

Minutes of Scalford Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 21st March at Scalford Village Hall

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Present: Brian Dodd, Robert Ingles, R Thring, M Wright, A Doody

Apologies: Cllr E Bryan,

In attendance: Borough Councillor E Holmes

Members of the Public: 2

In the absence of the Chairman - Cllr Ingles chaired the meeting

Public Participation:

No Issues raised

22/1151

Declarations of Disclosable and Pecuniary Interest:

None

22/1152

To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 21st February 2022 at Scalford Village Hall

Cllr Thring queried Minute 21/1145 stating it was incorrect in that he said he would try and put a button on the website not that he would the reality being he hasn't been able to, apart from this correction, it was unanimously agreed that the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on the 21st February 2022 were a true record, and these were signed by the Chairman of the Meeting.

22/1153

Planning:

No matters for discussion.

22/1154

Financial:

The bank reconciliation as at 28th February 2022 was approved as true and correct showing General Reserve of £28231.00 Grant Funding £30.00 and General Account £19983.66 and signed by the Chair of the meeting. A list of approved receipts and payments for February is attached to these Minutes.

22/1155

Churchyard Wall:

An email had been received from Dr Pumphrey confirming insurers had offered a settlement figure the repair of the wall as a one off payment with insurers accepting no further responsibility. After discussion it was felt that whilst the offer was a positive sign there were too many unanswered questions and pitfalls for the Parish Council to go ahead without further discussions with all parties. It was therefore agreed that the Clerk should set up a meeting with Dr Pumphry, NFU and their associates, the builder, and Cllrs Dodd and Ingles from the PCC to discuss matters further. Going forward the Church Council to be kept informed and a need to establish what if any permissions were required from the Diocese.

22/1156

Churchyard Lighting:

Cllr Dodd advised that we were still awaiting a response from the Parochial Church Council on what type of light they wanted and whether it could be linked to the Church's power supply, until this was answered the matter could not be progressed.

21/1157

Council Meeting Day

After discussion it was reluctantly decided that it was not possible to change the day of meetings, the Clerk to notify the Village Hall committee accordingly.

22/1158

Speeding the Villages – A Kearnes:

It had been noted the Local MP had a questionnaire on their website regarding traffic in villages and after discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should write direct outlining the problems pertaining to Scalford in particular. Speeding - reduce the limit from 30 to 20mph within the village, move the 30 mph signs further out of village entrances coupled with speed bumps or chicanes, impose a weight limit over the bridge at entrance to village on Melton Spinney Road.

An email had been received from a resident suggesting making School Lane a one way street, the Council discussed and agreed they thought this would encourage more speeding however would add it to the list to be discussed with Highways at the proposed meeting.

22/1159

Lighting Village Hall Path:

The Clerk had received quotes to supply a normal street linked to current system of £3780.00, a self-contained solar street light with power pack, PIR which maintains low level light increased by movement of £2300.00. The other solution would be a fixed light on the village hall building running off the halls power supply. Although the likelihood of it being able to illuminate the required area was doubtful a further quote would need to be obtained for this.

22/1160

National Pay Award:

Clerk advised a National Pay Award had been agreed by NALC which covered all Local Government Officers including Parish Clerks backdated to April 2021 which would be put into effect in the April pay and amount to around a £125.00 per annum on current scale

22/1161

Risk Assessment

The Clerk pointed out that there were areas of the Risk Assessment process that were not being carried out in particular Churchyard and Cemetery assessment of headstones. Cllr Dodd requested the item to be put on next month Agenda.

22/1162

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

Cllr Dodd raised a matter that had been brought to his attention by a resident in that in another part of the Country a Council was looking at having a Solar Panel scheme to make the bulk purchase cheaper for residents. Cllr Dodd requested the Council write to the Borough Council to enquire if it was something they would consider doing.

Cllr Holmes notified the Council of an planning application she had put in for the removal of various trees on a property she had purchased on School Lane and explained why.

22/1163

Items for Next Month' s Agenda:

Risk Assessment

Traffic Issues

The meeting closed at 8.35pm

Date of Next Meeting:

Monday 25th April 2022 at 7.30 pm at Scalford Village Hall

Chairman Scalford Parish Council

Date: _____

The following Receipts and Payments were approved at the meeting on 21st March 2022

Receipts:

HSBC – Interest	£ 0.36
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Payments:

Waterplus	£ 21.40
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LRALC	£180.00
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HSBC	£ 8.00
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