

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

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

In attendance: None

Members of the Public: 4

Public Participation:

Members of the Public were invited to speak

The matter of the footpath from King Street to the Village Hall was raised because of a slippery surface caused by fallen leaves – Clerk to arrange for it to be cleared.

The matter of the temporary one way system implemented by Highways was raised by a resident particularly in relation to HGVs which was on the increase the matter to be discussed later in the Agenda
22/1252

Apologies

None

22/1253

Declarations of Disclosable and Pecuniary Interest:

None

22/1254

To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 24th October 2022 at Scalford Village Hall

It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on the 24th October 2022 were a true record, and these were signed by the Chairman of the Meeting.

22/1255

Planning:

New:

22/00933/DIS – Discharge of conditions 3 (materials) 4 (site levels) and 6 (Drainage) - Deben Farm, Landyke Lane, Scalford – information only

Cllr Dodd expressed the view that this developments under a GDO was unacceptable as it now appeared that 6 properties were to be built in open country which is usually not allowed and he went on to say he written to the Minister for Planning over the issue. Cllr Thring suggested the Council write to the planning department at MBC over the matter Cllr Dodd agreed to draft a letter.

Refused:

2022/TPO/0123/LCC – fell 2 trees 22 South Street, Scalford – information only

22/1256

Financial:

The bank reconciliation as at 31st October 2022 was approved as true and correct showing a balance of £24713 .28 in the General Account 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.

22/1257

Traffic Issues:

The Clerk confirmed he had written to C3 construction and the Highways Department at LCC re the temporary one way system, he had been contacted by both parties who maintained the system had been put in as the safest way of controlling traffic. Cllr Dodd pointed out that this had allowed all HGV traffic over 7.5 tonne to transit the village thereby contradicting the 7.5 tonne restriction that was in place. Cllr Dodd questioned why Highways had not notified the Parish Council of what it was doing and why and for how long it would be in place. A random letter had been received by several residents regarding the closure although it was unclear who it was from.

22/1258

Play Equipment Repairs:

It was proving difficult to obtain a quotation to repair the basket swing the original suppliers now say that they didn't supply it in the first place and declined to quote. Nor have they supplied a quote to replace with new, Clerk advised he had located a different company who could supply a quote for a new swing basket and possibly assist with obtaining some grant funding towards the cost.

22/1259

Solar Light Village Hall:

Cllr Dodd felt that a light was essential but had doubts about whether the proposed light was fit for purpose, it was therefore agreed to investigate further.

22/1260

Repairs to Village Hall Car Park:

Clerk had obtained a second quote that was slightly more expensive matter to be deferred until budgeting was discussed.

22/1261

Task List:

Cllr Thring had been indisposed so no progress had been made, deferred until next meeting.

22/1262

Meeting Night:

It was unanimously agreed that the meetings starting in January would on the third Tuesday of the month starting at 7.00 pm.

22/1263

Code of Conduct:

It was unanimously agreed to adopt the 2020 NALC Code of Conduct based on the Melton Borough Council version and amended to the Parish Councils requirements.

22/1264

Risk Assessment Policies:

The following risk assessment policies were unanimously adopted with the proviso that regular was inserted instead of two weekly and that notices regarding dogs being on leads were placed at entrances to Church, Cemetery, and Recreational field.

Risk Assessment Policy for Scalford Cemetery and St Egelwin Churchyard

Risk Assessment Policy for Scalford Recreational and Play Area

Risk Assessment Policy for Volunteers.

22/1265

Donation from Mr John Marson:

A donation of £100.00 had been received from Mr Marson who has long standing family connections with the village, he requested the money be towards a community project and after discussion it was unanimously agreed to put it towards the refurbishment of the village sign

22/1266

Request for Donation from Citizens Advice:

It was unanimously agreed not to make a donation as Council Policy was to only donate to Charities within the Parish

22/1267

Request for Defibrillator Chadwell:

After discussion Clerk was asked to seek further information regarding location, power supply, any funds available and future maintenance.

22/1268

Budget/Precept Planning

The Clerk had circulated various information regarding costs for next year, which amounted to budgeted costs of £22800.00 income excl Precept of £2860.00 therefore requiring a Precept of £20000.00. The matter of refurbishing the Village Hall car park was discussed and it was unanimously agreed this should be carried out in this financial year at a quoted cost of £3950.00

Matters arising from emails and other matters for next month' s Agenda:

No issues raised

22/1269

Items for Next Month' s Agenda:

Task List

Precept

The meeting closed at 8.58 pm

Chairman Scalford Parish Council

Date: _____

The following Receipts and Payments for October were approved at the meeting on the 24th October 2022

Receipts and Payments October 2022

Receipts:

Cemetery Fee	£ 45.00
Scalford School	£ 1100.00
Allotments	£ 470.00
MBC – Precept	£ 9000.00

Payments:

Scalford Village Hall	£ 35.00
N Power	£ 472.62
HSBC	£ 10.00
Burnt Oak Development	£ 310.00
Waterplus	£ 17.71

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