

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

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

Apologies: None

In attendance: None

Members of the Public: 4

Public Participation:

Members of the Public were invited to speak

No issues were raised

22/1236

Declarations of Disclosable and Pecuniary Interest:

None

22/1237

To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held Monday 26th September 2022 at Scalford Village Hall

It was pointed out that minute ref 22/1228 incorrectly stated that Cllr Thring had declared an interest it was in fact Cllr Ingles – clerk to rectify; other that it was unanimously agreed that the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on the 26th September 2022 were a true record, and these were signed by the Chairman of the Meeting.

22/1238

Planning:

New:

22/00412/VAC

Cllr Dodd gave the history of the development that this application referred to and asked that a letter be sent to the planning department at MBC stating the Parish Council do not want any comments the Council makes appended to applications that are subsequently changed that the Council originally commented on. Clerk to write.

Cllr Dodd also felt that the Council should also write and object to this application because the various amendments to the original 6 proposed bungalows has changed it to 6 2/3 bed houses and further extensions are proposed to the two bigger properties. This has already eroded the amenity spaces and will increase footfall and cars and delivery vehicles – Clerk to write and strongly object.

Cllr Ingles who had a meeting with planners stated that other Councils have the same problem in that once the original application is approved, planners state they are not obliged to notify Parish Councillors of any amendments and it is generally agreed that any comments that are made are ignored

22/1239

Financial:

The bank reconciliation as at 30th September 2022 was approved as true and correct showing a total of £52429.22 of which the General Reserve was £15504.61 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.

22/1240

Traffic Issues:

Cllr Thring confirmed he had sent to County Cllr Bryan Lovegrove a list of traffic calming requirements that the Council would like from the Highways fund this had been shortened by Cllr Lovegrove to a mobile VAS and a set of Dragons teeth. Clerk confirmed an email had arrived from Highways asking for further information from the Council regarding this. Cllr Thring to mark locations on a map and circulate for approval.

Cllr Thring had produced a letter to Twinlakes which was discussed and after discussion it was agreed to rewrite it and request a meeting to discuss the problem of Satnavs and postcodes etc . Clerk

Cllr Thring had been in contact with the police in connection with arranging a meeting with them regarding Ironstone Lane and it was agreed they would put forward two dates when they were available

Cllr Dodd raised the matter of the temporary one - way system that had been introduced in the village and stated that this had increased the speed of vehicles – Clerk to write to C3 Developers and Highways and point this out also that large HGC were transiting the village to make deliveries to the C3 development on Melton Road. And point out this must stop.

22/1241

Meeting Night:

The Village Hall committee advised that the Young Farmers had agreed that the Parish Council could use the hall on the 3rd Tuesday of every month meetings to start at either 7pm or 7.30pm this was unanimously agreed.

22/1242

Play Equipment Repairs:

The Clerk was waiting for a quote to replace the piece of damaged equipment rather than repair it as it was thought this might be more sensible in view of the age of the damaged equipment.

22/1243

Repairs to Village Hall Car Park:

Clerk had obtained one quote for repairing damaged areas and was attempting to obtain a second quote for comparison

22/1244

Task List:

This was not yet complete as Cllr Thring was awaiting replies from several Councillors it was agreed this should be a priority and completed before next meeting.

22/1245

Stonestile Allotments:

Cllr Doody raised the matter of the area of allotments on the left behind the houses which was overgrown and not used and suggested it be turned into a community orchard. Cllr Dodd requested more time to consider this suggestion.

22/1246

Hedge at Stonestile:

Cllr Ingles confirmed he would like to replace hedge and fence that was illegally removed some months ago with a fence/whips available locally for no cost, Cllr Dodd commented that he should exercise caution and ensure fence and plantings were on parish land.

22/1247

Solar Light at Village Hall:

The previously discussed matter of a solar street light at the village hall was raised following Cllr Thring's assessment of the specification which he believed would work, he did point out that this would be of modern style in terms of looks. Cllr Dodd requested to see photographs or images of the light before a final decision was made.

22/1248

Donation request towards cost of grass cutting Chadwell Churchyard

It was unanimously agreed to make a donation of £250.00 towards the grass cutting/grounds maintenance at Chadwell churchyard

22/1249

Donation request by Triangle Group:

It was unanimously agreed to make a donation of £250.00 to the Triangle Group towards the cost festive activities for the village over the Christmas period.

22/1250

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

Cllr Thring had advised that website had been upgraded incl. provision of a visitor count which had shown more activity than had been thought. Most things were working well although there was one or two minor problems to resolve.

Cllr Dodd raised the matter of finding a person to join the Council as there were difficulties in administering when short of Councillors. Cllr Thring, indicate he had asked a few people all of whom had declined and Cllr Thring suggested the Council should try and improve its image as this currently appeared to put people off joining. to the

22/1235

Items for Next Month's Agenda:

The meeting closed at 8.56 pm

Chairman Scalford Parish Council

Date: _____

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

Receipts and Payments September 2022

Receipts:

Cemetery Fee	£ 850.00
HSBC – Interest	£ 12.01
Allotments	£ 245.00

Payments:

Scalford Village Hall	£ 24.00
R Ingles	£ 35.00
HMR&C	£ 322.40
Burnt Oak Development	£ 186.00
HSBC	£ 10.00
Waterplus	£ 20.37
Eon	£ 194.40

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