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**MINUTES OF A PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON**

 **WEDNESDAY, 8th JANUARY 2014 at 7.30 pm in the School**

**Present: Mrs E Bryan (chairman), Mr M Birt, Mr B Dodd, Mr T Spencer,**

**Mrs M Wright, Mrs S Watford (clerk), one member of the public**

**Later: Cllr Elaine Holmes**

**Apologies:** There were no apologies

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST***.* There were no declarations of interest.

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**  A minor amendment was made to paragraph 8, access to the railway bank, and these were then signed by the chairman.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

* **The Old Brickyard.** The chairman would attend the forthcoming planning meeting when it was expected that this application would be decided. The MBC had been notified that she would be speaking at the meeting, repeating the comments which had previously been made by the Parish Council.
* **Minerals and Waste Local Plan.** The chairman had read this report, which contained only two items which were relevant to Scalford, namely that there were two sites for waste: Crowthorne, Landyke Lane, which processes 5,000 tons of composting per year; and Kent Skips (Lamberts).
* **Gale family.** Cllr Gerald Botterill would be asked if he had managed to speak to the member of his family who may belong to the branch of the Gale family responsible for the graves in Scalford.
* **Mucky Lane.** It was reported that a horse refuge on Mucky Lane was being advertised on Facebook; two gates had also been erected on the right hand side of the lane near the bridge. The MBC would be asked for an urgent meeting with the Parish Council on site.
* **Footpath, 42 King Street.** Mr Birt agreed to meet with Paddy Merrins on site this coming Friday to discuss details of the proposed surface of the footpath.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

* **LCC.** Highways feedback summary. Although it was reported that both the pothole on South Street and the damaged signs on Scalford Back Road had been dealt with, this was not correct. The LCC would therefore be contacted and asked to carry out the repairs. A copy would be sent to Cllr Byron Rhodes. The subject of the newly-installed 20 mph signs in Scalford was raised. The LCC would be asked why the village had been refused a 20 mph limit throughout, as the Parish Council were aware of at least one other village in Leicestershire where a 20 mph limit for traffic was obligatory.
* **MBC.** A press release on consultation arrangements.
* **Leicestershire Police.** Crime report.
* **LRALC.** CiLCA training. This would be passed to the new clerk in due course.
* **Dragonfly TV.** An email asking for material for a documentary on complaints and customer service in Britain. This was passed to Mr Birt.
* **LRALC.** Friday round robin.
* **MBC.** A consultation document on Hackney Carriage and Private Hire Licensing Policy 2014.

**5. ACCOUNTS**

* **Precept.** The precept forms were completed and signed.
* **LRALC.** An email on local government finance, attaching a written ministerial statement.
* **The following cheques were signed:** E-on (No 212, £147.45); Paul Rear (No 213, £155.00 – maintenance of recreation ground).
* **Maintenance of recreation ground.** Two quotations had been received; it was agreed that these would be discussed at the next meeting when further quotations had been received.
* **Street lights.** A query regarding the present arrangements for switching off street lights to conserve energy was raised. The LCC would be asked what the present position was, and previous correspondence on the subject would be brought to the next meeting.

**6. PLANNING**

* **Applications**
	+ **13/00891/TCA.**  There were no objections to this application to remove a leylandii hedge at 3 King Street, Scalford.
	+ **13/00748/FUL.** This application had been withdrawn pending resubmission.
	+ **13/00809/FUL.** It would be pointed out that this building has an agricultural tie which should be retained; also that there appeared to be no grounds for rebuilding. If the bungalow were replaced, however, any replacement should be of a similar, small size to the existing bungalow.

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**8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

* **Village sign.** Mr Spencer had spoken to his neighbour who was interested in refurbishing the village sign. A meeting would be arranged with him, attended by the chairman and Mr Spencer.
* **Dog mess.** Further complaints had been received, and another notice would be placed in the Village News.
* **Stables, Wycomb.** It was reported that two stables had been built at the bottom of Main Street, Wycomb, without planning permission. This information would be passed to the MBC.
* **Village Hall/Scalford School.**  In response to a query, it was confirmed that the LCC no longer funds the hire of the village hall by the school, and that the school is now responsible for all rent payment.
* **Village plan.**  It was suggested that Scalford should again look at producing a Village Plan: as the LCC produce guides for such plans, further information on their preparation would be obtained.
* **Illumination of the church.** Thanks were expressed to Mr Birt for arranging the lighting up of the church over Christmas; there had been much positive response and appreciation from residents. Mr Birt would begin to make enquiries about the possibility of more permanent lighting.
* **Footpath maintenance.** The LCC were carrying out their regular maintenance of local footpaths. It would be pointed out that the footpath from King Street to the village hall was not marked with a footpath sign, and a request would be made for one.
* **Landyke Lane.** During the recent weather the lane had become flooded and was proving dangerous for traffic, exacerbated by the inability to see potholes. A request would be made for the LCC to visit the site.

*The chairman closed the meeting at 9.00 pm.*

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