

## **Minutes of Scalford Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April at Scalford Village Hall**

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**Present:** Elizabeth Bryan, Brian Dodd, Robert Ingles, R Thring, M Wright,

**Apologies:** Cllr A Doody,

**In attendance:**

**Members of the Public:** 5

**Public Participation:**

Several residents raised the issue of a planning application to fell several large tree which had a TPO on them and asked why the Parish Council had not held open discussions on this matter. It was pointed out by the Council that they had not been invited to comment and were not officially aware of the application, the TPO had been placed by the County Council who would make the final decision on the application.

**22/1163**

**Declarations of Disclosable and Pecuniary Interest:**

None

**22/1164**

**To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Scalford Village Hall**

Cllr Dodd requested an amendment to Minute 22/1162 which referred to School Lane and should have been South Street, apart from this correction, it was unanimously agreed that the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022 were a true record, and these were signed by the Chairman of the Meeting.

**22/1165**

**Planning:**

22/00330/FUL HH – Single storey extension etc at Deben Farm, Landyke Lane, Scalford

22/00412/VAC – Variation of condition 2 to planning permission 19/01387/FUL – Field OS1018 Melton Road, Scalford

21/00947/FUL – Proposed redevelopment former farm complex under LPA20/00741/GDOCOU & 20/01474/GDOCOU Deben Farm, Scalford referred to Planning Committee 28.04.22 at 6.30pm

20/00392/TPO – Beech Tree reduce by 3 m Crown Raise to 6m35 Church Street, Scalford, LE14 4DL

**22/1166**

**Financial:**

The bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 was approved as true and correct showing General Reserve of £28231.00 Grant Funding £30.00 and General Account £18821.83 making total of £47082.93 and signed by the Chair of the meeting. A list of approved receipts and payments for March is attached to these Minutes. Cllr Dodd raised the matter of the cost of supply of water against the income from the allotment which made the annual fee look very cheap.

**21/1167**

**AGAR Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2021/22**

The Clerk had previously circulated the document for Councillors to read and it was unanimously agreed that they could answer yes to questions 1 to 8, question 9 was not applicable.

21/1168

**AGAR Section 2 Accounting Statement 2021/22**

The Clerk presented the annual accounting statement Section 2 of the AGAR and this was unanimously confirmed as a true record of the Councils financial position and signed by the Chairman.

22/1169

**Churchyard Wall:**

Cllr Dodd confirmed he had spoken with Dr Pumphrey and representatives for the insurers and that an email had been received from loss adjusters confirming they would pay for a further 2.5 meters of wall to be dismantled and rebuilt plus an additional 10% contingency of total cost. This left the matter of the damaged headstones that could not be properly assessed until the bricks had been removed, but he suggested that the broken pieces be pieced together and laid flat in the area they came from. Cllr Dodd also suggested that the Council should notify the PCC of these facts and request their agreement. Cllr Dodd also advised that the insurers intention was to pay the agreed settlement to the Parish Council and that would be the end of their involvement. Cllr Dodd offered to project manager the repairs to the wall if the Council wished and it was unanimously agreed that the Council wished him to do this. Clerk to notify the PCC of the above.

22/1170

**Churchyard Lighting:**

Cllr Dodd was still awaiting a response from the PCC

22/1171

**Traffic Issues:**

Cllr Thring asked if everybody had seen the minutes he made following the meeting with Highways and it appeared not everybody had, it was therefore agreed to defer the matter to the next meeting. The Clerk confirmed he had emailed Alicia Kearns and followed up with hard copy letter to Houses of Parliament.

22/1172

**Lighting Village Hall Path:**

The matter of solar lighting had been raised Cllr Dodd questioned whether it would be effective, Cllr Thring volunteered to look at information provided by Eon, Clerk to forward to him.

22/1173

**Risk Assessment**

Cllr Ingles had read the document and said it was a very comprehensive document and questioned how much of it the Council could afford to do, Cllr Dodd agreed and suggested it was worth investigating whether other nearby Councils would be prepared to join forces to meet the cost of some of the services required. It was unanimously agreed to look at all ways of reducing costs in this area.

22/1174

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

Cllr Ingles raised the matter of water for the Cemetery, he also raised the matter of one allotment plot that is not tenanted.

Cllr Wright raised the question of a donation towards the cost of a celebration that Penny Clemons is organising for the Queens Jubilee.

Cllr Dodd raised the matter of why Crankye Farm is not on Electoral Register, the office in the Church, and Stonestile Allotments.

22/1175

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

Solar Lighting

Traffic Issues

The meeting closed at 8.46pm

**Date of Next Meeting:**

Annual Parish Council Meeting

Monday 23rdMay 2022 at 7.30 pm at Scalford Village Hall

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Chairman Scalford Parish Council

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

The following Receipts and Payments were approved at the meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2022

**Receipts:**

HSBC – Interest	£ 1.16
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**Payments:**

Waterplus	£ 20.23
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Scalford Village Hall	£ 24.00
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Astley Computers	£140.00
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Scalford PCC	£ 80.00
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Petty Cash	£ 56.63
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Eon	£106.34
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HMR&C	£272.20
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HSBC	£ 8.00
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