

**Minutes of Scalford Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 24th January 2022 at Scalford Village Hall**

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Present: Cllrs E Bryan Brian Dodd, Robert Ingles, R Thring

Apologies: Cllr M Wright,

In attendance: Borough Councilor E Holmes

Members of the Public: 2

Public Participation:

The matter of the lighting the path in the Churchyard was raised the Clerk advised that the matter was being looked into from a cost point of view.

22/1128

Declarations of Disclosable and Pecuniary Interest:

None

22/1129

**To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held Monday
16th December at Scalford Village Hall**

Cllr Dodd raised the point that a comment he made about referring the matter of the bridge to Cllr Lovegrove had not been made clear in the minutes the Clerk confirmed this had been done. It was therefore unanimously agreed that the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on the 16th December 2021 were a true record, and the Minutes were signed by the Chairman of the Meeting.

22/1130

Planning:

Cllr Ingles made a statement that he had met with planning officer Helen White regarding the planning application on Sandy Lane and said he was most encouraged following the meeting. The Highways report had been seen which had muddied the waters slightly although their intention was still to object to the access. Cllr Holmes advised that Jim Worley was leaving MBC at the end of February and a planning officer was being employed for 6 months to reorganize the planning department.

A planning application regarding Landyke Lane had come in today which the Clerk had circulated Cllr Dodd to study and advise Clerk in due course of any comments to make.

22/1131

Financial:

The bank reconciliation as at 31st December 2021 was approved as true and correct showing General Reserve of £28231.00 Grant Funding £30.00 and General Account £20153.06 and signed by the Chair of the meeting. A list of receipts and payments for December is attached to these Minutes. The Clerk confirmed that the Waterplus invoice was based on estimated readings for water the actual is 52 the estimated 58, this should equal out once the warmer weather comes and tenants start using water. The Clerk also advised HSBC had turned the Councils account into a business account with charges being applied and suggested the Council look at alternatives either Barclays or Unity Bank.

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22/1132

Churchyard Wall:

A second quote from Dr Pumphrey was still awaited and until such time the matter could not be progressed.

22/1133

Churchyard Lighting:

The Clerk had obtained from Eon information about linking a light to the main street lighting system which would be extremely expensive. Cllr Dodd felt that a meeting with the PCC was needed to find out exactly what they have in mind and he agreed to arrange this and report back at the next meeting.

22/1134

Website:

Cllr Thring asked if everyone had read his email of the 17th January 22 which he recapped as, he was competent in using the new version of "word press" but not the old version that the web site runs on. There were good reasons to change to the new version 1. Good Practice 2. Security Issues 3. Word Press may stop supporting the old version 4. Cllr Thring being competent with new version. Cllr Thring had investigated changing to the new version and had been told by the web provider this would could be done but would probably mean that the web site would need reconfiguring at a cost of £250.00. Cllr Thring asked do we need to update the website and do we want to spend £250.00 after lengthy discussion it was agreed that at the present time the web site and face book site work fairly well and cover the requirement. I was therefore unanimously agreed to leave matters as they were.

22/1135

Traffic Issues:

There was nothing specific to report this month however Cllr Dodd felt that this should be kept on the agenda until the existing issues were resolved. The matter of the bridge into the village on Melton Spinney Road was raised this had been referred as a project for Cllr Lovegrove's pot of money. However it appeared it would be sometime before a decision was taken Cllr Holmes agreed to chase the matter up with Cllr Lovegrove.

22/1136

Matters arising from emails circulated and other matters for next Agenda:

Cllr Thring asked whether any progress was being made with filling the Councillor vacancy, the Clerk advised there had been interest from one person which he was following up.

Cllr Dodd raised the matter of the old garage site on King Street and requested the Clerk to write to the owners and ask the owners what was happening with it and if nothing else request it be tidied up.

Cllr Dodd advised he had been asked whether the Council would change their meeting day to Wednesdays as the WI met once a month on a Wednesdays this would then free up Mondays

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for every week bookings. Cllr asked everyone to consider whether they would change to Wednesdays to be discussed at next meeting.

Cllr Dodd raised the Neighbourhood Plan and said the Council should refer to it more when commenting on planning applications.

Cllr Dodd also pointed out that within the Neighbourhood Plan it states the Council should review the plan regularly. Cllr Ingles thought that most of the original members of the Neighbourhood Plan Committee would be happy to review the plan annually and keep it updated, Cllr Ingles to contact everyone previously involved.

22/1137

Items for Next Month' s Agenda:

Churchyard Wall

Churchyard Lighting

Meeting Day

Traffic Issues

The meeting closed at 8.38 pm

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 21st February 2022 at 7.30 pm at Scalford Village Hall

Chairman Scalford Parish Council

Date: _____

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The following Receipts and Payments were approved at the meeting on 22nd January 2022

Receipts and Payments December 2021

Receipts:

Allotments	£ 62.00
HSBC – Interest	£ 0.42

Payments:

Waterplus	£ 61.05
P Rear	£1370.00
HSBC	£ 11.00
P Rear	£ 490.00
Eon	£ 106.34
Eon	£ 305.09
HMC&R	£ 332.00

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