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

 **WEDNESDAY, 12th FEBRUARY 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), Mr Chris Hill (clerk designate)**

**Apologies:** Cllrs Elaine Holmes and Byron Rhodes

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

**2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING.**  It was agreed these were a true record of January’s meeting, and they were signed by the chairman.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

* **Village sign.** The meeting between Mr Spencer’s neighbour, the chairman and Mr Spencer would be arranged when the weather improved.
* **Village plan.** Copies of both the Kibworth and Burlestone plans had been obtained and these were passed round. The clerk designate would check what stage the Waltham Village Plan had reached with the clerk there. Guidance on their compilation would also be sought from the LCC.

**4. CORRESPONDENCE**

* **Landyke Lane.** An email had been received from the LCC stating that a visit had been made to the site, and that it was not considered a high priority. The council felt that the site visit had not been made when the lane was flooded, and Mr Birt would contact them with a photograph showing the area after it had rained.
* **Tennyson Insurance.** A letter offering insurance cover to voluntary groups.
* **Village Hall Committee.** An email request for financial support to cover the cost of a new floor at the Village Hall. Following a discussion, it was agreed that financial help would be given, but further details on the type of floor proposed, whether under floor heating was planned, and the expected cost would be requested. Mr Birt and Mr Dodd would speak to the Village Hall Committee.
* **RCC Achievement Awards.** A poster advertising the awards for community and community buildings.
* **Email LCC Highways.** Following the Parish Council’s assertion that the pothole by South Street/School Lane had not been repaired, a site visit had been made by the LCC to confirm that it had. It was now discovered that the pothole referred to by the Parish Council was one on the opposite side of the road to the one repaired, and this information would be relayed to the LCC.
* **Ellen Senior, footpath inspector.** An email acknowledging the fact that the Parish Council had decided not to pursue the registration of the right of way at 42 King Street.
* **Ellen Senior, footpath inspector.** A further email regarding the sign recently erected on Mucky Lane. The matter would be dealt with as soon as possible, although there may be some delay due to sickness.
* **L&RALPC.** The minutes of the meeting held on 10th December and an agenda for the next meeting on 11th March. The chairman would try to attend.
* **Email LCC.** Provision of broadband in the rural areas. Mr Birt was keeping up-to-date with recent developments in the Vale of Belvoir.
* **LOROS.** A letter enclosing leaflets advertising their Twilight Walk. These would be passed to the Post Office.
* **MBC letter.** Consultations on the new local plan. Mr Birt would attend.

**5. ACCOUNTS**

* **Scalford Methodist churchyard.** Following quotations received for the maintenance of this churchyard, it was agreed to offer £250 per year towards the cost, which was in accordance with the lowest quotation received.
* **Footpath, 42 King Street.** After discussion, it was agreed that Paddy Merrins’ quotation for £2,040.00 (including VAT) to slab the footpath be accepted.
* **The following cheques were signed:**  2commune - new email address for Scalford Parish Council) £60.00, No 214; Adrian’s Tree & Garden Services – work on sycamore tree by the Village Hall and the damaged tree in the cemetery, £942.00, No 215.
* **Maintenance of recreation ground.**  Quotations had been received from bdg Mowing Contractors of Sproxton, CGD Contractors of Tur Langton, Burnt Oak Developments of Syston, Paul Rear or Garthorpe and AC Grounds Maintenance of Syston. After discussion it was agreed that the contract for 2014 be given to Paul Rear.
* **LRALC.** Potential capping of Parish Councils.

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**6. PLANNING**

* **Consent.** 13/00891/TCA – removal of 8 leylandii trees, 3 King Street, Scalford
* **Refusal.** 13/00276/FUL – redevelopment of former Lionville Brickyard
* **Email MBC.** In reply to this email regarding notification of planning applications, the Parish Council would state that they were not willing to notify and would ask the MBC to place a notice on the notice boards.
* **Email MBC.** A copy of an email from MBC advising that they were taking steps towards rescinding the Certificate of Lawfulness in respect of the Lionville Brickyard.
* **Stables, Wycomb.** An email querying the position of the stables recently erected at Wycomb. This would be clarified.
* **Gypsy site, Waltham on the Wolds.** An application had been submitted for a change of use of land to a residential gypsy caravan site with a maximum of 10 caravans, for one extended family with grazing for horses. An objection to this application would be made to the MBC, as the Parish Council felt they were entitled to express an opinion when the land was adjacent to the parish. It was felt that 10 caravans presented a considerable development in the open countryside and if permission were given, then it should be closely monitored.

**7. HEDGE BY THE ALLOTMENTS**

This had been damaged by a car; insurance details of the car owner were available and, pending receipt of quotations to repair the hedge, a claim would be made. Paddy Merrins and Michael Stanley would be asked for quotations. It was agreed that provision of a further skip for the allotments be postponed for a month or two.

**8. PARISH COUNCIL WEBSITE**

The clerk designate reported that the cost would be £325 per year: the Parish Council wished to continue using it.

**9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

* **Gale family.** A letter from a member of a Gale family had been obtained, and the chairman would write to him in the hope of ascertaining whether or not he was related to the family involved.
* **Leicestershire Police.** The monthly crime report had been received.
* **Scalford Primary School.** Further details had been obtained of the shed the school were planning to have erected behind the Village Hall for storage. There were no objections to this, but it was felt that it should be reviewed in five years.
* **Tourism.** Following the sight of an advertisement, it was pointed out that a bus company was running tours from the Wycomb road site at Scalford.
* **Natural burial ground.**  An article in the Melton Times on 23rd January referred to a discussion at the MBC on the provision of a natural burial ground in Scalford. The MBC would be asked why this had not been mentioned to the Parish Council.
* **Street lights.** Mr Birt was discussing with E-on the possible replacement of a light on King Street. He also raised the matter of the recently installed 20 mph school signs, which were not in operation. It was felt the whole project had been ill-conceived: there was no electricity to the sign by the dairy, and other signs erected unnecessarily on poles added to street clutter. It would also be pointed out that the Parish Council would need paying for any electricity used to light the school signs.
* **Church illumination.** Quotations were to be requested for the illumination of the church. There would be the option of having either a meter in the church or a small black box next to the column.
* **Mucky Lane.** There had been a variety of complaints recently about this lane, and it was agreed that the Parish Council would take a walk down there when the weather improved.
* **Sandy Lane.** The LCC would be asked to take a look at the state of the road surface.

*The chairman closed the meeting at 9.25 pm.*

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