish Trust.** Report read by Councillor Vinton. The background to the formation of the trust was given and a list of the current trustees. An increase on the investment total from last year was detailed. During the year grants were made to the Parochial Church Council to help with the upkeep of the churchyard and repairs to the stone wall and to the Club for the firework display and the senior citizens Christmas dinner.

**Relief in Need.** Report read by Councillor Long. The background to the formation of the charity was given and a list of the current trustees. There was an increase in the total sum of investments held from last year. 2 grants were made to individuals in need and the usual grants were made for the Bread Service and to the senior citizens in December.

**The Foundation of Thomas Roe.** Report read by Councillor O'Leary. The trustees were listed with meetings held March and September. Total income for the year amounted to £2,391, administration and expenses amounted to £500 and grants were made to 14 individuals totalling £1,800.

**Neighbourhood Watch.** Report read by Councillor O'Leary. The crimes and ASB reports for the year were detailed. Advisory notes are detailed in the newsletters. A recent report of forged £10 notes was referenced. Following the report there was a query regarding the disparity between the reports and the information presented at the community panel meetings. Councillor Randall agreed to raise this point at the next panel meeting.

**Parochial Church Council.** Report read by Councillor Randall making reference to the Mothers and Toddlers Group, the musical evening, the possibility of the start of a craft group, the start of the Breakfast Club for men, the production of a book describing the history of the church, and finally, the completion of the quinquennial works.

**Village Hall Management Committee.** Report read by Councillor O'Leary. The Chairman is coming to the end of his four year term. Booking revenues remain reasonably high. Maintenance expenditure has been low. A notice board has been installed on the outside wall. One incident with a hirer was reported as having caused a complaint from a neighbour, with a solution soon put in place and the neighbour appeased.

**Scaldwell Club.** Report read by Councillor O'Leary detailing the events held during the year and the challenges of the bonfire and fireworks evening. The committee, bar staff and members were all thanked.

**8. To take questions and receive comments from parishioners regarding Scaldwell Parish**

**Mr Archer** spoke of the issue of parking in the village and in particular the problem along East End. He referred to 2 cars parking on his drive at one point in time. Mr Archer also expressed his concern regarding the speed at which vehicles travel along East End and through the village.

**Mr Purcell** enquired of the results from a previous parking trial when the playing field gates were left open.

Further to the points raised there was discussion on the points and further observation made regarding the parking issues. The idea of permits for the playing field was

discussed and also the possibility of a parking area by the tennis courts. Permits were not thought to be a practical idea but it was agreed the playing field working party will consider further the tennis court parking suggestion. It was also agreed the Police would be asked to patrol the village and the parking during half term. Cars parked blocking access to properties or simply inconsiderately parked could be reported by car registration to the Police using 101. Councillor Randall will liaise with PC Jo Hillery.

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