

Minutes of Scalford Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21st February 2023 held at Scalford Village Hall

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Present: Brian Dodd, Rob Thring, R Ingles, Ann Doody

In attendance: Borough Councillor Elaine Holmes

Members of the Public: 2

In the absence of the Chairman the Vice Chairman Cllr Ingles chaired the meeting.

Public Participation:

Members of the Public were invited to speak

No issues raised

23/1298

Apologies

None received

23/1299

Declarations of Disclosable and Pecuniary Interest:

None

23/1300

To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held Tuesday 17th January 2023 at Scalford Village Hall

It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on the 17th January 2023 were a true record, and these were signed by the Chairman of the Meeting.

23/1300

Planning:

New:

22/01326/FULHH – Proposed removal of existing outbuilding and detached garage and erection of a two storey side extension and erection of a car port | Whinlatter 18 Sandy Lane Scalford Leicestershire LE14

The Council had no objection to the amended plans for the garage/car port

23/1301

Financial:

The bank reconciliation as at 31st January 2023 was approved as true and correct showing a balance of £18733.54 in the General Account and was signed by the Chair of the meeting. A list of approved receipts and payments for December is attached to these Minutes which were approved by Cllrs Ingles and Doody.

23/1302

Traffic Issues:

Cllr Thring confirmed he had agreed at the last meeting to arrange a meeting with Wayne of Twinlakes who he had made contact with and who had agreed to a meeting. He was then called back to say Mike one of the Directors of the company wanted to deal with matter and that he would contact Cllr Thring unfortunately this did not happen so matter stalled. Cllr Holmes advised Cllr Thring she would let him have the phone number for Mike who she knew.

Cllr Thring noted that the Clerk was to contact Highways re 20 mph on Ironstone Lane this was waiting response from Highways, also Cllr Lovegrove agreed to chase the VAS that had been promised as he was not present matter deferred.

Cllr Thring also remarked that he had been advised not to bother with keeping a log of traffic/HGV incidents in village and stated he did not agree with this and insisted it was worth doing.

23/1301

Deben Farm:

A response had been received from the Borough Council to the Parish Council letter of early January, Cllr Dodd felt that the Parish Council should respond to this and laid out to Councillors his views these were unanimously adopted and the Clerk instructed to write accordingly and copy in all parties involved in planning incl A Kearns MP, P G Martin – levelling up at Government all officials at MBC, County & Borough Councillors, Local Association.

23/1302

Churchyard Trees:

It was unanimously agreed to have a survey carried out on the Churchyard Trees with a report on the work required with costs.

23/1303

Task List:

Cllr Thring had been unwell and only just updated the list he therefore had brought hard copies of version 9, tress in Churchyard up graded to high priority, defibrillators had been added to list and it was agreed to leave items on when they had been completed which would help to confirm the Councils activities during any given period.

23/1304

Stonestile Allotments – proposed orchard

The Clerk advised that the timber had been removed and was awaiting sorting as to re-useable and scrap, after discussion it was agreed a certain amount of clearing and levelling was needed before trees could be planted. Cllr Doody volunteered to try and form a working party of volunteers to start the clearing work.

23/1305

Village Sign

It had been confirmed by Highways that the sign did not need moving as it was not within the visibility splay nor within the access, within the planning application was a proposal to move the sign 17m. This was not necessary nor within the applicants remit as the sign was not their property. After lengthy discussion it was agreed to notify Mr Agnew that for the reasons stated the Parish Council did not see that it was necessary to move the sign.

23/1306

Church Office Donation:

After discussion it was agreed to make a donation to the Church of £260.00 for the use of the Church Office from September 22 to March 23.

23/1307

Church Office Future use:

Cllr Dodd expressed the view that the Council should continue using the office going forward on a similar basis and in the longer term look to make the arrangement more permanent. Cllr Dodd felt that it would pay dividends in the future having the Clerks presence in the village.

Defibrillator Chadwell & Wycomb:

After discussion it was agreed that each village would need to be looking to raise £1300.00 which is roughly half the overall cost for each defibrillator.

23/1308

Play Equipment - Climbing Wall

Cllr Dodd felt that it would be much cheaper and more suitable to use the end wall of the village hall for this activity particularly as wooden equipment is always likely to rot this was unanimously agreed.

23/1309

Play Equipment

Cllr Doody raised the question about various pieces of play equipment and in particular that there was not any equipment at the moment for very small children up to the age of six, it was agreed that Cllr Doody would look into the cost of this type of equipment and further discussion would be held at the next meeting.

23/1310

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

Cllr Dodd raised the matter of spraying the weeds around the village and suggested that it had not been done by the County Council last year, and asked if this could be checked and when it was likely to be carried out this year

23/1311

Items for Next Month' s Agenda:

Outside Lighting
Traffic
Task List
Play Equipment
Church Office

The meeting closed at 8.08 pm

Chairman Scalford Parish Council

Date: _____

The following Receipts and Payments for January were approved at the meeting on the 21st February 2023

Receipts and Payments January 2023

Receipts:

National Grid – Wayleave £ 4.60

Payments:

Scalfird Village Hall £ 45.00

N Power £ 402.52

Eon £ 194.40

CJS Fire & Security £ 210.84

P Rear £ 390.00

Chadwell Church £ 250.00

