

**Minutes of Scalford Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023 held at Scalford Village Hall**

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

**In attendance:**

**Members of the Public: 6**

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

**Public Participation:**

Members of the Public were invited to speak

The matter of the planning application at 11 South Street was raised in particular the fact that allegedly it was not correctly advertised by MBC and various nearby residents were unaware of the matter until after the consultation period had expired. Several residents commented on the height and size of the proposed new build garage/car port. This was an Agenda item

Following on from a residents enquiry at a previous meeting regarding the question of the legal position of the boundaries of the embankment, the Council had to seek advice to establish the facts in order to answer the question, this had now been received from Councils legal advisor and the resident informed accordingly.

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**Apologies**

None received

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**Declarations of Disclosable and Pecuniary Interest:**

None

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**To approve and sign the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 at Scalford Village Hall**

It was unanimously agreed that the Minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on the 21<sup>st</sup> February 2023 were a true record, and these were signed by the Chairman of the Meeting.

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**Planning:**

**New:**

23 /00116/**FUL**– Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of new build replacement dwelling and new build garage/carport – The White Cottage, 11 South Street, Scalford, Leicestershire LE14 – Following further discussion on points raised in PP it was agreed to write further to MBC and point out the problem of the advertising of the application, the matter of the size of the new build garage and request clarification of the boundaries of Mucky Lane.

23/1316

**Financial:**

The bank reconciliation as at 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 was approved as true and correct showing a balance of £17726.69 in the General Account and was signed by the Chair of the meeting. A list of approved receipts and payments for February is attached to these Minutes which were approved by Cllrs Ingles and Doody. The Clerk notified the meeting that the contract to repair the Village Hall carpark would not be completed within the financial year due to the inclement weather and advised a figure of £4000.00 would be reserved from this year's accounts to cover the work in the next financial year. The Clerk further confirmed that £2000.00 was to be earmarked from this year's accounts towards the program of updating the street lights to more energy efficient LED lights

23/1317

**Traffic Issues:**

Cllr Thring confirmed he had been unable to obtain any response from Twinlakes regarding arranging a meeting re traffic visiting the site. Cllr Dodd felt that it was not worth pursuing the matter any further until the new distributor road had been built, it was unanimously agreed to this suggestion. There had been no other traffic issues reported to Cllr Thring in the last month.

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**Deben Farm:**

A letter as agreed at the last meeting had been sent to the following persons M/s Louise Parker - Planning Dept, plus A Kearns MP, P G Martin – levelling up at Government, officials at MBC, County & Borough Councillors, Local Association. as to date no response had been received – Clerk to chase up with the Borough Council

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**Task List:**

Cllr Thring confirmed a meeting with the Clerk had been arranged to review the layout of the task list, and would report back to Council at next meeting.

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**Village Sign**

Cllr Ingles reported on meeting with Mr J Agnew and it appeared that everybody at the present time was happy with the sign in its current location and there was no request from Mr Agnew to have the sign moved at the current time. It was therefore unanimously agreed to take the matter no further at this point in time.

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**Outside Solar Lights:**

After discussion Cllr Thring agreed to research suitable small solar lights similar to those trialed by Cllr Ingles that could be used to light the slope at the village hall and the path round the Church.

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**Play Equipment:**

Cllr Doody needed more time to research the availability of equipment for small children and promised to have some suggestions with costing for the May meeting.

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**Church Office Future use:**

The current agreement with the Church was running to its conclusion and discussions took place as to whether it was a worthwhile idea having the Clerk available once a week for two hours. The Clerk reported that the response from the public was limited with very few visitors and suggested a reduction that every other week might be a better option. Cllr Dodd was strongly of the opinion that it was a good idea to continue as in the longer term the idea was to have the Clerk based permanently in the Church along with fireproof storage cabinet currently housed in the pub courtesy of the owners for which the Council is very grateful. Clerk suggested carrying on until the end of the year with a variation of the current arrangement and in the meantime discuss with the PCC a more permanent agreement, this was unanimously agreed

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**Churchyard Tree:**

The Clerk confirmed that the information previously circulated was a report on all the trees in the Churchyard combined with a quote for the work required. After discussion it was agreed to obtain two further quotes and then decide on the way forward.

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

Cllr Dodd raised the matter of the path from King Street through to the village hall regarding its slippery surface – NMA

Cllr Dodd raised the matter of possible HGV' s through the village when construction of distributor road starts - NMA

Cllr Dodd raised the matter of Sue Watford - NMA

The Clerk pointed out that next meeting was Annual Parish Meeting called by Chairman and a report on the Councils activities would be required, it was agreed Cllrs would jointly produce a report.

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

Outside Lighting

Traffic

Task List

Path from King Street to Village Hall

Sue Watford

Distributor Road Traffic

The meeting closed at 8.06 pm

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Chairman Scalford Parish Council

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

The following Receipts and Payments for January were approved at the meeting on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2023

Receipts and Payments February 2023

**Receipts:**

National Grid – Wayleave	£ 16.11
Alford Storage – Community Fund	£ 54.90

**Payments:**

Scalford Village Hall	£ 45.00
Scalford Church - donation	£ 260.00
Petty Cash	£ 89.80
LRALC	£ 180.00
Administration Costs	£ 500.06

