

# Scaldwell Parish Council

Chairman: Mr Eugene O'Leary Parish Clerk: Miss Alicia Schofield

## Minutes of the Meeting of Scaldwell Parish Council held on Wednesday 16 March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, School Lane, Scaldwell

**Councillors in attendance:** Mr E O'Leary (Chair) Mrs J Randall  
Mrs A Curtis Mr M Alcock  
Mrs P Long

### ACTION

- 16/18 To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence.** Apologies received from Cllr Lewis and Cllr Vinton. Council accepted their apology and approved their reasons for absence.
- 16/19 To receive any declarations of interest for items on the agenda.** None.
- 16/20 Public address.** None.
- 16/21 Approval and signing of minutes:** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting 20 January 2016. Further to the addition of the words 'field adjoining' prior to tennis courts at 16/14 f) 2, council approved the minutes and they were signed by the Chair.
- 16/22 To report on actions or matters arising from the minutes**  
15/120. Clerk confirmed she had advised Ian Boyes that the ivy clad playing field sign was still awaiting removal. Clerk to check sign has been removed.  
15/120 Rainwater drainage from Cllr Alcock's farm. Outstanding. **Clerk**  
15/92 d) Waymarker signage. Outstanding. **HWP**  
15/143 Planning status of the barn in Packetts Lane. Closed. Agenda item 16/23. **E'OL**  
16/7 a) Brixworth Neighbourhood Plan. Response made. Closed.  
16/9 b) Bus shelter, seek comparative quotes. Agenda item 16/26.  
16/14 a) Gigaclear, contact for progress report. Closed. Agenda item 16/28.  
16/14 f) Speak with Peter Deacon, motor bikes on field adjoining the tennis courts. Ground has been made good. Closed.  
16/14 f) Defibrillator, speak with resident who is Brixworth first aid responder. **E'OL**  
Outstanding.
- 16/23 Planning: to consider if council should make comment:**  
PD/2016/009: prior approval for change of use of building to dwelling (class Q(b) only), barn at High Hedge, Old Road. The Clerk had circulated with the agenda her report following the phone call with the planning case officer. Council considered the report and after some discussion agreed there was not a need to make comment. It was noted a parishioner had made comment to the council regarding the application and had been encouraged to submit their comment to DDC. The Clerk reported the DA/2015/1088, demolition of existing conservatory and construction of replacement has been withdrawn by letter dated 16 March.
- 16/24 Correspondence**  
a) To consider and agree any actions

DDC consultation, future proposals for waste and recycling collection, 1-2-3 service. Council agreed a response would be made suggesting the 2-3 element of the service be switched so the black bin is emptied once every 2 weeks and not the 3 weeks as suggested. The recyclables be collected once every 3 weeks.

Clerk

NCC consultation, Northampton Northern Orbital Route. Council agreed they would not respond to this consultation.

**b)** To receive other items of correspondence *for information only*

1. DDC consultation, Sustainability Appraisals for Part 2 of the Local Plan Issues and Options documents (29 April). The Chair reported on his attendance at the briefing session for Part 2a Settlements and Countryside Local Plan, Part 2b Gypsy, Travellers and Travelling Showpeople Local Plan. Following his attendance a consultation response had been submitted. The Chair summarised the key points from the briefing and his response. Council confirmed they were in agreement with his actions.

**16/25 Playing field**

**a)** To receive any update report from the 'Friends of Scaldwell Playing Field' and agree any recommendations. No report. Next working party meeting is scheduled for Friday. The Chair said it had been mentioned to him that there may be a problem with the shed. He is to try and obtain more information in advance of the meeting Friday.

**b)** To consider the Risk Assessment inspection reports received since the last meeting and agree any actions. No specific actions arising out of the inspections. The Clerk reported the annual RoSPA inspection booked and as previously discussed this would be an accompanied inspection. The swing seats have been ordered. Delivery request has been made for the rota bouncer screws. The screws are covered by the warranty and they will be delivered with the swing seats.

**16/26 Assets, bus shelter:** to consider and agree quote for work to improve bus shelter drainage. The Clerk had contacted the contractor who had priced and was awaiting a return call. Alternative options for resolving the drainage issue were discussed. It was agreed the Highway Working Party would assess the shelter and the safety of the seating when they meet Friday morning.

HWP

**16/27 Parish Election Thursday 5 May:** to consider forthcoming election and to agree any actions. The Clerk had received nomination papers and these were passed to councillors present. It was agreed an article would again be placed in the newsletter seeking candidates and promoting the election.

**16/28 Regular reports:** to receive reports and agree any actions

**a) Working parties.**

Website Working Party. No progress to report. The Chair is to liaise with Martin Neale.

