

Minutes of Scarning Parish Council Meeting held in the Village Hall on 17 October 2019

Present: C Farnham (Chair), F Bradford, C Hewson, J Magrath, N Parsons, M Steward.

In attendance: Cllr W Richmond (Norfolk County Council) Cllr L Turner (Breckland Council)

Mr N Hartley (Parish Clerk). Nine members of the public.

The meeting commenced with a period of Public Participation. Mrs Goldsworthy noted that the flower box had been moved and refilled with flowers. She offered to trim back the overhanging branches next to the Blackthorn Drive noticeboard and to re-stain the noticeboard. It was asked if there could be No Horses signs on the Washbridge footpath and the Water Meadows. Cllr Turner noted that Breckland Council is offering a grant scheme for commemorations of VE and VJ Day in 2020 of up to £500. Some residents noted that they are experiencing anti-social behaviour on Chestnut Road. Cllr Turner explained the responsibilities and role of the District Council and the Police. Mr Glister apologised on behalf of the Village Hall Trust for the omission regarding car parking in the Trust's planning application. He noted that the Trust will be looking for shared funding for the car park.

1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs Abel, Patricia and Philip Page.

2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hewson in the planning application of former Dereham Water Supplies.

3 Minutes

It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2019 as a true and accurate record.

4 Matters Arising

Cllr Farnham noted that the telephone box has been moved to the front of the Village Hall. The defibrillator will be installed inside it shortly. Cllr Farnham thanked Paul Brunton for his help and for installing a new litter bin at Podmore Ford.

5 Finance

5.1 The following payments were made in accordance with the Budget:-

Chq 102097 Thinking Rural, payroll services, £12

- 102098 TOP Garden Services, grass cutting Scarning churchyard, £180
(Section 137)
- 102099 S Goldsworthy, reimbursement of cost of metal paint, £11.19
- 102100 Eon, unmetered street lighting supplies, £217.98
- 102101 NGF Play Ltd, new A frame, works to equipment at Water Meadows,
£1,003
- 102102 Glasdon UK Ltd, purchase of litter bin for village sign lay-by, £208.64
- 102103 N Hartley, reimbursement for litter pickers for Water Meadows, £14.99
- 102104 Royal British Legion, Remembrance Day wreath, £50
- 102105 A Hudson Builders Ltd, works re defibrillator at Village Hall, £254.40
- 102106 T T Jones Electrical Ltd, street lighting maintenance, £55.25

5.2 Payments received

- Purchase of War Memorial booklet, £5
- Breckland Council, part precept, £18,000
- A Buckingham, rent of former Broadway Allotment, £311.14

5.3 The meeting received a report of Actual Expenditure to Budgeted Expenditure

6 Planning

6.1 Breckland Council decisions

- Riversdale, Dereham Road 3PL/
- 2019/0856/VAR
- Variation of conditions 2, 7, 10 & 12 of 3PL/2012/0426/D
- Approved

6.2 Applications considered

- Scarning Village Hall Estate Trust, Scarning Village Hall, Dereham Rd 3PL/
- 2019/1004/F
- Single storey rear extension and additional car parking
- Amended plan showing increased parking provision No
- objection, but No
- it was noted that residents around the playing field should be consulted.

- Former Dereham Water Supplies International Ltd 3PL/
- 2019/0901/F
- Conversion of existing office to a dwelling and erection of garage; conversion of existing
- workshop to three dwellings
- Amended scheme - reduced number of dwellings
- Cllr Magrath abstained. Cllr Hewson did not vote. No
- objection

Proposed outline development of residential properties and associated community facilities for the over 55's

No objection in principle, but concerns were raised regarding access/exit to the site

7 Newsletter

Tim Farnham proposed a revised newsletter. The Council discussed whether the newsletter could be put on the website/sent electronically/printed, or a combination of methods. Cllr Farnham noted that he did not think it should be a Parish Council newsletter, but should be a village newsletter. It was questioned whether a local business could sponsor the newsletter. The clerk will check. It was suggested that the school and Breckland Council could make submissions.

8 Summer Fete

Cllr Farnham proposed the Parish Council pay for the insurance for the Summer Fete, together with a donation to St John's Ambulance. It was **RESOLVED** to approve.

9 Scarning Playing Field Committee

Cllr Hewson requested £6,000 for Scarning Playing Field Committee. The Committee's Budget was submitted to the meeting. The amounts set aside for three trees and general repairs were questioned. It was **RESOLVED** that the Committee needs to provide the Council with its invoices and accounts each year to provide an audit trail. The Committee is holding funds for the purchase of a new mower. The Council did not agree a figure for 2020/21, but it was **RESOLVED** that if necessary the Playing Field Committee should use its reserves and the Council will consider any further request for funds.

10 Scarning Conservation Volunteers

It was noted that three additional volunteers have joined Mid Norfolk Conservation Volunteers working on the Water Meadows. It was **RESOLVED** to distribute the remaining tools of Scarning Conservation Volunteers to Mid Norfolk Conservation Volunteers.

11 Conservation Volunteer Shed

It was **RESOLVED** to sell the shed to Mr Walker for £50.

12 Bench

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a bench for Scarning Water Meadows using the remaining funds passed to the Parish Council by Scarning Conservation Volunteers and part funded by the Parish Council. It was proposed to acknowledge that the bench was purchased with funds from the Dereham Society, which originally passed funds to the Conservation Volunteers.

13 Defibrillator

It was **RESOLVED** to run a basic course on using a defibrillator and first aid course in the New year (mid January). The course is for up to 12 people and will be held in the Village Hall.

14 TROD

The cost of continuing the TROD at Dereham Road from the cut-through at Brooks Drive under the Parish Partnership Scheme is estimated at £19,000. It was **RESOLVED** not to proceed in view of the cost.

15 Bus Shelter

The cost of a new bus shelter at Chestnut Road/Dereham Road under the Parish Partnership Scheme is £4,400. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with a bid.

16 Speed Gates

The cost of speed gates under the Parish Partnership Scheme is around £5,000. It was **RESOLVED** to proceed with a bid.

17 Trees

Cllr Parsons noted that he and the clerk had met the Tree Officer regarding planting trees on two corners of the Water Meadows. The Tree Officer is to consult the Land Management team.

18 Next Agenda

None.

19 Next Meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be on 18 November at 7.30pm in Scarning Village Hall.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9.05pm.