

SCALDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Wednesday 20th July 2011
in Scaldwell Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Mr J Harris (Clerk)
Four villagers

11/068 Apologies for absence

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

11/069 Declaration of Interest

None.

At this point comments & questions were invited from villagers.

Trees overhanging green from The Manor – Clerk asked to confirm with DDC (M Venton) that the PC is happy with the suggested remedial work to trees on health & safety grounds for the village event on Saturday.

11/070 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held on 25th May 2011

The minutes were approved and signed.

11/071 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on 15th June 2011

The minutes were approved and signed.

11/072 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

Clerk confirmed a copy of the insurance from the Club for Saturday's village event has been received (item 11/066).

Other matters were covered in the various agenda items.

11/073 Planning Applications

For information:

- a) **DA/2011/0448 Work to trees in a Conservation Area. Home Farmhouse, The Green, Scaldwell PC** no comments
- b) **DA/2011/0274 Construction of livestock/hay barn. Land off Old Road, Scaldwell.**
DDC approved 15/6/11

11/074 Playing Field

- a) **Weekly & Annual inspection reports**

The Annual Inspection report has been received and circulated to councillors. Weekly reports

were received from Mrs J Randell. She agreed to continue the weekly inspections until the September meeting. Moles have returned – Clerk to contact Heyford Moles. Clerk asked to contact Mr Lohn to thank him for the improvements to the fencing on the east side of the field.

b) Update from Scaldwell Playing Field Community Group

An update was received. The Community Spaces grant application has been successful; the grant will be £47949 for the second phase which will include new equipment and some improvements to the entrance.

c) Report on playing field finances and longer term maintenance

i) To approve using the earmarked funds to cover the excess between the Playbuilder funding and the cost of new play equipment (£3551.51)

This was approved.

ii) To consider longer term maintenance of playing field (cleaning, inspections, raking, possible role of a playing field warden)

It was suggested to monitor the maintenance requirements over time. A request for a volunteer Playing Field Warden will be put in the newsletter.

d) Report on Playing Field Entrance

Costings were mentioned; some minor improvements will be made with the Community Spaces grant funding.

11/075 Highways

a) Report on highways issues raised since the last meeting

The missing white lines at the end of Mill Lane will be reported to Street Doctor.

b) To consider requesting NCC Highways for gateway features and red road surface at entrances to village

This was discussed. Clerk to contact NCC to discuss costings and arrange a site meeting if necessary.

11/076 Financial matters - general

a) Monthly accounts to 1 July 2011

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

b) Money received:

i. HMRC – Reclaimed VAT 1/2/11 to 6/6/11 £5479.76 Received 20/6/11

ii. Bank Interest to 1 July - £7.15 Received 1/7/11

11/077 Financial Matters - the following payments were approved

Forever Green	Grass cutting May 2011	£325.00	Paid 15/6/11	Chq 657
Scaldwell Village Hall	Annual Hire for Meetings to 31/3/12	£80.00	Paid 20/7/11	Chq 658
J Harris	Clerk expenses 7/3/11 to 30/6/11	£90.76	Paid 20/7/11	Chq 666
National Association of Local Councils (NALC)	Quality Council re-accreditation fee	£60.00	Paid 20/7/11	Chq 659

E.on	Street lighting maintenance	£70.68	Paid 20/7/11	Chq660
E O'Leary	Councillor training travel expenses	£22.75	Paid 20/7/11	Chq 661
Northants CALC	Councillor training	£29.00	Paid 20/7/11	Chq 662
Forever Green	Grass cutting June 2011	£280.00	Paid 20/7/11	Chq 663
Ian Richardson (Heyford Moles)	Moles on playing field	£50.00	Paid 20/7/11	Chq 664
E.on	Street lighting electricity	£186.40	Paid 20/7/11	Chq 665

11/078 Update on Quality Council Status re-accreditation

Clerk to submit portfolio in time for the NCALC re-accreditation panel meeting on 12th September.

11/079 To consider concerns regarding trees on Old Road

Mr D Lewis (Tree warden) agreed to survey the tree and remove dead wood, then report back to the PC and affected residents. It was also suggested that a list should be made of trees belonging to the Parish Council.

11/080 Correspondence:

- a) **Northamptonshire Library Review – Stakeholder Consultation** Responses due by 31/7/11. No response sent.
- b) **Correspondence for information only** (list available on request)

11/081 Councillors' reports

Concerns re. excess noise from Club/Village Hall and smoking outdoors. The concerns will be passed onto the Village Hall committee (by Mr E O'Leary) and the Scaldwell Club (by Mrs M Vinton).

West End – comments received about it looking unkempt. Mr M Alcock offered to contact some West End residents about the matter.

High Street sign – Mrs M Vinton offered to clean the sign near the entrance to the village.

11/082 Items for the next agenda

None mentioned.

11/083 Items for newsletter

Request for Playing Field Warden. Update on playing field. Issues re. trees on Old Road. Request to be mindful of noise when using Club or village hall.

11/084 Date of next meeting

Next Statutory meeting - Wednesday 28th September at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm.