

Scaldwell Parish Council

Chairman: Mr Eugene O'Leary Parish Clerk: Miss Alicia Schofield

Minutes of the Meeting of Scaldwell Parish Council held on Thursday 12 February 2015 at 8.00pm in the Village Hall, School Lane, Scaldwell

Councillors in attendance: Mrs E O'Leary (Chairman) Mrs J Lewis
Mr M Alcock Mrs A Curtis

Public in attendance: Mr D Lewis, Mr J Kimbell and partner

District Councillors in attendance: Mr I Barratt

15/18 To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence. Apologies received from Cllr Long, Cllr Randall and Cllr Vinton. Council accepted their apology and approved the reasons for absence.

15/19 To receive any declarations of interest for items on the agenda. None.

15/20 Public address to the council.

John Kimbell spoke of the access visibility concerns raised by NCC Highways as part of the consultation process for the planning applications. A survey and report had been produced resulting in the proposal for a new access point. The existing access is to be blocked off and planted up.

District Cllr Barratt referred to the countryside walks organised by DDC and the over 50's forum. He also informed of his blog; Councillors may let the Clerk know if they want to sign up.

Dylan Lewis reminded of the email he sent to council. He was of the opinion the works to the 2 cherry trees were excessive. Councillors asked questions regarding the proposed works to the trees. The Clerk reminded of the background to the application and the street doctor log seeking works to the trees to provide clearance for the telephone cable.

15/21 Planning applications: to consider and agree a response

DA/2014/0949, amended detail, construction of agricultural workers dwelling and new access, Mill Hill Farm Old Road. Council agreed to support the application.

DA/2014/0979, amended detail, construction of agricultural building and new access, Mill Hill Farm, Old Road. Council agreed to support the application.

DA/2015/0029, works to trees, to front of 3 Old Road. After some debate council agreed they would respond with objection to the works as the 2-3m reduction in height and spread was considered rather excessive. However, support would be offered to the tree works if they were less intrusive in nature with the council supportive of the intervention of the case officer to achieve less intrusive works. Council agreed they would also respond with the offer of support to the application of a TPO in the event DDC consider it necessary or appropriate.

Planning applications: to receive update

DA/2014/0950, listed building consent, replace all softwood windows and 2 external doors with oak windows and doors and installation of double glazed units, The Old House, East End. No decision from DDC yet.

15/22 Finance

- a) To approve the following payments £1,563.34. The Clerk advised of a typo on the agenda and the total for payment was actually £1,593.34, with the amount listed for payment to Beechwood being £1050.00. Subject to the following points, payments were agreed:

1. Beechwood were due to undertake the tree work on Tuesday and the Clerk would hold payment until works were satisfactorily completed.
2. With known insufficient monies allocated in the budget to cover the cost of the tree works and consultant fees to Jonathan Hazell, the necessary re-allocation was approved from the grass cutting budget and the asset budget with the balance of £238.20 being met from reserves. The Clerk will circulate the financial report, bank reconciliation and performance against budget.

Date	Chq no	Payment to	Description	VAT	Total (inc VAT)
12/02/15	840	Jonathan Hazell	Lime tree pollarding tender and contract		£300.00
12/02/15	841	Beechwood	Lime tree pollarding works	£175.00	£1,050.00
28/02/15	842	Alicia Schofield	Salary & expenses for Feb		£199.14
28/02/15	843	HMRC	Employee tax liability P11		£44.20
			TOTAL	£175.00	£1,593.34

15/23 Superfast broadband: to consider and agree the process for public consultation of the options available. The concept and the make-up of the working party were discussed. The role of the council in the delivery of broadband was questioned and discussed. Council agreed the working party would be formed with 5-6 members considered appropriate. Acknowledging not all Councillors were present, the Clerk is to email all Councillors to ascertain those who would be willing to serve on the party. The Clerk will also liaise with a couple of parishioners in the village that are known to the council to have an interest/technical expertise in this area.

15/24 Website: to receive report and to agree to the formation of a working party to investigate the creation of a Parish Council village website. Cllr O'Leary reported following the Clerk and him meeting with Martin Neale. Council agreed to the formation of the working party and as with 15/23 the Clerk will email all Councillors to ascertain those who would be willing to serve on the party alongside Cllr O'Leary, the Clerk and Martin Neale.

15/25 Reports from Councillors and Clerk: to receive reports and agree any actions
Councillor Curtis apologised and said she was still to report the fly tipping to DDC. She also reported a faulty street light on the High Street outside the Three Steps. The Clerk to report to E-ON.
Councillor Alcock queried the timing for the highway white line works. The Clerk to check.

15/26 Forthcoming meetings: to note the meeting dates for 2015:
 18 March, 20 May (AGM), 15 July, 16 September, 18 November

Meeting closed at 9.10pm