

SCALDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Wednesday 17th November 2010
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

In attendance: Mr J Harris (Clerk)
Sgt Grady (Northants Police)
Eight villagers

10/129 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr A Tait and Mr F Wiig; also from Mr N Bunting and Mrs E Wiig (District Councillors) and Mr C Millar (County Councillor).

10/130 Declaration of Interest

Mrs M Vinton declared a personal interest in agenda item 10/136c and did not participate in the decision relating to this planning application.

10/131 Report from local police

The report was given by Sgt Grady.

10/132 Comments or questions from parishioners

None.

10/133 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council held on 8th September 2010

The minutes were approved and signed.

10/134 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 6th October 2010

The minutes were approved and signed.

10/135 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

These were covered in the various agenda items.

10/136 Planning Applications

For consideration:

- a) **DA/2010/0909 Listed Building Consent for secondary double glazing to 24 windows. Scaldwell House, High Street, Scaldwell.**

The following response was sent to DDC:

Scaldwell Parish Council approves of this application. The proposed secondary double glazing will not have a negative visual impact on the listed building.

- b) **DA/2010/0913 Infill below existing boundary to extend bedrooms. Truffell House, High Street, Scaldwell.**

The following response was sent to DDC:

Scaldwell Parish Council has the following comment on this application:

The proposed infill appears to be in keeping with the existing building; therefore the Parish Council has no objections to this application.

c) DA/2010/0922 Work to trees in a Conservation Area. Oak Farm, The Green, Scaldwell.

The following response was sent to DDC:

Scaldwell Parish Council approves of this application as the proposed work seems to be essential maintenance i.e. pruning and trimming back.

d) DA/2010/0924 Construction of garage and garden room. The Smithy, Old Road, Scaldwell.

The following response was sent to DDC:

Scaldwell Parish Council has the following comment on this application:

Providing the proposed garage and garden room are built of material matching the surrounding buildings the Parish Council has no objections to the application.

For information:

e) DA/2010/0671 Replacement of front balcony. Truffell House, High Street, Scaldwell.

DDC approved 24/9/10

f) DA/2010/0700 Agricultural building for general storage. High Hedge Farm, Old Road, Scaldwell. DDC approved 5/10/10

g) DA/2010/0721 Single storey extension and alterations to existing conservatory.

Construction of detached garage. Stanmore House, School Lane, Scaldwell. DDC approved 11/10/10

10/137 Playing Field

a) Weekly inspection reports

Weekly reports were received from Mr M Alcock who will continue the inspections up to the next meeting.

b) Update from Scaldwell Playing Field Community Group

An update was received.

c) To approve the purchase & installation of the new play equipment, pending funding, as recommended by the Scaldwell Playing Field Community Group

This was approved; the supplier will be Playdale and the equipment will be installed by March 2011.

d) To consider improvements to playing field entrance

A quote will be sought for landscaping the entrance and putting a gate with a pedestrian access gate at the entrance on East End. (Action – Clerk)

10/138 Highways

Report on highways issues raised since the last meeting

The triangular patch of green at the end of East End has been repaired but damaged again by vehicles.

10/139 Financial matters - general

a) Monthly accounts to 31 October 2010

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

b) Money received:

- i) **Daventry DC – ½ precept - £5625.00** Received 24/9/10
- ii) **Bank Interest to 1 October 2010 - £2.73** Received 1/10/10

10/140 Financial Matters - the following payments were approved

Blades	Grass mowing September' 10	£304.36	Paid 6/10/10	Chq 627
E.on	Street lighting maintenance	£64.39	Paid 6/10/10	Chq 628
E.on	Street lighting quarterly charge	£186.40	Paid 17/11/10	Chq 629
Blades	Grass mowing October' 10	£366.52	Paid 17/11/10	Chq 630
J Harris	Clerk expenses 1/7/10 to 31/10/10	£31.04	Paid 17/11/10	Chq 631

10/141 To consider request from police for £224 funding in 2011/12 towards running of local Brixworth police office

It was approved to allow for this amount within the 2011/12 budget; it will be used depending on the needs of the local police. It is likely the Brixworth office will continue without needing this funding but a similar cost may be required for running another police car locally. (Action - Clerk to confirm with police.)

10/142 To set and approve the budget for 2011/12 and agree the precept request for 2011/12

The following budget was unanimously approved with the precept remaining unchanged at £11,250; proposed by Mrs M Vinton, seconded by Mrs J Randell. Details of the budget will be circulated in the January newsletter. (Action – Clerk)

Item	Budgeted figure 2011/12 (£)
Grass cutting / greens upkeep	2825
Annual Audit	290
Insurance	700
Street lighting - electricity supply	750
Street lighting - maintenance	275
Hire of hall for meetings	100
Clerk's salary	2325
Training fees / Clerk expenses	350

Annual subscription to organisations	250
Playing Field - annual inspection	55
Playing Field - equipment / maintenance	5000
Playing Field – improvements to entrance	1500
Election costs	780
Parish Clock	200
Local Police	225
Bus shelter/noticeboard/bins	250
Total	15875

Funded by:

Grass cutting allowance	315
Interest	15
Precept	11250
Capital reserves	4295
Total	15875

10/143 To consider purchasing a bin for the end of Holcot Lane (approx. cost £210); update on action to prevent dog fouling

It was agreed to purchase a dog bin (cost around £290) for the end of Holcot Lane; this has been approved by DDC who will empty the bin. An update was given on the recent efforts by, and correspondence with, the DDC Dog Warden to discourage dog fouling in the village and nearby countryside. This will be mentioned in the newsletter. The DDC Environmental Health department will be contacted to see if an information flyer could be included in a future newsletter. (The Footpath Warden offered to look into this).

10/144 To consider adding guttering to bus shelter

It was agreed the design of the shelter is not suitable for guttering. At some point a working party will clean the shelter and clear off the moss.

10/145 Update on signs for village hall and playing field

It was agreed to order one sign for the village green with two pointers to the village hall and playing field (white sign with black lettering) costing £474.

10/146 To review the Training Statement of Intent; Code of Conduct training organised by Daventry DC in Brixworth 11/1/11

This was reviewed. Further details of the Code of Conduct training will be forwarded to councillors once it is received.

10/147 Correspondence:

a) Local Government Boundary Commission: Electoral Review of Daventry DC Responses by 20/12/10. Clerk to respond and check with Mr F Wiig.

b) Assessing Proposals for Wind Turbines: Daventry DC consultation Responses by 3/12/10. Clerk to respond.

c) Daventry DC– Invitation to Parish and Town Councils meeting on Thursday 16th December at 6.30pm. Reply with agenda items by 29/11/10. Clerk may attend.

d) Northampton Borough Council – consultation on Northampton Central Area Action Plan Responses by 16/12/10. No response will be sent.

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

10/148 Councillors' reports

Rights of way – a discussion took place around the various concerns raised about rights of way surrounding the village, particularly in reference to the rights and responsibilities of landowners and dog walkers with respect to their animals. Further clarification may be sought from NCC Rights of Way officers on this matter.

10/149 Items for the next agenda

Review of Clerk level on salary scale.

10/150 Items for newsletter

Christmas tree recycling details. Concerns over dog fouling; purchase of new dog bin. Summary of police report and local police phone number.

10/151 Date of next meeting

Next statutory meeting - Wednesday 5th January 2011 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.