

Minutes of Scarning Parish Council Meeting held in Scarning Village Hall on 16 January 2023

Present: F Bradford (Chair), T Abel, M Blackburn, S Bunn, C Farnham, C Geary, C Hewson, M Steward. In attendance: Cllr P Hewett (Breckland Council) N Hartley (Parish Clerk). Three members of the public

Public Participation

It was noted that the speed sign on Draytonhall Lane works intermittently. The Council will ask Norfolk County Council to repair.

It was noted that the solar light on the bus shelter at Dereham Road/Chestnut Road works intermittently. The Council will ask Westcotec to repair.

1 Shipdham Lane Playing Field Car Park

Alan Glister, Chair of the Village Hall Trust, noted that the Trust had carried out a survey to gauge the need for better car parking on the Shipdham Lane Playing Field. The results of the survey showed the need for better car parking. The aim is to improve safety by reducing the number of cars parking on Dereham Road when using the Village Hall, and by reducing the number of cars parking on and around Shipdham Lane when there are football matches.

It was agreed by all three organisations to establish a Working Committee comprising two members of the Village Hall Trust, two members of the Parish Council and two members of the Playing Field Committee. The Committee will work out what type of surfacing is most appropriate for the site and its useage, and obtain costs.

The Parish Council agreed this is a worthwhile project, but at present the Council cannot confirm any percentage towards the funding of the project.

2 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Mallard, Cllr L Turner (Breckland Council) and Cllr W Richmond (Norfolk County Council).

3 Reports from Norfolk County and Breckland Councillors

Cllr Turner (Breckland Council) sent the following report. There was good attendance at the Town and Parish Forum. Grants are available for celebrations of the King's Coronation. Photographic evidence is needed at the polling booths from May. Flooding advice is available on Breckland Council's website.

Cllr Richmond (Norfolk County Council) sent the following report. The additional resurfacing/slurry seal works to the footways on Dereham Road are included in the

draft Non-Principal Structural Maintenance Schemes for 2023/24 and will be confirmed at Committee before the end of this financial year. The total programmed for the works is £21,087.

Cllr Hewett (Breckland Council) noted that Cabinet has approved Breckland Council's Budget for the next two years. He and Cllr Turner (Breckland Council) will see residents regarding proposed sites in the Local Plan.

4 Declarations of Interest

None.

5 Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December, 2022, as a true and accurate record. The minutes were signed by the Chair.

6 Matters Arising

None.

7 Planning

7.1 Breckland Council decisions:-

2, Scarning Fen Two storey front & side extension and first floor side & rear extension	3PL/2022/1237/HOU Approved
Emmerdale house, 75 Dereham Road Two storey side extension and single storey rear extension including rooflights to the rear elevation	3PL/2022/1315/HOU Approved

8 Finance

8.1 The Council approved the following payments in accordance with the Budget:-

N Hartley, clerk's salary, £882.85
SCS Accounting, payroll services, £18
NGF Play Ltd, repairs to play equipment at Blackthorn Drive play area, £368.04
Mansfield Fencing, install litter bin Dereham Road and repair two posts at Ted Ellis play area, £165
Npower, street light supplies, £218.72
Scarning School, new defibrillator pads, £122.40

8.2 The meeting received a report of Actual to Budgeted Expenditure

9 Clerk's Report

A new bin has been ordered for Ted Ellis Way. The remainder of the works from the annual safety inspection report (Blackthorn Drive play area) have been carried out.

10 Shipdham Lane Playing Field Car Park

It was **RESOLVED** to appoint Cllrs Abel and Steward to the Working Committee, as above (item 1).

11 Mayfair Grit Bin

The lid on the grit bin at Mayfair is damaged. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a new bin.

12 Dog Bin at Allwood Avenue/Draytonhall Lane

A new litter/dog bin on the cut through between Allwood Avenue and Draytonhall Lane is missing its lid. It was **RESOLVED** to replace the bin. Cllr Abel will make enquiries into an alternative supplier.

13 Tree Preservation Orders Update

The Council had not yet received a date from Breckland Council when the tree Preservation Orders will be considered.

14 Tree and Hedgerow Management Policy

The Council carried this item forward to its February meeting.

15 Lease of Water Meadows Play Areas

The Council had received an amended lease from Breckland Council. Following discussion, it was **RESOLVED** to ask a member of Asset Management to attend the Council's February meeting.

16 Appointment of Solicitors

The Council carried this item forward to its February meeting.

17 Speed Watch

Cllr Geary noted that the group will reconvene when the weather improves.

18 King's Coronation

Cllr Hewett (Breckland Council) noted that grants are available from Breckland Council. It was **RESOLVED** to link an event to the coffee morning and to light the beacon if possible. Cllrs Blackburn and Steward will see what can be put together and report to the Council's February meeting.

19 Grant from Scarning Pre School

The pre school had submitted accounts for the year ending 31/8/21. It was **RESOLVED** to request management accounts for the year ending 31/8/22.

20 Jordan Young Funeral Homes

The Council had received an email from Jordan Young Funeral Homes offering help with any projects the Council has. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Bradford will phone Jordan Young.

21 Flooding Outside Hall Cottages

It was **RESOLVED** to notify Norfolk County Council of the flooding outside 1 and 2 Hall Cottages, and to suggest the drains may need cleaning. The Council will also request again that this part of the footpath is closed off.

22 SAM2

Cllr Steward noted that both batteries no longer work. It was **RESOLVED** to take the equipment to Westcotec and ask for a price to repair the equipment. Cllr Hewett noted that the Council can apply for a new SAM2 under the Parish Partnership Scheme. It was **RESOLVED** to ask Norfolk County Council to site a permanent speed sign on Dereham Road.

23 Items for Next Agenda

Items included as above.

24 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on February 13.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.10pm.