

**Minutes of Scarning Parish Council Meeting  
held in the Village Hall on 16 September 2019**

Present: C Farnham (Chair), T Abel, F Bradford, C Hewson, Patricia Page, Philip Page, N Parsons, M Steward.

In attendance: Cllr W Richmond (Norfolk County Council) Cllr L Turner (Breckland Council) Mr N Hartley (Parish Clerk). Seven members of the public.

The meeting commenced with a period of Public Participation. Mrs Goldsworthy asked if she could trim the area around the milestone, stain the New Inn Lane noticeboard and trim back the hedge by the noticeboard. She asked if a lid could be placed on the small children's play area at the Water Meadows. She was thanked for all her help.

Cllr Turner noted that anti social behaviour had been reported on Chestnut Road. She said this was being handled by Breckland Council, but urged residents to come forward if they are aware of anti social behaviour, flytipping and so on, and to report these to Breckland Council as soon as possible.

Mrs Steward said the PCC is holding a fete on the Playing Field on 4 July 2020. She said the various groups would keep the profits from their activities. She asked for members to join a committee and for volunteers to help.

## **1 Apologies**

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

## **2 Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **3 Minutes**

It was resolved to approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 15 July 2019 as a true and accurate record.

### **4 Matters Arising**

None.

### **5. A47 Accident**

In relation to the recent accident on the A47 near Draytonhall Lane, Cllr Turner noted that Dereham Town Council is happy to work with the Parish Council and William Richmond (Norfolk County Council) to see what approach can be taken at a grass roots level. A meeting will be arranged.

### **6 Finance**

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

Chq 102084 Thinking Rural, payroll services, £24  
102085 HMRC, clerk's PAYE, £10.80  
102086 Breckland Council, charge for uncontested election, £75  
102087 Mansfield Fencing, work at Scarning Water Meadows, £1,260  
102088 TOP Garden Services, grass cutting Scarning churchyard, £270 (Section 137)  
102089 PKF Littlejohn LLP, external audit fee, £240  
102090 Westcotec Ltd, additional battery for SAM2, £96



narrow country lane with ensuing traffic issues.

## **7.2 Applications considered**

Scarning Village Hall Trust, Scarning Village Hall, Dereham Road 3PL/2019/1004/F

Single storey extension to rear of Village Hall

It was noted that the Parish Council is the legally registered owner of the Playing Field, but

that no approach had been made to the Parish Council regarding proposed parking spaces

on the Playing Field. The Council had no objection to the application for an extension, but

noted that parking had not been approved or considered by the Parish Council.

Riversdale, Dereham Road  
3PL/2019/0856/VAR

Variation of condition 2 of 3PL/2012/0426/D (re landscaping); variation of condition 7

(boundary screening); removal of condition 8 (tree protection fencing); variation of

condition 10 (surface water disposal); variation of condition 11 (foul water disposal) and

variation of condition 12 (contaminated land)

No objection

Land adjacent 2 Lawrence Cottages, Daffy Green  
3PL/2019/1032/F

Change of use of agricultural land to garden land including a menage No objection

## **8 Scarning Conservation Volunteers**

The closure of the Scarning Conservation Volunteers bank account was noted. The balance of £522.70 has been paid into the Parish Council's bank account. Of this, some £400 had

been designated as monies received from the Dereham Society for a bench.

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a bench for installation on the Meadows - site to be determined.

With regard to the shed, Mr Walker and Cllr Abel (on behalf of Scarning United Charities) expressed an interest in purchasing it. This will be discussed at the next meeting.

It was **RESOLVED** to store the BCS mower in the container on the Playing Field, together with the flotation wheels.

## **9 Litter picking equipment for Scarning Water Meadows**

It was **RESOLVED** to purchase two litter pickers for use of two volunteers on Scarning Water Meadows.

## **10 Grant Application from Scarning PCC**

The Council considered a grant application from Scarning PCC to maintain Scarning churchyard. It was **RESOLVED** to approve a grant (see below).

## **11 Appointment of Grass Contractor**

The Council considered three quotes from grass contractors. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint TOP Garden Services to make twenty cuts in the season - to cover earlier cutting, if necessary, depending on the prevailing weather.

## **12 Appointment of Grass Contractor**

The Council three quotes to cut the roads verges, the Water Meadows playing field, Podmore Ford and Scarning Fen in 2020. It was **RESOLVED** to appoint for TOP Garden Services.

### **13 Planting Trees**

The Council considered a response from Breckland Council to its request to plant trees on two edges of Scarning Water Meadows. It was **RESOLVED** to request a meeting with Breckland Council's Tree Officer.

### **14 Request for a Litter Bin**

The Council considered a request for a larger litter bin for the Village Sign lay-by. It was **RESOLVED** to purchase a larger bin.

### **15 Painting bench in Village sign lay-by**

The Council considered a proposal to paint the bench in the Village Sign lay-by. It was **RESOLVED** to approve.

### **16 Summer Bedding Plants**

The Council considered a request for funds to replace the summer bedding plants in the flower boxes. It was **RESOLVED** to approve.

### **17 Parish Partnership Scheme**

It was **RESOLVED** to apply for the following under the Parish Partnership Scheme.

A TROD at Dereham Road to link the existing TROD.

A TROD at Shipdham Lane/next Dereham Road.

A bus shelter on Dereham Road/next Chestnut Road.

Speed gateways at the opposing ends of the older part of the village.

## **18 Street Lights**

The Council considered a proposal from Great Annual Savings Group regarding the Parish Council's street lights. It was **RESOLVED** to obtain a quote.

## **19 NALC**

The Council considered a letter from NALC regarding Community, Well Being and the Environment. Cllrs Farnham and Bradford expressed an interest in the scheme.

## **20 Parish Activities**

Tim Farnham had expressed an interest in starting a new newsletter. It was **RESOLVED** to invite him to the next meeting to discuss further.

## **21 Scarning Playing Field Committee**

The Council received a report from Cllr Hewson, Chairman of Scarning Playing Field Committee. He noted that half the

monies have been received from the Football Club, the remainder to be paid by the end of the year. The Tennis Club has given some £2,000 to the Playing Field Committee, which has been ring fenced for the maintenance of the tennis courts. The benches are to be installed. The Committee will be making an application for funds to the Parish Council.

## **22 Parish Litter Pick**

It was **RESOLVED** to hold a parish Litter Pick in the early spring of 2020.

## **23 Village Fete**

Cllrs Abel, (Philip) Page and Parsons put themselves forward to sit on the Fete Committee.

## **24 Scarning Coffee Mornings**

The PCC had agreed that a member/s of the Parish Council was able to attend their coffee mornings. It was **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Hewson and Steward will represent the Parish Council, but that all relevant matters must be taken to the Parish Council as a whole for its consideration.

## **25 Next Agenda**

A course on how to use the defibrillator and a First Aid course for all residents, as well as staff at the school and the Co-op, which has a defibrillator.



## **26 Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on at 7.30pm in the Village Hall on Thursday 17th October.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 9pm.