

## SCALDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council  
held on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2010  
in Scaldwell Village Hall at 7.30pm

**Present:** Mrs M Vinton (Vice-Chairman)  
Mr M Alcock  
Mrs A Coward  
Mrs J Randell  
Mr A Tait  
Mr F Wiig

**In attendance:** Mr J Harris (Clerk)  
Mrs E Wiig (District Councillor)

### **10/001 Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received and accepted from Mrs P Long (Chairman); also from Mr C Millar (County Councillor) and Mr N Bunting (District Councillor).

### **10/002 Declaration of Interest**

Mr F Wiig : District Councillor and Chairman of Daventry DC Planning Committee; did not participate in the decisions relating to planning applications.

### **10/003 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2009**

The minutes were approved and signed.

### **10/004 To approve a correction to the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council held on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2009 Item 09/100** Approval of Blades invoice for grass mowing in August should read '£355.85' as on the agenda (not £335.85)

This was approved and corrected in the minute book.

### **10/005 Matters arising from the Minutes** (for information only)

These were covered in the various agenda items.

### **10/006 Planning Applications**

For consideration:

#### **a) West Northamptonshire Joint Planning Unit : Strategic Housing Land Availability Assessment** (available for further evidence until 11/2/10)

The following response was sent to WNJPU:

Scaldwell Parish Council has major concerns over the inclusion of the land at the end of East End in this draft SHLAA. Such development would be unsustainable due to a severe lack of amenities in the village e.g. there are no shops and public transport is extremely limited. The Parish Council agrees that there is a lack of suitable access to the site (as stated in the draft SHLAA); East End could not cope with more traffic and, being mostly a single lane, it would be an unsuitable access road. The Parish Council is also concerned that the site is outside the village confines.

For information:

**b) DA/2009/0917 Detached garage (amended position) Fairview, 3 School Lane, Scaldwell.** PC no comment

**c) DA/2009/0757 New vehicular access and closure of existing vehicular access. The Hollies, High Street, Scaldwell.** DDC approved 25/11/09

**d) DA/2009/0782 Listed building consent for conversion of ground floor cloakroom and hallway cupboard into a shower room. The Grange, High Street, Scaldwell.** DDC approved 8/12/09

It was noted that the Harrington Wind Farm application DA/2009/0168 is being considered by DDC planning committee on 27/1/10, recommended for approval. Also, planning application DA/2010/0026 for Antler Cottage has just been received. A meeting will be arranged once the plans are received. (Action - Clerk)

### **10/007 Playing Field**

#### **a) Weekly inspection reports**

Reports received from Mr A Tait. Mr M Alcock agreed to do the inspections until the next statutory meeting.

#### **b) To consider condition & future of timber frame play equipment**

It was agreed to seek advice from Wicksteed at their forthcoming inspection and ask if remedial action can be taken.

#### **c) Update on transfer of ownership of playing field and its entrance**

The documents are now complete and ready to be signed.

A Deed of Protection from the Fields in Trust will be looked into unless this is covered in the transfer documents. (Action - Clerk)

#### **d) To approve adding a playing field page to the council website**

Approved. Clerk to contact Playing Field Community Group to see if any plans can be uploaded onto website.

### **10/008 Highways**

#### **a) Update on condition of Scaldwell sign at entrance to village**

This has been straightened. MGWSP have been contacted to see if the sign can be repainted under the Parish Enhancement Gang Scheme.

#### **b) Report on highways issues raised since the last meeting**

Concern raised that the road surface of Mill Lane has broken up during the bad weather. (Action - Clerk to report to Street Doctor/MGWSP)

Drainage problems outside Cobblers Cottage, East End in heavy rain have been reported to the Council. Keeping the nearby gully clear is essential. (Action - Clerk to pass details onto Street Doctor / MGWSP)

### **10/009 Financial matters - general**

#### **a) Monthly accounts to 31 December 2009**

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

#### **b) Money received**

i) Northamptonshire CC - annual grass mowing contribution - £301.30 Received 11/1/10

It was noted that Councillor Chris Millar has money available through the County Councillor Empowerment Fund that the Parish Council could apply for.

**10/010 Financial Matters** - the following payments were approved:

e.on	new lantern for street light near church	£1004.88	Paid 25/11/09	Chq 597
e.on	Street lighting maintenance	£67.74	Paid 20/1/10	Chq 600
English Clockmakers	Service and repair to clock	£655.50	Approved to be paid in two weeks if the clock is still working correctly	
CPRE	Annual Membership	£29.00	Paid 20/1/10	Chq 601
e.on	Street lighting maintenance	£169.62	Paid 20/1/10	Chq 599

**10/011 To approve the Northants CC Urban Highway Grass Mowing 2010 - 136 agreement**  
Approved.

**10/012 To approve update to the Terms & Conditions in the Clerk's contract**  
Approved. To be signed by Chairman.

**10/013 Update on repairs and service to the Church Clock**  
English Clockmakers visited today and the clock is now working again. Clock to be monitored over the next couple of weeks before payment is made.

**10/014 Update on signs for village hall**  
Still no response from MGSWP. Abbot Signs and Signs of the Times to be contacted for quotes.  
(Action - Clerk)

**10/015 Update on progress towards becoming eligible to use the Power of Well Being & to arrange training dates**  
The Council needs four more councillors to attend the training. NCALC to be contacted to see if a training session can be arranged in Scaldwell on a Monday or Wednesday in March or April.  
(Action - Clerk)

**10/016 Correspondence:**

**a) Correspondence for information only** (list available on request)

**10/017 Councillors' reports**

Bus times - reported that OAPs are not eligible for free travel on the 9.15am bus from

Scaldwell because their free travel starts at 9.30am. Mr F Wiig agreed to take this matter up.

Brixworth Bugle - Mrs E Wiig agreed to contact Mr Fox re. distributing the Brixworth Bugle in Scaldwell and a short article from Scaldwell being included in each edition.

Quality Status - it was noted that the Parish Council need to apply for re-accreditation in 2011 and the new requirements include promoting democracy e.g. voting in elections, and for the council to gain press coverage e.g. publicising the playing field transfer / plans.

Clerk of Year - the council agreed to nominate the Clerk for the NALC Clerk of the Year award.

**10/018 Items for the next agenda**

Playing field entrance.

**10/019 Date of next meeting**

Planning Meeting date to be arranged.

Next statutory meeting - Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010 at 7.30pm in the village hall.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.