

Minutes of a meeting of Scarning Parish Council held online on 19 April 2021

Present: C Farnham (Chair), T Abel, F Bradford, S Bunn, C Druce, C Hewson, N Parsons, M Steward. In attendance: N Hartley (Parish Clerk) Cllr L Turner (Breckland Council), Cllr W Richmond (Norfolk County Council). One member of the public.

1 Public Participation

None.

2 Report from Norfolk County Councillor

Cllr Turner noted that Breckland Council had sent a letter of condolence to the Queen on behalf of residents following the death of Prince Philip. Flags were flown at half mast. She noted that no Chief Executive will be appointed at Breckland in order to save money. As covid restrictions lift, she noted that not all staff will return to the Council's offices and where possible will continue to work from home.

Cllr Richmond noted that his Members budget has increased to £10,000 and that part of the increase is to cover environmental projects.

3 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllr Semmons and Cllr Hewett (Breckland Council).

4 Declarations of Interest

None.

5 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign as soon as practicable the minutes of the meeting held on 15 March 2021 as a true and accurate record.

6 Matters Arising

None.

7 Planning

7.1 Breckland Council decisions

Peacehaven, Podmore Lane
Proposed garage and annex

3PL/2021/0066/F
Approved

Meerkova, 1 Chestnut Road
First floor extension to front elevation over front study

3PL/2021/0174/HOU
Approved

7.2 Application considered

Forester's Lodge, Bradenham Lane
Retention of existing 88kw boiler, flue and kiln housing plus an additional proposed kiln housing (part retrospective)

3PL/2021/0373/F

It was noted that the applicant has made a number of retrospective applications. The Council had no objection to the application, but added that it would not support any further retrospective planning applications.

8 Finance

8.1 It was **RESOLVED** to make the following payments in accordance with the Budget:-

Chq 102258 Norfolk Parish Training & Support, annual subscription, £380
102259 Scarning Village Hall, annual fee for defibrillator, £52
102260 Jemco, replacement signs for Blackthorn Drive play area, £64.25
102261 N Hartley, clerk's salary, £729.65
102262 G & G Fencing, new fence at Blackthorn Drive play area, £9,453.60
102263 NGF Play Ltd, repairs to play equipment at Shipdham Lane playing field, £655.98
102264 NGF Play Ltd, repairs to zip wire, £828.92
102265 Eon, unmetered street light charges, £213.24

8.2 Payment received

Breckland Council, part Precept, £19,000

9 Accounts 2020/21

The Council received a copy of the unaudited accounts to 31 March 2021. It was **RESOLVED** to approve these.

10 Annual Return

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the Annual Return.

11 Clerk's report

The meeting received a copy of the clerk's report. The clerk noted that the outdoor table tennis table has been installed on the Shipdham Lane playing field. The new rowler has been installed at the Blackthorn Drive play area. The clerk is to meet Norfolk County Council re moving the beacon and the Council's proposal for a new flower box.

12 Outdoor Table Tennis Table

It was **RESOLVED** to request permission from Breckland Council to install an outdoor table tennis table at the Blackthorn Drive play area. The Council is to forward Cllr Hewett (Breckland Council) details of the Asset Managers' objections to new items being added to the site.

13 Asset Report

The Council received a copy of the annual Asset Report. It was **RESOLVED** to accept the report. A new bin has been ordered for Ted Ellis Walk as the bin had been burned out. Cllr Farnham asked if the outdoor table tennis table at the Shipdham Lane playing field had been asked to the Council's insurance. It has.

14 Norfolk County Council's 1 million trees initiative

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Farnham will speak to the local landowners to see if they wish to participate in the scheme.

15 Parish Partnership Scheme

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the Parish Council's bids under the Parish Partnership Scheme for a bus shelter outside the Village Hall. The Council will write to nearby residents informing them of its proposal.

It was noted that the Council's bid for a school crossing sign has also been accepted.

16 Resignation of Councillor Parsons

The Council accepted the resignation of Cllr Parsons.

17 Speed Watch

Cllr Hewson said that the volunteers have completed the application forms for a speed watch group. He will move the SAM2.

18 Items for inclusion in the next agenda

None.

19 Next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be the Annual Parish Council Meeting at 7.30pm on May 5.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.20pm.