

**Minutes of Scarning Parish Council Meeting
held in the Village Hall on 18 November 2019**

Present: C Farnham (Chair), T Abel, F Bradford, C Hewson, J Magrath, Patricia Page, Philip Page, N Parsons. In attendance: Mr N Hartley (Parish Clerk) Cllr W Richmond (Norfolk County Council). Four members of the public.

The meeting commenced with a period of Public Participation. Cllr Abel offered to help regarding the noticeboard at Blackthorn Drive. It was noted that brambles need cutting back at Podmore Road/Dereham Road and Draytonhall Lane next the A47.

1 Apologies

Cllr M Steward and Cllr L Turner (Breckland Council).

2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hewson in the items concerning the Playing Field Committee. Cllr Farnham in the planning application of Caring Homes Group as his land adjoins the property.

3 Minutes

It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2019 as a true and accurate record.

4 Matters Arising

Cllr Abel asked what is happening regarding a proposed bus shelter outside the Village Hall. It was noted that the Council considered a bus shelter at Chestnut Road to be a priority for next year and is making a bid for funds under the Parish Partnership Scheme.

5 Finance

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

Chq 102107 Scarning Village Hall, payment for the upkeep of the defibrillator to March 2020,
£16

102108 N Hartley, reimbursement of expenses,
£205.74

102109 HMRC, clerk's PAYE, £10.80

102110 A Newton, disposal of cuttings from Lucy's Meadow, £379.20

102111 A Newton, disposal of cuttings from Lucy's Meadow, £182.40

102112 TOP Garden Services, grass cutting Scarning churchyard, £180 (Section 137)

102113 S Goldsworthy, reimbursement for flowers and paint, £31.03

102114 A Glister, supply and install Christmas tree, £160

5.2 Payment received

Scarning Water Meadows. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the report.

8 Scarning Playing Field Committee

It was noted that the Playing Field Committee is holding funds of around £8,000. A decision regarding a new mower is awaited once the mower has been assessed. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will hold £3,000 from this year's funds in its Reserves to be put toward the purchase of a new mower. It was **RESOLVED** that the Playing Field Committee should use the funds in its bank account to meet its current payments.

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The Council considered the amount of the grant to Scarning Playing Field Committee for 2020/21. It was **RESOLVED** that the Parish Council will hold £3,000 from its funds in its Reserves to be put toward the purchase of a new mower. It was **RESOLVED** that the Playing Field Committee should use the funds in its bank account to meet its payments.

10 Summer Fete

The Council considered a request for funds toward the cost of the Summer Fete. It was **RESOLVED** to approve £1,000. It was agreed that any surplus from the commercial stalls will be returned to the Parish Council.

11 Draft Budget 2020/21

The Council considered a Draft Budget prepared by the Budget Committee for 2020/21. Cllr Parsons proposed that £500 should be set aside for trees. This will be held in Reserves from this financial year's funds. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Budget, but to make a final review of it at the next meeting.

12 Defibrillator and First Aid Course

It was noted that a basic course on using a defibrillator and first aid course funded by the Parish Council will be held in the Village Hall on 15 January 2020 at 7pm. A second course may be necessary, depending on numbers.

13 Scarning Water Meadows

It was noted that Breckland Council had replied to the Parish Council's request to reconsider planting trees in two corners of the Water Meadows. The Parish Council will meet officers from Breckland Council. Cllr Hewson noted that the BCS mower has been passed to the Playing Field Committee and is being assessed before it is stored in the container.

14 Items for inclusion in the next agenda

To confirm Budget for 2020/21 and set the Precept.
The Summer Fete.
The newsletter.

15 Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held in the Village Hall at 7.30pm on 20 January 2020.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8.45pm.