

**Minutes of Scalford Parish Council Meeting  
Held remotely by Zoom on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

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**Present:** Cllrs, Elizabeth Bryan, Brian Dodd, T Spencer, Robert Ingles, Margaret Wright, Rob Thring

**In attendance:** Borough Cllr Elaine Holmes,

**Members of the Public:** Two

**Public Participation:** A question was raised regarding the Neighbourhood Watch as to whether it was still active Cllr Ingles offered to look into the matter.

Sarah Rigby raised the matter of her email regarding the orchard at Wycomb as she wished to rent it from the agents and return it to being a proper orchard the fruits from which would be made available to residents. The Parish Council had no objection providing the matter was arranged with the Agent.

20/971

**Apologies for Absence:**

None

20/972

**Declarations of Disclosable and Pecuniary Interest:**

None

20/973

**To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held remotely by Zoom on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020:**

It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> October 2020 were a true record and it was agreed the Minutes to be signed at a later date when practical by the Chairman of the Meeting.

20/974

**Planning:**

**New:**

20/01260/TCA – Fell 1 Beech Tree – Clayfield Farm, 21 King Street, Scalford, LE14 4 DW

20/01251/LBC – Replace 3 sash windows within west elevation – Old Rectory, 16 Church Street, Scalford, LE14 4DL

20/01107/FUL – Erection of two agricultural barns with ancillary office, associated access, car parking, drainage and landscaping – Land east of Wolds Farm, Landyke Lane, Scalford

**Granted:**

20/00460/FUL – Residential conv of agricultural buildings – Deben Farm, Landyke Lane,

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**20/975**

**Receipts & Payments for October**

A list of receipts and payments for October signed by two Councillors when circumstances permit is attached to these minutes.

The reconciled bank balance of £49525.67 made up of £21827.01 in general account and £28231.10 in reserve account was unanimously agreed as a true reflection of the Council's financial position, to be signed when circumstances permit.

**20/976**

**Access over Parish Land through allotments**

The Clerk confirmed that the letter from a resident confirming the use of the field formerly owned by Mr Talbot had been forwarded to solicitors with instructions to push the matter hard and insist the gateway installed by the new owner of the land is removed and the hedge reinstated.

**20/977**

**Allotment:**

Cllr Ingles advised that Western Distribution had not yet cut the tree back from around the power lines and he would be chasing them up on this. He also advised that there was a large conifer adjacent to one of the plots whose tenant had requested it be reduced in height. Cllr Ingles suggested that if this work was carried out the resulting chippings could be used as weed suppressant on vacant plots, he also advised that tenants suggested that the bottom left-hand corner which had been cleared be used as a turning circle for cars. The area was rather uneven and would need levelling before this could happen and there would be a cost attached.

**20/978**

**Sheepwash Report:**

This was a follow on from Cllr Thring's report, the Clerk confirmed he had reported to Highways the damaged stiles and was awaiting a response, Cllr Thring volunteered to chase this up, the Clerk had arranged for the area to be strimmed which had been done and had revealed the fence needed some repairs carrying out.

**20/979**

**Hedge alongside disused railway embankment - update:**

The prices so far received for the work were felt to be too high, Cllr Spencer thought he had a contact who would provide a more competitive quote and would report back to next meeting. Cllr Ingles reported that the new owners of a field on the opposite side of the embankment had indicated they were currently happy to deal with the hedge adjacent to their field for which he had expressed the Council's thanks.

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**20/980**

**Illumination of Church at Christmas:**

A relative of a resident of the village had volunteered to have a look at the equipment to see if it could be made to work this year and if so they were prepared to have it up and running as soon as possible in December. Costs for this as a one-off arrangement to be agreed when the materials required has been established, a more permanent arrangement would need to be costed properly in the new year.

**20/981**

**Water Plus**

A email had been received indicating that if the Council required a site meeting to discuss the matter a cost would be levied, Cllr Ingles volunteered to take the matter up on behalf of the Council as he had dealt with them previously, this was agreed.

**20/982**

**Churchyard Wall with Old Rectory:**

The report commissioned by the Parish Council had been submitted by the structural engineer and indicated a major cause of the wall collapsing was the trees in the old rectory grounds close to the collapsed wall. It was also stated that these would need to be dealt with before any rebuilding work took place. The Clerk had forwarded this information to the diocese in Leicester indicating that the Parish Council had no responsibility for repairs and replacement and that the diocese should deal directly with the owners of the old rectory over the matter. It was also agreed that the cost of the report should be paid by the diocese although the Council would have to make the payment in the first instance and reclaim from the diocese.

**20/983**

**Councils Computer Equipment:**

During the previous month the Councils laptop had ceased functioning properly and had been looked at by the Local Association computer expert who had been unable to rectify the fault and recommended it was replaced and current software installed. As the Council was unable to operate effectively without a laptop it was unanimously agreed to purchase a new one with appropriate software at a cost of £940.00.

**20/984**

**Matters arising from emails circulated and other matters - continued**

Cllr Dodd raised the matter of the request of the triangle community group for a donation towards the cost organizing various Christmas functions for villagers. It was unanimously agreed to make a donation of £250.00 under section S 137.

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**Items for Next Month' s Agenda:**

Access over Parish Land

Waterplus

Hedge alongside railway embankment

Precept

The meeting closed at 8.26 pm

**Date of Next Meeting: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2020 at 7.30 pm remotely by Zoom**

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Chairman Scalford Parish Council

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Scalford Parish Council

The following Receipts were put forward for approval at the remote Parish Council Meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020.

**Receipts and Payments October 2020**

**Receipts:**

Allotment Internet Payments                    £ 276.00

HSBC – Interest                                    £     0.41

**Payments:**

BP. Viking Signs Ltd                             £     52.34

BP. M K Bailey Ltd                                £ 235.02

BP. Petty Cash                                     £ 100.00

The following payments were approved retrospectively at the remote Parish Council Meeting held on the 23 November 2020 and will be signed by 2 Cllrs when circumstances permit

Estimated expenditure in November £4000.00

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