

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

**In attendance:** County Cllr B Lovegrove, Borough Cllr E Holmes at end of meeting

**Members of the Public:** 1

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 matters raised

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**Apologies**

Cllr Ann Doody - holidays

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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> March 2023 at Scalford Village Hall**

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

23/1330

**Planning:**

**New:**

**New:**

23 /00210/FUL– Single storey rear extension, raise existing roof level to create second storey with pitched dormers, construction of new chimney, relocation and change in previous approved design of garage, new materials to include off white render and timber cladding. – Deben Farm, Landyke Lane, Scalford, Leics  
Cllr Dodd made comment that it was difficult to know what planning meant these day, as initial applications were being amended and altered after the initial planning permission is granted. After discussion it was agreed to write to MBC planners regarding this.

APP/Y2430/W/22/3310718 – 21/01332/FUL – Land East of Sandy Lane, Scalford, Leics , LE14 4DS

It was felt that the Council had covered all that could be said about the original application the only additional comment should be about the old property adjacent to the occupation road.

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**Financial:**

The bank reconciliation as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023 was approved as true and correct showing an overall balance of £53530.17 comprising Earmarked reserves of £33145.00, Allocated monies £10459.60 General Account £9925.5 6 and was signed by the Chair of the meeting. A list of approved receipts and payments for March is attached to these Minutes which were approved by Cllrs Ingles and Thring.

23/1332

**Section 1 Annual Governance Statement 2022/23:**

The Clerk read out questions 1 – 8 which were unanimously answered with a yes, question 9 was not applicable.

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**Section 2 Accounting Statement 2022/23**

The Clerk presented the annual accounting statement Section 2 of the AGAR and this was unanimously confirmed as a true record of the Councils financial position and signed by the Chairman.

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**Traffic Issues:**

Cllr Thring advised that he had not heard from Highways regarding the VAS which it was believed was going to be supplied, County Cllr Lovegrove confirmed he had been assured by Highways that was in hand. There was a general consensus that no matter what was proposed by the Parish Council it was as a rule of thumb generally ignored by Highway Authority. County Cllr Lovegrove encouraged the Council to keep plugging away at complaining and raising issues on the basis it would pay off in the end.

23/1335

**Deben Farm:**

There was considerable discussion on how this planning application had been manipulated within the planning regulations, however it was agreed that Cllr Dodd would draft a general letter to MBC about the way they dealt with applications of this nature. It was felt they adopted the line of least resistance adopted by most planning departments throughout the country and this would be the basis of the letter

23/1336

**Outside Solar Lights:**

Cllr Thring had researched various solar powered lights and recommended one in particular and it was agreed to purchase one and install it at the village hall car park to see whether it was suitable the Clerk and Cllr Thring to deal with this.

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**Task List:**

Cllr Thring had modified the layout of the task list to make it easier to understand and everyone thought it was an improvement Cllr Dodd stated that he felt it would be very useful going forward.

23/1338

**Church Office Future use:**

The Clerk confirmed he had agreed with the PCC to use the Church Office on Thursday afternoons between 2 and 4pm during the summer months, Cllr Dodd stated that he felt the use of the office was good and should be continued. He also thought it needed to be advertised more by being in the Village News, Facebook and Triangle page plus a board outside the Church. The Clerk confirmed he had held discussions with PCC regarding making the Church Office a permanent base for the Clerk, this had been well received but would need some planning to fit round the Church secretaries working hours, cost to the Council also needed agreeing.



23/1339

**Churchyard Tree:**

The Clerk had obtained a second quote for the required work which was cheaper than previous the quotation, after discussion it was agreed to accept the cheaper quote providing it covered removal of all arisings. Clerk to check this out.

23/1340

**Village News:**

Cllr Dodd raised the matter of recognizing the efforts of the person who had produced, arranged printing and distribution of it for a number of years. It was unanimously agreed something should be done to recognize this fact; it was suggested in first instance to consult with the Chairman of other Parishes who' s villages received the magazine to see if they would support the initiative.

23/1341

**Path King St to Village Hall**

This path did at certain times of the year become rather slippery mainly in the Autumn and Winter caused by overhanging trees and lack of sunlight causing damp slippery surface not helped by fallen leaves. The actual ownership of this path was not known and needed establishing.

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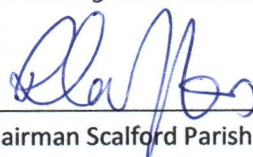
**Matters arising from emails and other matters for next month' s Agenda:**

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

**Date of Next Meeting – Annual Parish Council Meeting 7.00 pm 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

The meeting closed at 8.25pm

  
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Chairman Scalford Parish Council

Date: 16<sup>th</sup> May 2023



The following Receipts and Payments for March were approved at the meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Receipts and Payments March 2023

**Receipts:**

Melton Memorials	£ 70.00
Unity Trust Bank	£ 255.26

**Payments:**

Astley Computers	£ 140.00
Viking Office UK Ltd	£ 76.85
Early Years Bookkeeping	£ 167.00
Eon	£ 194.40
Administration Costs	£ 846.46
Unity Trust Bank	£ 18.00

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