

SCALDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Wednesday 26th September 2012
in Scaldwell Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Mrs P Long (Chairman)
Mrs M Vinton (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs A Curtis
Mrs J Lewis
Mr E O'Leary
Mrs J Randell

In attendance: Mr J Harris (Clerk)
Mr I Barratt
Four villagers

12/089 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Mrs A Curtis; also from Mr M Alcock who arrived at 8.10pm.

12/090 Declaration of Interest

None.

12/091 Comments or questions from parishioners

Tree Warden – suggested looking into arranging a tree planting scheme in the village. Note to be put in the newsletter and discussed at the next meeting.

12/092a To approve and sign the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council held on 11th July 2012

The minutes were approved and signed.

12/092b To approve and sign the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th August 2012

The minutes were approved and signed.

12/093 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

These were covered in the various agenda items.

12/094 Planning Applications

For consideration:

a) DA/2012/0664 Construction of detached garage. The Grange, High Street, Scaldwell

The following response was sent to DDC:

Scaldwell Parish Council objects to this application.

The proposed location and size of the garage would have a detrimental impact on the open space and open aspect of the area of the 'patch' at Peters Green, Back Lane and the Listed Building The Grange. Scaldwell's Village Design Statement emphasises the importance of open spaces, especially in this area of the village; the garage would have a negative impact on this. We feel alternative locations or solutions should be considered.

We consider the application to be contrary to planning policies EN2, EN7 & HS22 and the Scaldwell Village Design Statement.

(There were four votes in favour of the proposal to object to the application.)

b) DA/2012/0665 Listed Building Consent for two new fireplace surrounds. The Grange, High Street, Scaldwell

The following response was sent to DDC:

Scaldwell Parish Council supports this application as the proposed fireplace surrounds match the internal character of the building.

c) DA/2012/0668 Remove tree within a Conservation Area. Truffel House, High Street, Scaldwell

The following response was sent to DDC:

Scaldwell Parish Council supports this application due to the unhealthy condition of the tree.

For information:

d) DA/2011/0936 Formation of vehicular access. 2 Old Road, Scaldwell. Awaiting decision.

e) DA/2012/0370 Outline application for residential development of 150 houses and bungalows, play area, associated public open space, landscaping, car park for retained allotments, extension to allotments and new vehicular and pedestrian accesses. Land to east of Northampton Road, Brixworth. DDC approved 8/8/12

f) DA/2012/0437 Proposed extensions/alterations (extensions includes rear extension, first floor rear extension, timber garage and re-build porch).The Hollies, High Street, Scaldwell. DDC approved 9/8/12

g) DA/2012/0506 Work to trees within a Conservation Area. Scaldwell House, High Street, Scaldwell. DDC approved specific work detailed in decision notice dated 20/8/12.

h) DA/2012/0558 Single storey side extension. The Old Chapel, East End, Scaldwell. To be considered by DDC Planning Committee, recommended for refusal (Clerk to contact Cllr E Wiig).

i) DA/2012/0570 Work to trees within a Conservation Area. Peters Hoe, West End, Scaldwell. DDC approved 31/8/12

12/095 Playing Field

a) Weekly inspection reports Weekly reports have been received from Mr E O'Leary; he will continue the inspections until the next meeting.

b) Update on QEII Deed of Dedication requirements The necessary requirements have been completed with Land Registry.

c) Update on grant application for improvements to the entrance surface. It is expected that 'County Funds' will be available for Northamptonshire for QE2 fields in the near future.

d) Other Playing Field Matters:

i) Parking issues – this matter will be considered again in the Spring; it may be necessary to open the gate to allow parking.

ii) Dogs on field – a note will be put in the newsletter; SPFCG are looking into signage and dog ties.

iii) Emptying of litter bins – nearby members of SPFCG currently empty the bins.

12/096 Highways

i) Report on highways issues raised since the last meeting

Tyres left on Mill Lane will be reported to DDC.

ii) To consider purchasing a mobile speed camera

Cost will be looked into and considered at the next meeting; funding from the County Councillor Empowerment Fund may be available. It was noted that Community Speedwatch may be

relaunched in the county next year.

12/097 Financial matters - general

a) Monthly accounts to 1 September 2012

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

b) Money received:

i) **Bank interest to 2/7/12 - £3.47** Received 2/7/12

c) **External Audit Report** This was completed on 25th July 2012 with no matters arising.

12/098 Financial Matters - the following payments were approved

E.on	Street light electricity (quarterly payment)	£185.88	Paid 11/7/12	Chq 720
E.on	Street light maintenance (quarterly payment)	£70.68	Paid 2/8/12	Chq 721
Heyford Moles	Playing field moles	£100.00	Paid 2/8/12	Chq 722
ESPO	Playing field items	£605.13	Paid 2/8/12	Chq 723
Heyford Moles	Playing field moles	£25.00	Paid 9/8/12	Chq 724
BDO LLP	External audit fee	£480.00	Paid 20/8/12	Chq 725
ESPO	Playing field items	£4.32	Paid 20/8/12	Chq 726
Forever Green	Grass cutting in July & August 2012	£680.00	Paid 26/9/12	Chq 727
J Harris	Clerk's expenses 1/6/12 to 19/9/12	£52.91	Paid 26/9/12	Chq 728
Steve Jowers Associates	Playing field landscape architect fees	£1346.00	Paid 26/9/12	Chq 729

The Clerk's Standing Order for monthly pay has been cancelled with the bank.

12/099 Update on new Code of Conduct requirements

The Clerk informed the Council that no action has been taken as yet to put the Register of Interests on the PC website and they don't appear to have been put on the DDC website.

12/100 Village Greens

i) Review of quotes received for grass cutting in 2013 season

Four contractors have been out to look at the village and three quotes have been received.

It was agreed to offer the 2013 contract to R&G Grounds Maintenance. It was also agreed to take up their quote of £330 to clear the playing field of dead grass etc.. (Clerk to contact the contractors)

ii) Update on work to clear paths across green

Mrs M Vinton offered to get in touch with Mrs D Kimbell to ask for a quote.

12/101 Update on Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator positions

The following positions were agreed:

Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator: Mrs S Dodds Smith

Deputy Co-ordinators: Mrs J Lewis & Mrs A Curtis

The Clerk will forward these details to the DANWST (Daventry Area Neighbourhood Watch Support Team).

12/102 Update on Clerk vacancy

It was agreed to appoint Mr Ian Barratt as the new Clerk from 1st October 2012 on a three month trial basis. A hand-over meeting has been arranged with the current Clerk on 1st October.

12/103 Correspondence:

a) Correspondence for information only

12/104 Councillors' reports

1. Street lights – despite being reported to E.ON no action appears to have been done to clean the visors some of which have debris and water inside. (Clerk to pass on E.ON contact details and a site meeting considered)
2. Dog fouling – this has been reported on Holcot Lane. It will be mentioned again in the newsletter.

12/105 Items for the next agenda

2013/14 Budget and level of precept

To consider purchasing Mobile Speed Indicator device

Tree planting scheme

12/106 Items for newsletter

Neighbourhood Watch contacts.

Dog Fouling.

Tree planting scheme.

12/107 Date of next meeting

Next Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council – Wednesday 21st November 2012 at 7.30pm.

Following meeting dates (3rd Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm):

January 16th 2013, March 20th, May 15th, July 17th & September 18th.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.