

Present: Cllrs: Robert Ingles (Chair), Sarah Lambert, Rob Thring, Andrew Sibree

In Attendance: County Councillor Bryan Lovegrove

Members of the Public: One

The meeting commenced with a talk by Robert Rowan from BT Openreach on their plans for bringing full fibre broadband to the Parish. This covered how it would be installed why it was necessary and what was required from households to meet the targets placed by Government to obtain the required funding to carry out the work and what the Parish Council could do to help the process

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Apologies:

Cllr Jardine Price – accepted, Cllr Doody - accepted

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Declarations of Disclosable & Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:

None

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 20th June 2023:

It was unanimously agreed the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on the 20th June 2023 were a true record and the Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

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Planning:

Nothing to report

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Financial:

The Clerk distributed details of the financial position at end of June against budget and explained how the finances worked. The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation and the Clerk confirmed the current working balance was £20597.77 as at 30th June. The Clerk suggested the Council adopted the Scribe system of accounting or a similar internet-based system which would eliminate the likelihood of errors or misinformation which is possible with Excel spreadsheets. The Scribe system was designed for Parish Councils in particular and would assist greatly with yearend matters and audit requirements. Costs were a set up fee of £177.00 and £23.00 per month thereafter. After discussion it was agreed that Cllrs would study the information provided and return to the matter at next meeting.

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Ornamental street lights for Chadwell & Wycomb:

In the absence of Cllr Jardine Price the matter was deferred to next meeting.

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Village Hall Climbing Wall:

After discussion it was decided that in the absence of Cllrs Doody & Jardine Price to defer to next meeting.

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ROSPA:

As various Cllrs had been omitted from the email concerning the report the Clerk was asked to resend, matter to be deferred until next meeting.

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Matters arising from emails circulated – issues raised to go to next Agenda:

The matter of Elizabeth Bryan was raised and Clerk confirmed a plaque to go in the village hall had been organised, wording agreed by Bernard Bryan, a donation of £50.00 to Society of Ancient Buildings and a

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Tree to be planted (location to be agreed) in memory of Elizabeth. Clerk also confirmed a replacement seat to be named in memory of Margaret Wright

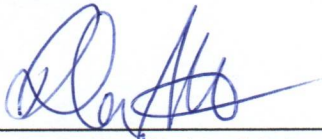
Cllr Thring asked Cllr Lovegrove where the mobile VAS was that had been promised from his Highways fund. Cllr Lovegrove confirmed it had been agreed by LCC along with various other Parishes requirement but due to administration difficulties it was taking longer than expected for the work to be carried out. Cllr Lovegrove also suggested County and Borough Cllrs should be given a slot on the Agenda for them to supply updates. Cllr Sibree confirmed village sign would be taken down in next few days for refurbishing. Cllr Sibree also advised along with Cllr Doody's agreement that the orchard project at Stonestile allotments would not be started until the Autumn.

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Items for Next Agenda:

Date of Next Meeting 15th August 2023

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm



Chairman Scalford Parish Council

Date: 15th Aug 2023.

Receipts and Payments June 2023

Receipts:

Unity Trust Bank £ 324.95

Payments:

Scalford Village Hall	£ 35.00
David Musson Fencing	£ 140.08
Waterplus	£ 14.86
Burnt Oak Developments	£ 408.00
Administration Costs	£ 850.86
LRALC	£ 90.00
Eon	£ 194.40
Unity Trust Bank	£ 18.00

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