

**Minutes of Scalford Parish Council Meeting
Held remotely by Zoom on Monday 26th October 2020**

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

In attendance: County Cllr Byron Rhodes, Borough Cllr Elaine Holmes,

Members of the Public: Four

Public Participation: None

20/956

Apologies for Absence:

Cllr R Thring

20/957

Declarations of Disclosable and Pecuniary Interest:

None

20/958

To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held remotely by Zoom on Monday 21st September 2020:

It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on the 21st September 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.

20/959

Planning:

New:

20/01128/FUL – Proposed stable Barn and Paddock and Garden Machinery store for private use
– The Elms, King Street, Scalford

Granted:

20/00741/TCA – Remove Holly and Alder Hedge – 8 Church St, Scalford

20/00996/FUL – Proposed side extension to dwelling – The White House, Thorpe Side , Scalford

20/960

Receipts & Payments for September

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

The reconciled bank balance of £50058.11 made up of £21827.01 in general account and £28231.10 in reserve account was unanimously agreed as a true reflection of the Councils financial position, to be signed when circumstances permit.

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Access over Parish Land through allotments

A letter had been received concerning the alleged use of an access into the land formerly owned by Mr. R Talbot which confirmed this was not over Parish land through the allotments. It was unanimously agreed to forward this to the Councils solicitor

20/962

Allotment:

Cllr Ingles confirmed that a wooden cover had been made by a resident to cover the small well on Stonestyle allotments, which he felt would do the job well, he was asked to thank the person concerned on behalf of the Council. Cllr Ingles also confirmed that he had finally made contact with the Tenants of the overgrown allotment who had confirmed they no longer had time to work on the allotment due to pressure of business, Cllr Ingles also confirmed he would chase Western Distribution who had agreed to clear the trees growing into their powerlines.

20/963

Sheepwash Report:

The report from Cllr Thring was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that it was very comprehensive, maintenance would be required and the Clerk was instructed to report the problem with stiles to Highways.

20/964

Hedge alongside disused railway embankment - update:

Cllr Holmes volunteered to obtain a quote for the hedging work, Cllr Spencer advised the cost of tractor and flail is about £35.00 per hour, the Clerk advised he had still not received a quote from the owner of the field for the work, he had however obtained details of who owned the small triangular field adjacent to the bridge abutment.

20/965

Illumination of Church at Christmas:

In previous years the Church and Churchyard have been illuminated temporarily over the Christmas period, this has always been arranged by a person from the village, however this year they are not able to do it. It was felt that in the light of the current situation efforts should be made to find someone else who is willing to arrange this. Cllr Dodd felt that rather than putting it up and taking it down each year a semi-permanent installation should be put in, this would however have initial cost implications but would be cost effective in the long term. Discussion then took place as to whether villagers might be prepared to make donations towards the cost, this was however left in abeyance for the time being.

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Wildflower Verges:

The Triangle Community had indicated they would like to develop a wildflower area on the verge near the old station yard, in conjunction with the County Council, the Parish Council confirmed they were happy for them to do this.

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Water Plus

There had been no response regarding the fitting of a water meter after discussion it was agreed not to make any payments until such time as the matter had been resolved, the Clerk to continue insisting a new meter is fitted.

20/968

Request from Citizens Advice:

A request had been received for a donation towards the cost of running the Citizens Advice after discussion it was agreed to stick with previous policy of only donating to local causes within the Parish.

20/969

Matters arising from emails circulated and other matters - continued

Cllr Dodd raised the matter of the collapsed wall between the Churchyard and the old rectory and suggested the Council should have a structural engineers report carried out as to the cause of the collapse, this was unanimously agreed.

Items for Next Month' s Agenda:

Access over Parish Land

Waterplus

Hedge alongside railway embankment

The meeting closed at 8.12 pm

Date of Next Meeting: Monday 23rd November 2020 at 7.30 pm remotely by Zoom

Chairman Scalford Parish Council

Date: _____

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Scalford Parish Council

The following Receipts were put forward for approval at the remote Parish Council Meeting on the 26th October 2020.

Receipts and Payments September 2020

Receipts:

Melton B C - Precept	£ 8500.00
Cemetery – Autumn Memorials	£ 70.00
Leics C C – School	£ 1100.00
HSBC – Interest	£ 0.34

Payments:

BP. Scalford Village Hall	£ 24.00
BP. Burnt Oak Development	£ 372.00
BP. Eon	£ 300.00
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The following payments were approved retrospectively at the remote Parish Council Meeting held on the 26th October 2020

Estimated expenditure in October £1500.00

Councillor: -----

Councillor -----

C J Hill
RFO
20/10/20