

**Present:** Cllrs: Robert Ingles ( Chair ), Sarah Lambert, Rob Thring, Andrew Sibree, Ann Doody, Chloe Jardine Price

**In Attendance:** County Councillor Bryan Lovegrove, Borough Councillor Richard Sharp

**Members of the Public:** One

**Public Participation:**

E Holmes raised the matter of the lack of solar panels on houses in the Borough and County which triggered a discussion on the subject

**23/1382**

**Apologies:**

None

**23/1383**

**Declarations of Disclosable & Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:**

None

**23/1384**

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023:**

It was unanimously agreed the Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on the 19<sup>th</sup> July 2023 were a true record and the Minutes were signed by the Chairman.

**23/1385**

**Reports:**

**County Councillor Bryan Lovegrove** reported the County Council had received a certain amount of money from Government for potholes, a survey of the County had been done and it was planned to start and work through until the money ran out.

A certain amount of money was available for wall and loft insulation to properties particularly in rural areas, there was certain qualification criteria and it was on a first come basis.

Cost savings were being looked for by County in the waste & recycling area to the point where the lesser used centres maybe closed, also a possible new site for the waste centre in Melton.

County were targeting planting a new tree for every person that lived in the County to date 250,000 had been planted.

Proposed constituency changes were mentioned Melton to merge with Syston, Rutland to merge with Stamford it was unclear whether this would happen before the General Election next year.

The County Councillor Highways fund was mentioned – Clerk confirmed he had been contacted and progress was being made.

**Borough Councillor Richard Sharpe** said that since his election in May he had undertaken a fair amount of training and said he had been appointed to the Scrutiny Committee and the Licencing Committee.

Richard commented that there was large turnover of staff at the Council offices and it was difficult to keep track of people, he also felt that currently there was too much emphasis on Melton town and very little on the villages and rural areas. He commented that the swimming baths was a major problem and not fit for purpose money was being spent on it but the solution was to build a new one. Secondary schools were another problem area as they were full to capacity as was the Doctors surgery both were being looked at for ways to improve the situation. A new CCTV system had been installed in the town centre and surrounding areas.

**23/1386**

**Planning:**

23/00667/FULHH – Erection of new garage block to replace outbuildings etc Pickards Barn, Main Rd, Wycomb No objections raised



**23/1387****Financial:**

The Clerk distributed details of the financial position at end of July and advised the reconciled balance was £18090.79 which was signed by the Chairman as a true record.

The matter of Scribe accounting referred to in previous minutes ref. 23/1337 was further discussed and it was agreed to go ahead subject the Clerk being satisfied that it was fit for purpose.

**23/1388****ROSPA report on play Equipment**

The report had been circulated to Councillors for their comments and it was generally felt that the report was more detailed than necessary. It was pointed out by the Clerk that it was required by insurers and would be required in the event of a claim and there was also a requirement under Health & Safety legislation. Cllr Doody carried out a monthly visual inspection which was also a requirement of legislation.

**23/1389****Village Hall Climbing Wall and other equipment:**

After lengthy discussion it was decided initially to purchase the climbing equipment for the village hall wall at an estimated consist of £1500.00 Cllr Lambert to deal with this, it was further agreed to change one of the swing seats to a cradle seat suitable for smaller children at a rough cost of £1000.00 clerk to verify this. From discussion it was clear that the Council did not know how many smaller children there were in the Parish who needed play equipment providing, and it was agreed Cllrs would talk to young families and ascertain what type of equipment would be popular

**23/1390****School Room Lease:**

The village school was becoming an academy effective from October 23 and would no longer come under the County Council, as the current lease had expired this year it was necessary to have a new lease with the Academy. It was unanimously agreed to offer a 10-year lease at a cost of £1000.00 per annum details of the lease based on the one previously with the County Council

**23/1391****Chadwell:**

Cllr Jardine Price reported that one street light in Chadwell and one in Wycomb were too bright and shined in bedroom windows, Clerk to look at options. Cllr Jardine Price also advised that a defibrillator had been sourced supplied and fitted for £750.00 it was confirmed that the Parish Council had previously agreed to donate £400.00 towards the cost. Some form of signage was required to deter vehicles entering the village at excessive speeds.

**23/1392****Notice Boards:**

Chadwell Notice Board is too small needs replacing with double and needs work to stabilise the step up to it, proposal is to move Chadwell board onto wall at village hall purchase double side board for Chadwell and have fitted with new step estimated cost £1250.00 this was unanimously agreed.

**23/1393**

**Open Reach:**

Following the poorly attended meeting by the public with Open Reach re fibre broadband Cllr Sibree advised that the situation had changed and the required number of pledges from residents had been achieved. Further and ongoing discussions had been held with Open Reach and it was hoped installation would start in the near future.

**23/1394**

**Clerk:**

The Clerk raised the matter of the clothing bank regarding the monies raised from this and pointed out this was to be used on a community project and for it to work a) residents needing canvassing on what the project should be and b) the fact that clothing bank was there to use needed publicising more.

Clerk also raised the matter of an odd job person to do bits of repair work around the village, painting varnishing etc, Cllr Jardine Price volunteered to paint the bus shelter and notice board at Wycomb. Clerk also asked that if Cllrs were going to be away for any length of time would they notify him in advance as it was helpful to know who was available.

**23/1395**

**Matters arising from emails circulated – issues raised to go to next Agenda** that he felt

Cllr Thring raised the matter of the letter from the local MP regarding a traffic survey that he felt the Parish Council should complete after discussion it was agreed he would do this on behalf of the Council

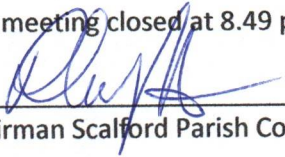
**23/1396**

**Items for Next Agenda:**

None

**Date of Next Meeting 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023**

The meeting closed at 8.49 pm



Chairman Scalford Parish Council

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Receipts and Payments July 2023**

**Receipts:**

Alford Storage	£ 21.00
Scalford School	£1100.00
S Lambert – Allotment Deposit	£ 50.00

**Payments:**

Beaver Treework	£ 1400.00
P Rear	£ 790.00
Waterplus	£ 19.23
Burnt Oak Developments	£ 408.00
Administration Costs	£ 862.99
LRALC	£ 100.00
N Power Commercial	£ 534.76

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