Broadband Working Party. The Clerk reported following a phone call to the Gigaclear marketing department. Scaldwell project is still in re-design following the Parish Council desire to have the cabinet relocated from the Green. The re-design is taking longer than suggested to the Parish Council at the November site meeting when the cabinet location was discussed. The re-design means the costs per property have changed. It is not clear at this time if the costs per property were increasing or decreasing but this will have an impact on the business case

which is similarly being reviewed. The current take up requirement is 35%. At this time the schedule is set for build to commence July 2016, ending September 2016. The Chair reported insufficient take up in Maidwell which may have a knock on effect. The Clerk will continue to seek updates from Gigaclear.

- b) **Grass cutting.** Nothing to report following award of the contract to R&G for the next 3 years.
- c) **Tree management.** Dylan Lewis had supplied the Clerk with recommended wording and remit to enable quotes to be sought for the tree inspections.
- d) **Highways/ROW.** The first meeting of the Highway Working Party had been held. They are to meet the Community Liaison Officer, Ian Boyes, on Friday morning.
- e) **NHW/Police.** No report.
- f) **Parish Councillors**

**Cllr Long** (on behalf of Cllr Vinton)

1. NHW will be placing an article in the newsletter reminding of the Police number 101 for reporting anti-social behaviour and crimes. This follows a report by a parishioner of 3 suspicious men in a white van trying to sell compost and garden furniture.

2. A considerable amount of tree work has been undertaken at The Grange. DDC online plans can be used to check the work undertaken accords with that notified to DDC.

**Cllr Long** spoke of the visit received from the Lamport Hall Estate Manager. The barn conversion to offices is intended to become a home for the farm manager and a planning application will be forthcoming for this. A lean-to is to be built to the side of one of the barns. The Parish Council is invited to visit. Cllr O'Leary reported his invite, as Chair of the Parish Council, to Lamport Hall and Estate. He suggested a visit by the Parish Council would be very worthwhile and the invite extended should be accepted. It was agreed the Clerk would email seeking possible dates towards the end of April.

**Cllr Curtis**

1. Dog poo has not been picked up by dog owners and has been left in Holcot Lane, Back Lane and on and around the Greens. The Clerk is to ascertain what campaign DDC are currently running to encourage people to pick up after their dogs.

**Clerk**

2. Following power cuts a house alarm had been ringing all day. There was discussion regarding the checking of alarm settings so they did not ring all day if owners were out.

**Cllr Alcock** reported a loose manhole cover in the middle of the road by the church. Matter is for Street Doctor. The Clerk will report on this occasion.

**Clerk**

**Cllr O'Leary**

1. Reported liaison with a parishioner regarding transport and County Connect. The parishioner is speaking with John Ellerby at NCC. The Clerk was asked to obtain information regarding County Connect and enquire regarding the possibility of it serving the village.

**Clerk**

2. Following complaint and query from parishioners he has sought advice regarding the parking of cars on the pavement. He suggested the advice is to be included in the newsletter article.

## 16/29 Finance

- a) To receive financial report for the period since the last meeting. Income received

since the last meeting £7.79 bank interest for January, £7.89 bank interest for February. The reconciliation to the bank statements 1 March 2016, £25,131.74, outstanding cheques £601.68, true balance £24,530.06. Council reviewed the balance remaining. It was agreed the overspend for the electricity supply should be met by re-allocation from grass cutting. The tree inspections are yet to be undertaken so the £628 allocation for 2015/16 will be allocated to the 2016/17 budget, as will the £80 for the RoSPA playing field inspection that has been ordered with Wickstead. Council noted there will be an outstanding balance of £528 for assets dropping into the general reserve at year end.

**b)** To approve the following payments £601.68. Payments approved by council.

Chq date	Chq no	Payment to	Description	VAT	Total (inc VAT)
18/03/2016	878	Alicia Schofield	Salary & expenses for February		£199.14
18/03/2016	879	HMRC	Employee tax liability P11		£44.20
18/03/2016	880	Village Hall	Room hire for meetings 15/16		£115.00
31/03/2016	881	Alicia Schofield	Salary & expenses for March		£199.14
31/03/2016	882	HMRC	Employee tax liability P12		£44.20
			<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>£601.68</b>

**16/30 Audit**

- a)** To receive internal audit report from Chairman and agree any recommendations. The Chair reported no concerns or actions arising.
- b)** To review and approve the Audit Plan. Reviewed and approved by council.
- c)** To review and approve the effectiveness of internal audit. Reviewed and approved by council.

**16/31 Newsletter:** to agree any articles for the next edition of the newsletter.

Request to dog owners to clear up after their dogs  
 Northern orbital road route  
 Reminder article regarding parish election  
 Advice regarding parking on pavements

**16/32 Forthcoming meetings:** to note the meeting dates for 2016  
 18 May (AGM and APM), 20 July, 21 September, 16 November

Meeting closed at 9.30pm.