

SCALDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Wednesday 23rd September 2009
in Scaldwell Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Mrs P Long (Chairman)
Mrs M Vinton (Vice-Chairman)
Mrs A Coward
Mrs J Randell

In attendance: Mr J Harris (Clerk)

09/092 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received and accepted from Mr A Tait and Mr F Wiig; also from Mr N Bunting (District Councillor).

09/093 Declaration of Interest

None.

09/094 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th July 2009

The minutes were approved and signed.

09/095 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

These were covered in the various agenda items.

09/096 Planning Applications

For information:

- a) DA/2009/0641 & 0642 The Old Rectory, High Street, Scaldwell. Replacement hardwood conservatory onto existing base/walls PC No comments**
- b) DA/2009/0539 Olympus Lodge, Back Lane, Scaldwell Work to / removal of tree in a Conservation Area PC no comments**
- c) DA/2009/0483 Land off Old Road, Scaldwell. All weather practice area for horses. DDC approved 13/8/09**

09/097 Playing Field

a) Weekly inspection reports

These will be continued by Mr A Tait. Mr M Alcock will be asked for an update on replacing some of the fence posts. (Action - Clerk)

b) Update on transfer of ownership of playing field and its entrance

This matter is still being dealt with by DDC.

09/098 Highways - report on highways issues raised since the last meeting

Clerk to contact the company Tarmac who want feedback on the road surface used on Mill Lane.

09/099 Financial matters - general

a) Monthly accounts to 31 August 2009

The monthly accounts were circulated to Councillors before the meeting together with a bank reconciliation. £741.52 is left from the County Councillor's empowerment fund to be spent on street lighting.

b) Money received

None.

c) To update the signatures on the bank mandate

Councillors were asked to sign the new bank mandate form.

d) To approve and accept the annual return

This was approved and accepted.

e) To consider external audit report

The current level of Fidelity Guarantee (£10000) will be reviewed when the insurance is next due for renewal.

09/100 Financial Matters - the following payments were approved

e.on	Street lighting quarterly charge	£169.62	Paid 15/7	Chq 580
Blades	Grass mowing in July'09	£295.50	Paid 23/9	Chq 582
Blades	Grass mowing in August'09	£335.85	Paid 23/9	Chq 582
SLCC	National Conference Small Parishes Open Day	£34.50	Paid 23/9	Chq 583
BDO Stoy Hayward	External Audit fee	£155.25	Paid 23/9	Chq 584
NCALC	Training session - planning	£11.00	Paid 23/9	Chq 585
Scaldwell Village Hall	Annual Room Hire to 31/3/10	£100.00	Paid 23/9	Chq 586
e.on	Street lighting maintenance	£66.95	Paid 23/9	Chq 587

09/101 Update on repairs and service to the Church Clock

Clerk to contact English Clockmakers to see when the part with the electrical fault will be refitted; also to inform them that the clock isn't chiming and is running slow.

09/102 Update on signs for village hall

MGWSP have been asked to provide a quote on the signs from the green to the playing field and village hall.

Mrs J Randell will speak to Mr Nash to inform him there's no rush for a new sign.

09/103 Update on Power of Well Being training sessions

Training session to take place on 5th October in Brixworth.

09/104 To consider the condition of the bus shelter

The Chairman will speak to the builder for advice on this matter.

09/105 To consider purchasing new lantern for lamp near the church

It was agreed to purchase a new lantern using the remaining funding from the County Councillor's empowerment fund. (Action - Clerk to order new lantern)

09/106 Correspondence:

a) Daventry DC - Consultation on Sustainable Community Strategy for Daventry District 2009 - 2026. Responses by 25th September. No response sent.

b) EMRA Regional Spatial Strategy Options - consultation. Responses by 6th October. No response sent.

c) West Northants Emergent Joint Core Strategy - consultation questionnaire Responses by 30th September. No response sent.

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

09/107 Councillors' reports

1. Items for the village newsletter to include Neighbourhood Watch - vigilance following recent burglaries in neighbouring villages.
2. Village hall street light bulb needs changing (Action -Clerk)
3. Query whether Scaldwell could be included in the Brixworth Bulletin. Mrs J Randell to speak to Mrs S Dodds-Smith and contact Mr P Fox.
4. Village hall windows and kitchen door have sometimes been left open overnight; this will be reported to the Village Hall Management Committee with the suggestion that a notice be put up asking people locking up to check all windows and doors are closed.

09/108 Items for the next agenda

Budget and precept for 2010 / 2011.

09/109 Date of next meeting

Next statutory meeting - Wednesday 25th November at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.