

SCALDWELL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council
held on Wednesday 16th November 2011
in Scaldwell Village Hall at 7.30pm

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

In attendance: Mr J Harris (Clerk)
One villager

11/106 Apologies for absence

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

11/107 Declaration of Interest

None.

11/108 Comments or questions from parishioners

1. Light on Back Lane out (Clerk to report)
2. Top of West End – the light has had to be removed from end of Orchard House drive; it was noted that as a result the top of West End and the entrance to Poplars Court is very dark.

11/109 To approve and sign the Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of the Parish Council held on 28th September 2011

The minutes were approved and signed.

11/110 Matters arising from the Minutes (for information only)

(11/098) Village Hall – some issues already resolved and the contract for the hire of the hall has been tightened up.

(11/099) Painting street signs – agreed costs up to maximum of £75 could be invoiced (Mrs M Vinton to contact Mr E Cockram).

(11/092) White lines have been painted around the green but not at the bottom of the Ash Track as requested. (Clerk to contact Highways)

Other matters were covered in the various agenda items.

11/111 Planning Applications

For information:

a) DA/2011/0686 Work to trees within a Conservation Area. Chytil Cottage, High Street, Scaldwell. DDC approved 23/9/11

b) DA/2011/0817 Work to trees within a Conservation Area. The Hollies, High Street, Scaldwell. PC no comments.

c) DA/2011/0821 Work to trees within a Conservation Area. St Peter & St Paul's Church, Old Road, Scaldwell. PC no comments.

The Tree warden reported on this application. The Clerk will look into finding out which trees the Parish Council owns and what other councils do in terms of surveying their trees for the purposes of risk assessment.

11/112 Playing Field

a) Weekly inspection reports

Weekly reports were received from Mrs P Long. Mr E O’Leary agreed to undertake the weekly inspections until the next statutory meeting. It was agreed to ask Mr W Marsden to repair the fence on the playing field. The Clerk is to leave a note on the van parked in the entrance way to request no parking.

b) Update from Scaldwell Playing Field Community Group

Orders for Phase two equipment have been placed; the new equipment will start to be installed in December. Possible funding towards improving the entrance to the field could be obtained through the Daventry Second Homes grants but Parish Councils are not eligible to apply; Clerk to pass on details to SPFCG.

c) Update on QEII Fields Challenge

Voting is currently taking place. Scaldwell has 18 votes to date.

11/113 Highways

Report on highways issues raised since the last meeting

White lines around the green to be followed up and requested for the bottom of the Ash Track.

11/114 Financial matters - general

a) Monthly accounts to 1 November 2011

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

b) Money received:

i) Daventry District Council – half of annual precept - £5625.00 Received 21/9/11

ii) Bank Interest to 3 October - £2.61 Received 3/10/11

c) To set and approve the budget for 2012/13 and agree the precept request for 2012/13

The following budget was unanimously approved with the precept increasing by 4.88% to £11,800; proposed by Mrs M Vinton, seconded by Mrs J Randell. Details of the budget will be circulated in the January newsletter. (Action – Clerk)

Item	Budgeted figure 2012/13 (£)
Grass cutting / greens upkeep	2825
Annual Audit	560
Insurance	1200
Street lighting - electricity supply	750
Street lighting - maintenance	250
Hire of hall for meetings	100
Clerk’s salary	2500

Training fees / Clerk expenses	350
Annual subscription to organisations	250
Playing Field - annual inspection	100
Playing Field - equipment / maintenance	1775
Playing Field – improvements to entrance	3000
General Reserves	325
Election costs	1040
Parish Clock	200
Bus shelter/notice board/bins	150
Total	15375

Funded by:

Grass cutting allowance	281
Interest	14
Precept	11800
Capital reserves	3280
Total	15375

11/115 Financial Matters - the following payments were approved

Forever Green	Grass cutting September 2011	£280.00	Paid 16/11/11	Chq 674
E.ON	Street lighting maintenance quarterly payment	£70.68	Paid 16/11/11	Chq 675
E.ON	Street lighting electricity quarterly payment	£186.40	Paid 16/11/11	Chq 676
Playquest	Deposit for playing field equipment	£1166.40	Paid 9/11/11	Chq 673
Forever Green	Grass mowing October 2011	£180.00	Paid 16/11/11	Chq 674

11/116 To consider applying for planning permission for remedial work to Cedar tree on village green

Planning permission will be applied for and once granted, quotes for the work will be sought.

11/117 To approve Urban Highway Grass Mowing 136 agreement with NCC for 2012

This was approved.

11/118 Correspondence:

a) Daventry DC – Parish & Town Councils’ meeting 13/12/11 at 6.30pm. Apologies will be sent if no councillors can attend.

b) Local Government Boundary Commission – Electoral Review of Northamptonshire. No response to be sent.

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

11/119 Councillors' reports

1. Bus shelter notices – notices to be removed from sides of shelter. A note regarding this will be put in newsletter.
2. NCALC AGM – Mr E O'Leary reported on this meeting where Scaldwell's Quality Council certificate was presented.
3. Salt bin on East End – hazardous when needed due to conditions underfoot. Clerk to contact highways to request it is moved off the slope e.g. onto the green.

11/120 Items for the next agenda

None mentioned.

11/121 Items for newsletter

Notices for the notice board to be put through letter box of Newstone House and not put straight onto the bus shelter.

Details of budget and precept, and the Parish Council elections in May will be included in January's newsletter.

11/122 Date of next meeting

Next Statutory meeting – Wednesday 18th January 2012 at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.