

Minutes of Scalford Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 24th September at Scalford Village Hall

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Present: Elizabeth Bryan, Brian Dodd, Robert Ingles, Rob Thring

Apologies: Ann Doody

In attendance: County Councillor Bryan Lovegrove

Members of the Public: 3

Public Participation:

Members of the Public were invited to speak

No issues were raised

22/1219

Declarations of Disclosable and Pecuniary Interest:

None

22/1220

To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 8th August 2022 at Scalford Village Hall

It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th August 2022 were a true record, and these were signed by the Chairman of the Meeting.

22/1221

Planning:

New:

2022/TPO/0123/LCC – Fell trees T1 & T5 – 22 Orchard House, South Street, Scalford, LE14 4DY Scalford, LE14 4DY – It was agreed to request copy of arboriculturist report as query on which trees to be felled.

21/00989/OUT Outline planning all matters reserved other than access for up to 175 dwellings – Field OS 5316 & 4210 Scalford Road, Melton Mowbray

21/00973/OUT Outline planning all matters reserved for a phase of the Melton North Sustainable Neighbourhood comprising up to 575 dwellings Field OS 2555 2928 0929 8230 Scalford Road, Melton Mowbray. – no comment on planning matters but following information that money for distributor road may not be forthcoming from County request from Borough whether developments would still proceed.

22/1222

Financial:

The bank reconciliation as at 30th August 2022 was approved as true and correct showing a total of £52586.59 of which the General Reserve was £15661.98 and was signed by the Chair of the meeting. A list of approved receipts and payments for September is attached to these Minutes and approved by Cllrs Bryan and Ingles.

External audit had been carried out by SKP Littlejohn no issues had been raised

22/1223

Traffic Issues:

Cllr Thring to create a list of traffic requirement to be submitted via County Councillor Lovegrove to the Highways fund for Parish Councils before 30th October. It was agreed to write to Twinlakes and ask if they would use a different post code on there website/literature for users of Satnavs as it appears if a postcode from lower down the road would direct users through the town.

22/1224

Application to Unity Trust Bank:

Cllr Dodd raised the matter that correspondence from the bank to him which did not have his address on the envelope just Scalford – Clerk to take the matter up.

22/1225

Cyber Security:

The Clerk had contacted 4 locals Councils about sharing the cost of cover provided by BHIB Brokers 3 were not interested, Stathern P C had appointed a Cllr to discuss further on their behalf. There was also a conflict of the system to be used which was Avast and not compatible with Scalfords provider. It was therefore agreed to put the matter on hold for the time being.

22/1226

Play Equipment Repairs:

Cllr Dodd suggested it might be prudent to replace equipment rather than to repair it for instance another problem to arise with it 3/6 months later. Clerk to obtain a price for a new bowl swing. The Clerk raised the matter of tree roots adjacent to one of the seats that had been highlighted as a trip hazard. The seat was concreted in position so could not be easily moved it was agreed to rope the seat off to prevent use in the short term until a solution had been found in moving the seat.

22/1227

Tree Work Recreational Field:

Following the play equipment safety inspection, it had become apparent that a lot of the equipment was under trees and various tree work was required. Three quotes had been obtained for this work to Crown raise all trees to 2.4 metres, remove as much dead wood as possible and reduce the height of hedge to 5' . Quotes had been received from Belvoir Treework (Cllr Thring declared interest), Ben Creasey Tree Services, Jason Tearne Tree Surgery Ltd, it was unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Ben Creasey Tree Services as best value.

22/1228

Tree Work Cemetery:

Trees in the Cemetery had become overgrown and several needed removal one with Ash die back 3 quotes had been obtained for the work to crown raise all trees to 2.4 metres remove as much dead wood as possible and fell trees as necessary. Cllr Bryan said she hoped new trees would be planted to replace those fell this was unanimously agreed. Quotes had been received from Belvoir Treework (Cllr Thring declared interest), Ben Creasey Tree Services, Jason Tearne Tree Surgery Ltd, it was unanimously agreed to accept the quote from Ben Creasey Tree Services as best value.

22/1229

Parking Main Road, Wycomb:

An email had been received regarding parking of vehicles on the pavements close to properties rendering the footpaths unusable, after discussion it was agreed that whilst the Council was concerned it did not have any powers to do anything. It was further agreed to send the information to Highways to deal with copying in Cllr Bryan Lovegrove, reply to the mail accordingly.

22/1230

Parish Council Meeting Night:

The Clerk had requested what Tuesday nights were available as it needed to be the same week each month, to date no response, Cllr Dodd agreed to chase this up with Jill Wade.

22/1231

Councillor Vacancy

The Clerk raised concerns that nobody had been found to replace Margaret Wright and due to the limited attendance of other Councillors over recent months something needed to be done about finding a suitable candidate. It was agreed this was not an ideal situation and more effort would be put into finding someone.

22/1232

Cllr Thring Spreadsheet:

Cllr Thring had circulated the spreadsheet and received some comments, Cllr Dodd suggested that Cllrs needed to prioritise the list as they saw it and forward to Cllr Thring to compile the list in order

22/1233

Tarmac Surface around Village Hall Parking Area:

It was agreed that the carpark surface was in need of repair and it was agreed to ask for advice on what needed doing and a quote.

22/1234

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

Cllr Dodd asked how the Clerks first day of using the Church office had been, which he replied was okay with 1 visitor about Parish Council business.

Cllr Dodd suggested a letter be written the Scalford Triangle thanking them for looking after the area by the brook and bridge which everyone agreed looked very good.

A letter had been received from the local MP regarding their ambition for the Vale of Belvoir to secure Area of Natural Beauty Status requesting the support of Parish Councils, after discussion it was agreed to write and request the definition of the Vale of Belvoir.

22/1235

Items for Next Month's Agenda:

Village Hall carpark surface

Hedge by allotments Stonestile Cllr Ingles

Stonestile Allotments Cllr Doody

The meeting closed at 8.48pm

Chairman Scalford Parish Council

Date: _____

The following Receipts and Payments for August were approved at the meeting on the 26th September 2022

Receipts:

Cemetery Fee	£ 250.00
HSBC – Interest	£ 7.11

Payments:

C&M Small Building	£16078.56
BHIB Insurance	£ 744.77
App Office – Kwik Trade	£ 275.00
Burnt Oak Development	£ 372.00
HSBC	£ 9.00
Waterplus	£ 18.00
Time Assured	£ 162.00
PKF Littlejohn	£ 240.00

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