

**Minutes of Scalford Parish Council Meeting  
Held remotely by Zoom on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020**

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

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

**Members of the Public:**

**Public Participation:** None

**In the absence of Cllr Bryan, Cllr Dodd took the chair at the start of the meeting and was asked to continue by Cllr Bryan when she joined the meeting as she was having ongoing connection problems.**

Cllr Rhodes was asked if he wished to address the meeting and confirmed he wished to give an update on the County Councils financial position as follows:

In the current financial year due to the impact of Covid 19 an anticipated overspend of 90 million was expected, however with monies from the government this was reduced to 18 million which the Council would offset by use of monies from the capitol program. It was expected 600 million would be needed over the next 4 years and a 100 million shortfall was anticipated which would possibly result in a reduction in services provided by the Council in the next few years.

Cllr Holmes confirmed she had again taken up the matter of traffic calming on Eastwell Road with the planning department and also the matter of the riding school on the road between Chadwell and Goadby Marwood. However due to staffing difficulties she had been unable to obtain any answers but would keep trying.

**20/944**

**Apologies for Absence:**

Cllr M Wright

**20/945**

**Declarations of Disclosable and Pecuniary Interest:**

None

**20/946**

**To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held remotely by Zoom on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020:**

It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were a true record and it was agreed the Minutes to be signed at a later date by the Chairman of the Meeting when practical.

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**Planning:**

New:

20/00896/FUL – Erection of stables and revised access – Nether Hall Farm, 24 South Street, Scalford, LE14 4DY

20/00741/TCA – Remove Holly & Alder hedge – High Garth, 8 Church St, Scalford, LE14 4DL

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

**Granted:**

20/00766/TCA – Proposed removal of 21 leylandi and 6 holly trees – High Garth, 8 Church Street, Scalford, LE14 4DL

20/948

**Receipts & Payments for July and August**

A list of receipts and payments for July and August signed by Vice Chairman and Cllr Spencer is attached to these minutes.

The reconciled bank balance of £42000.61 made up of £13769.51 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.

20/949

**Access over Parish Land through allotments**

Cllr Dodd requested this matter be deferred until the next meeting.

Cllr Ingles raised the matter of a container that had appeared on the land being accessed but after discussion it was felt that planning was not required for this.

20/950

**Allotment:**

The Clerk raised the matter of the small well on Stonestile allotments which he felt required additional protection to avoid anyone accidentally stepping into it, after discussion Cllr Ingles volunteered to access the situation.

20/951

**National Planning Policy:**

A general discussion took place on the Government's wish to loosen current planning policies to ensure more houses in particular would be built, there were mixed views on this and some felt it would never happen. In view of the Local Association in conjunction with National Association requesting Parish Councils' views it was agreed to make a point regarding Neighbourhood Plans not being affected by any change in policy.

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

The Clerk advised he had made no progress in establishing the ownership of the triangle of land near the bridge abutment nor had a quote for the hedging work been provided by the owner of the main field.

20/953

**Traffic Issues:**

This was to follow up issues from last months meeting attended by Cllr Rhodes and Fiona Blockley from Highways, which had been covered to some extent by Cllr Rhodes earlier in this meeting. The main point being that Cllr Rhodes was going to push for the cost for the movement of the 30mph limit on Eastwell Road to be moved further out passed the bends, to be included in the County Councils capital program at some point in the next 3 years. Cllr Holmes

**Traffic Issues continued:**

had raised the matter of the Parish Council not requesting enough from the Developer Contribution fund and Cllr Dodd suggested the Council should make a further request for funding for traffic calming in the village, this was unanimously agreed.

20/954

**Scalford Parish Council Facebook Page:**

The Clerk advised that he had asked Sarah Lambert to produce a Facebook page for the Parish Council in an attempt to make the Council more accessible to a greater number of Parishioners. This would enable the Council to get information out more quickly to Parishioners and give them a route to express their views, the page was now active and Cllrs were urged to have a look and join. Sarah had agreed in conjunction with the Clerk to monitor the page from the point of view that unsuitable comments were not put on and all information was relevant to the village. Cllrs thought this was a good idea and thanks were expressed to Sarah for all her work in bringing this about.

20/954

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

Cllr Dodd raised the matter of the telephone exchange within the village where the surrounding ground was overgrown and not cared for, Clerk instructed to BT Openreach and request that it was maintained properly.

Cllr Dodd also raised the issue of a section of wall between the Churchyard and old Rectory which had collapsed and requested that ownership of the wall was established.

The Clerk raised the matter of Water Plus who appeared to have taken over the supply of water to the allotments from Severn Trent, estimated invoices going back to 2017/18 had been received which were in excess of wat had been previously paid. The Clerk was instructed to

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**Matters arising continued**

request metered readings for the period and also notify allotment holders that this may well result in a rental increase in future years.

Cllr Thring raised the matter of the report he had submitted on the Washdyke/Sheepwash, this to be discussed at the next meeting.

**20/955**

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

Washdyke/Sheepwash

Access over Parish Land

Waterplus

Hedge alongside railway embankment

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm

**Date of Next Meeting: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> October 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 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020.**

**Receipts and Payments July 2020**

**Receipts:**

|                 |         |
|-----------------|---------|
| Cemetery        | £ 65.00 |
| HSBC – Interest | £ 0.39  |

**Payments:**

|              |           |
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| W T Lee      | £29842.00 |
| Time Assured | £ 162.00  |

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| Burnt Oak Development | £ | 372.00 |
| Eon                   | £ | 393.67 |

**Receipts and Payments August 2020**

**Receipts:**

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| Interest | £ | 0.36 |
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**Payments:**

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|--------------------------|---|--------|
| Ecclesiastical Insurance | £ | 751.99 |
| Eon                      | £ | 103.25 |
| PKF Littlejohn           | £ | 360.00 |
| The App Office           | £ | 185.00 |
| Burnt Oak Development    | £ | 558.00 |

The following payments were approved retrospectively at the remote Parish Council Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

Estimated expenditure in September £2000.00

Chairman: -----

Councillor -----

C J Hill  
RFO