

Present: Cllrs: Andrew Sibree, Sarah Lambert, Chloe Jardine Price, Ann Doody

Apologies: Cllrs Robert Thring, Martin Shepherd - illness

In Attendance: None

Members of the Public: 2

Public Participation:

The matter of the collapsed wall at the top of Sandy Lane was raised as to who was responsible for it, various theories were put forward but it appeared no one actually knew, it was therefore suggested a search at Land Registry might be helpful

The matter of a fuel smell in the New Street and South Street area had appeared recently and several residents were concerned as to where it emanated from. The Chairman offered to look into this on the following day when he around in the village. It had been reported to various agencies but to date nothing had been found although it was stated that a similar smell had been around at last winter.

24/1552

Declarations of Disclosable & Pecuniary Interests in Agenda Items:

None

24/1553

Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on the 20th August 2024:

It was unanimously agreed the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 20th August 2024 were a true record and the Minutes were duly signed by the Chairman.

24/1554

Reports:

County Councillor Bryan Lovegrove

None

Borough Councillor Richard Sharp

None.

24/1555

Planning:

24/00773/LBC – Replacement of 8 windows front & rear elevation and rear entrance -Yew Tree House, 12 South Street, Salford. - no objections

24/1556

Finance:

The Clerk provided a bank reconciliation up to 31st August as below:

Bank Statements	Income	Expenditure
Current Account	£ 1915.62	£15605.63
Instant Access A/c	£50775.71	£11993.72
Total	£52691.33	

The above was unanimously agreed as the Council financial position at the 31st August 2024

24/1557

External Audit Review:

The Clerk had previously circulated a copy of the external auditor's report which stated that:

- The review of Sections 1 & 2 of the Annual Governance Report was in their opinion in accordance with proper practices and no other matters had come to their attention of any concern



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- b) Other matters not affecting their opinion were that incomplete information had been provided concerning the Council's reserves in the first instance, further information had been provided on request which was accepted. It was recommended that in future reserve levels are considered thoroughly and explanations submitted with the AGAR. This matter was discussed and it was unanimously agreed to discuss reserves before the year end.

24/1558

Financial Regulations 2024:

Deferred to a later date.

24/1559

Cemetery:

The Brown bin had been emptied and removed from the cemetery all plastic and non-recyclable waste to go in black bin. Compostable waste to be put on the compost heap at bottom of cemetery on left hand side Cllr Jardine Price agreed to provide suitable notices instructing public what to do.

24/1560

Highways:

Clerk advised an email had been received from Fiona Blockley regarding the Members Highways fund advising that the person handling Salford's project had left the County Council and she was unable to find various correspondence from the Clerk. It was therefore agreed to send her copies of the missing documents, Clerk to copy email to the Chairman

24/1561

Gates at entrance to recreational field:

Following discussion, it was unanimously agreed to take no action at this time.

24/1562

Church Clock:

The Council had been asked by the PCC to have the Church Clock repaired because it had stopped striking, this had resulted in a hefty charge of over £500 because it appeared the hammer had sheared off. The Clerk was instructed to look further into how this came about.

24/1563

Councillor Information on Website:

It was unanimously agreed to put email addresses on the website and telephone numbers and email addresses in the Village News magazine.

24/1564

Bus Shelter Wycomb:

Cllr Jardine Price had been asked by a resident of Wycomb about the ivy growing over the bank of the Bus Shelter, following discussion it was suggested the resident concerned be asked if they would chop back the ivy as they had indicated they would help if asked to by the Council. Cllr Jardine Price agreed to talk to the resident.

24/1565

School Bus Service:

Cllr Jardine Price had been approached by several parents regarding the fact their children were being denied a school bus pass because they had chosen not to attend the nearest available school to where they lived. Cllr Sibree asked for more details to be sent to him and offered to look into the matter.

24/1566

Clerks Report:

The Clerk advised there were difficulties with Cllr Jardine Price's banking authentication and she had indicated she would prefer not to be an authorised signatory. After discussion it was agreed to ask Cllr Shepherd to become an authorised signatory and subject to his agreement the Clerk would arrange this with the bank.

24/1567**Matters arising from emails circulated and other matters– issues raised to go to next Agenda**

Nothing raised to go to next Agenda

24/1551**Items for Next Agenda:****Date of Next Meeting: 15th October 2024 at 7.00 pm in Scalford Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm



Chairman Scalford Parish Council

Date: 18-10-24**Payments in August****Receipts in August**

N Power Commercial	776.29	Alford Storage	25.40
David Musson Fencing	57.02		
Burnt Oak Developm'ts	408.00		
LRALC	170.00		
P Rear	1370.00		
LRALC	40.00		
Admin	626.57		

Checked by Cllr