

Present: Cllrs: Rob Thring, Robert Ingles, Ann Doody, Sarah Lambert, Chloe Jardine Smith

In Attendance:

Members of the Public: One

The Chairman requested everyone to stand for a Minutes silence to remember Elizabeth Bryan whose funeral it was today and Margaret Wright who passed away recently. Both had been stalwarts of the Council and everyone's thoughts were for their families.

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Apologies:

None

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Declarations of Disclosable & Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:

None

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Minutes of the Annual Meeting held on the 16th May 2023:

It was unanimously agreed the Minutes Annual Meeting held on the 16th May 2023 were a true record and the Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

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Co-option onto Council:

Andrew Sibree was co-opted onto the Council and welcomed by everyone.

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Signing of Acceptance of Office:

The Acceptance of Office of Councillor was signed by Andrew Sibree in the presence of the Clerk,

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Planning:

There had been no new planning applications an email had been received from the Planning Inspectorate advising that the application for land off Sandy Lane had been refused at appeal of original decision.

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Financial:

The Clerk distributed details of the financial position at end of May against budget and explained how the finances worked. The Chairman signed the bank reconciliation and the Clerk confirmed the current working balance was £22024.02 as at 31st May, clerk also confirmed that the estimated funds available over normal costs between now and March 24 was £4000.00

23/1365

SPC Task List:

Discussion took place over this the Clerk had updated and forwarded to Cllr Thring who hadn't seen it, it was agreed Clerk would circulate before next meeting.

23/1366

Ornamental street lights for Chadwell & Wycomb:

Cllr Jardine raised this matter which would cover 4 lights in total , Clerk to contact Eon to obtain possibilities and price.

23/1367

Village Hall Climbing Wall:

Cllr Lambert had obtained a quote of approx £1400.00 to supply and fit climbing points the end wall of the village hall, this had previously been raised by ex Cllr Dodd and at the time thought to be a good idea. Cllr Lambert to circulate quote to all Cllrs however a comparison quote would be required.

23/1368**Play Equipment for Infants:**

Cllr Doody had researched play equipment for infants and suggested an item that cost in the region of £4000 however where to locate would need careful consideration. Cllr also suggested it would be possible to lower one of the two swing seats and fit it with a cradle for small children at a cost of £100?. It was agreed that this needed further looking into and it was agreed to until the annual ROSPA report had been received.

23/1369**Village Sign:**

It was agreed the top of the village sign should be taken down and sent away for refurbishment, Cllr Sibree offered to take the top of the sign down as he had the necessary equipment to handle this. His offer was accepted Cllr Sibree to arrange as soon as possible. The matter of moving the whole sign was discussed it was agreed to defer this until developers had completed the houses that were being built nearby.

23/1370**Stonestile Allotments:**

It had previously been agreed the strip of land behind the houses should be turned into a community orchard a certain amount of work had been carried out to remove unwanted timber from the area. After discussion Cllr Doody with the help of Cllr Sibree agreed to organise and carry out further work that was required.

23/1371**Matters arising from emails circulated issues raised for next month's Agenda:**

No issues raised

23/1372**Items for Next Agenda:****Date of Next Meeting 18th July 2023**

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

Chairman Scalford Parish Council

Date: _____

Receipts and Payments May 2023

Receipts:

Alford Storage	£ 6.00
J Brown – Cemetery	£ 50.00
HMRC VTR	£ 6103.45

Payments:

J Richardson	£ 23.78
Wicksteed Leisure	£ 1178.76
Sheltons	£ 4680.00
Burnt Oak Developments	£ 408.00
Administration Costs	£ 505.46

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